

MATTHEW 24

MARK 13

LUKE 21

11 And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many.

12 And because lawlessness is increased, the love of many will grow cold.

(10:19-20 -- But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak. For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.)

13 But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

NOTE: Does this mean that the gospel will be proclaimed in all the world in such a way that all nations will hear it once during their history, or in such a way that all nations will hear it during a period of a lifetime or a generation?

Does this mean that Christ cannot return until this proclamation is completed?

The answers to these questions are very important, since they are relevant to the formulation of a global strategy in allocating human and material resources to the task of world evangelism and missions.

In attempting to understand Christ's prediction and our responsibility to fulfill it, Paul's statements in Colossians and Romans should be noted:

Colossians 1:5-6--- "the word of truth, the gospel, which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing"

Colossians 1:23 -- "the gospel...which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven"

Romans 16:25-26 -- "the preaching of

11 And when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.

13 but the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.

10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

14 So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;

15 for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

19 By your endurance you will gain your lives.

THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

20 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation\* is at hand.

21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of the city depart, and let not those who are in the country enter the city;

22 because these are days of vengeance,† in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days; for there will be great distress\* upon the land, and wrath to this people,

24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the

\* (ἡ ἐρήμωσις αὐτῆς)

† (ἡμέραι ἐκδικήσεως)

★ (ἀνάγκη γενᾶλη)