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● Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **The Last Days vs Today**

In today’s world where we discover that *“truth has gone into hiding”*, and in the phrase *“promises made – promises kept”*, we find the last part of that phrase has disappeared so that all that left is - *promises made* - -

In **Matthew, Chapter 24: verse 1**, it says,

‘Jesus was leaving the temple in Jerusalem when his disciples called his attention to the buildings that were in the temple area’.

The Romans had a passion for constructing large buildings and Herod decided he would build the most significant structure ever

to stand in the Holy city of Jerusalem. The building would be known as Herod's temple, which started construction in 20 B.C., and was finished in 62 A.D., even though Herod had died in 4 B.C. This information was quoted from The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary, eleventh printing, copyright 1963.

And Jesus said to them, ***"You may look at all these buildings and marvel at the workmanship, but I tell you this: not a single stone here will be left in its place; every one of them will be thrown down."*** (Matthew 24: verse 2)

Jerusalem was destroyed in A.D. 70 by the Roman Titus and his legions and completely leveled it to the ground. The next time Rome attacked Jerusalem in 137 A.D., they plowed up its foundations so there was nothing left. This information was quoted from The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary, eleventh printing, copyright 1963.

In the book of Matthew, Chapter 24:Verses 3-13, it says, ***Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and while he was seated facing the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew began to question him privately. "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?"***

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ' and will deceive many.

And you will hear of "wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

" For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and

earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginnings of sorrows.”

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you and you will be hated by all nations for My names’ sake.”

“And then many will be offended, will betray one another and will hate one another.”

“And then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.”

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

But he who endures to the end shall be saved”

In the book of **Mark, Chapter 14: verses 9-13**, Jesus tells them, “But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. And you will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

But when they arrest you and deliver you up, don’t worry beforehand or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

And you will be hated by all men for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew, Chapter 24: verse 14)

In 2nd Timothy: verses 1-5, Paul writes to Timothy saying,

But know this, that “in the last days perilous times will come: People will be loversOf themselves and lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, using profanity and showing contempt for and all that is sacred.

They will be without love, unfeeling, heartless and cruel, taking pleasure in getting revenge, and ready to ruin someone's reputation by telling lies and stirring trouble.

They will think, speak and act immorally, and will ridicule people trying to do what is right and good.

***They will be brutal, hating anything that is good.
They will be treacherous, reckless, pompous, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.***

***They will pretend to be religious or church going people, but they will not believe God's word and will deny God's power.
Stay away from these people.***

What I find so amazing about people's faith and scripture is that the people living with the early writings had more faith with less proof than the people living today.

We have more evidence today, because of geological findings, that the cities, people and events that were written about in the bible and were considered doubtful, actually did exist!

And a scripture from Jesus gives weight to this assumption when He asked in the **book of Luke, Chapter 18, verse 8** **“when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the Earth?”**

The answer may be revealed in Jesus’ answer to apostle Thomas when He said, **“Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed, Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.”**

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