

Dear Friend,

It seems you cannot watch the news or read a newspaper these days without realizing we are truly living in the end times. Jesus Himself told us some things to watch for:

**Matthew 24:11-13 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (12) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

FALSE PROPHETS – In my forty years of being a Christian, I have never seen such deception being taught as what is being taught today from pulpits and on Christian television all across the land. There have always been false prophets and false teachers, but notice Jesus said in the last days ... "they shall deceive many." People will become easier to deceive than they were in the past. Why? What is different?

In times past people actually read their Bible. Bibles were even used as textbooks in the American education system. Guffey's Readers were textbooks and were used in the school systems to teach our children. They were based solidly on scriptural truth. By being taught Christian principles from their youth, it was much harder for false teachers to deceive people in the past.

Our children are not taught Christianity as they grow up in our schools today. There are few Christians who read their Bibles on a regular basis. Most Christians never open their Bibles (not even on their phone app) except when actually in a church service. In plain English ... THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS! That makes them easy prey for false prophets and false teachers.

INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND – Can you think of anything more beautiful than the love of a mother for her newborn child? I believe that form of human love is about as close as we get to the very love of God. This year the lawmakers applauded as New York passed legislation that would allow a mother to abort her baby ... even to the last trimester ... even to when the baby is actually in the birth canal. They call it a woman's right to choose. God never gave a mother the right to choose to murder her baby. It is murder of the purely innocent and defenseless and it is INIQUITY in God's sight.

When you think it cannot get worse than that, the governor of Virginia took it a step further by saying that even after a baby is born, they would keep it comfortable, but if the mother chooses, they would humanely put it to death. That is a first! An elected official in America justifying the murder of a newborn baby ... after it has been delivered from the mother's womb. That is infanticide. That is pure murder by any reasonable definition. It is INIQUITY in God's sight.

Many who call themselves "Christians" stand up and vote for such elected officials. I have only mentioned the legalized slaughter of babies in this letter. Space does not permit me to mention all of the other INIQUITIES being legislated in America such as marriage for alternative life styles, transgenderism, polyandry, and many similar things which God's Word plainly reveals as INIQUITY.

THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX COLD – Persecution is already on the rise in this land against any Christians who raise their voice in opposition to these iniquities. They are called haters, bigots, and worse. It has already gotten to the place where you can lose your job, have your house vandalized, or even receive death threats just for saying what the Bible says about sin.

These intimidation techniques, coupled with the constant barrage of false teachings from so called "Christian" pulpits, television, blogposts, and podcasts will have a slow, numbing effect on many in the body of Christ. Slowly, but relentlessly, the enemy wears down the resolve of the saints and sad to say ... there will be many timid and weak believers whose love for the Savior and for the Word of God will eventually wax cold. That's why Jesus concludes with the next statement:

HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED. Let us be of this camp, not the camp of the weak or the timid. Let us stay strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Dine on the Word of God daily and drink freely from the rivers of the Holy Spirit through prayer. Stay strong and endure to the end. Many people will fall away from the true gospel of Christ, but many will also be saved by courageous warriors of the kingdom who will not bow to false teaching, intimidation, or discouragement.

Your friend and co-laborer,

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