

**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**Text: Matthew 24**

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

<sup>8</sup> All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Mathew 24:6-8

**DANGERS HIGHLIGHTED**

1. Ignorance of God's word
2. Lack of wisdom and discernment
3. Lack of strength to cope with the problems of life
4. Lack of faith and power spiritually

**MANY PERSPECTVES OF THE WORLD EXIST**

1. Political perspectives
  - a) A hawk
  - b) A dove
2. Business perspectives
  - a) Make money
  - b) Use every means
  - c) Seize every opportunity
3. Personal perspective
  - a) Many have no particular perspective

b) Many are afraid of the changing and challenging world

### **AN IMPORTANT BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE WORLD**

1. A turbulent world
2. A wicked world
3. A very tough world described:
  - a) Wars among nations
  - b) Famines
  - c) Pestilences
  - d) Earthquakes

### **THE LORD'S PERSPECTIVE TAUGHT**

1. We are not to be troubled
2. These things must come to pass
3. These are the beginning of sorrows

### **HOW MAY WE COPE?**

*<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,*

*To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

*<sup>2</sup> elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:*

*Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

*<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

*<sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

*1 Peter 1:1-5*

1. Peter's perspective

We are only pilgrims in this earthly life

2. We are to build and exercise faith in God

3. We are kept by the power of God

4. We are to be looking forward to Heaven

### **OUR CHALLENGES**

1. To formulate a Biblical perspective of life

2. To build a strong faith

3. To learn how to find strength to cope with life's challenges