"The Signs of Messiah's Coming"

Matthew 24:5-41

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus said: "... Whoso readeth, let him understand" (v. 15) *Be ready! Be prepared for what is ahead!

Don't be fooled as to when the "END" will come.

I. The Beginning of Birth Pangs:

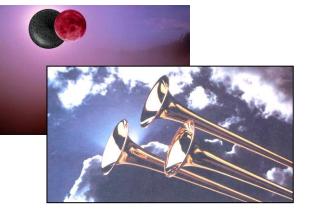
- A. <u>DECEPTION</u> by false Messiahs (v. 5)
- B. <u>DESTRUCTION</u> by furious Wars (v. 6-7a)
- C. <u>DISASTER</u> by Famines and Earthquakes (v. 7b-8)
- D. <u>DELIVERANCE TO PERSECUTION</u> by Foes of Jesus Christ (v. 9)
- E. <u>DEFECTION</u> by Fake Christians (v. 10-13)
- F. <u>DECLARATION</u> by Faithful Witnesses (v. 14)
- G. <u>DESECRATION</u> of a Future Holy Place (v. 15)

II. The Great Tribulation

- A. Great & powerful Satanic <u>Tribulation</u> is coming in the Last Days (v. 15-22)
- B. Great & powerful Satanic <u>Deception</u> is coming in the Last Days (v. 23-28)

III. The Dramatic Return of Jesus Christ

- A. The Sky is <u>DARKENED</u> (v. 29) (The <u>lights</u> of outer space are turned out)
- B. The "Son of Man" is <u>REVEALED</u> (v. 30) (The Shekinah glory of Jesus Christ is seen)
- C. The Saints are <u>RAPTURED</u> (v. 31) (The <u>elect</u> believers are swept away to Heaven)



IV. The Times of the End Times

- A. The Days Before Christ's Coming (v. 33-35)
 - 1. The <u>SIGNS</u> of the days before Christ's coming (v. 32-33)
 - 2. The <u>SHORTNESS</u> of the days before Christ's coming (v. 34)
 - 3. The <u>SURENESS</u> of the days before Christ's coming (v. 35)
- B. The Day of Christ's Coming (v. 36-41)
 - 1. The <u>SUDDENNESS</u> of the day of Christ's coming (v. 36) (A day of <u>secret</u>)
 - 2. The <u>SHOCK</u> of the day of Christ's coming (v. 37-39) (A day of <u>surprise</u>)
 - 3. The <u>SEVERANCE</u> of the day of Christ's coming (v. 40-41) (A day of <u>separation</u>)