Some First Signs of the End Times

Matt. 24:4 "Take heed that no man deceive/misleads you."

Jesus told His disciples then and us now there would be many signs along a prophetic road that would verify where we are as we approach the end of the age and His 2^{nd} coming.

- Jesus says the first & foremost sign is to "take heed that no one deceives you."
- He refers to the wide-scale, worldwide deception that will emerge at the very end of this era as the primary indicator this age is upon us.

Jesus used strong language when He said "Take heed= Beware, regard, perceive."

• His words were intended to "jar and jolt" believers to get their attention.

He used the word "**Deceive**" coming from the Greek = "To wander off course."

- An individual who has wandered off course, or a nation that has lost its bearings from a moral position they once held true and is now wandering morally off course.
- Someone who once walked on a solid path, but is now drifting on the edge of a treacherous route.
- They have either already departed from a solid path or are in the process of departing.
- Deceive means going cross-grain against all that was once part of their core belief system to wander into unreliable, unpredictable and a dangerous course.

Jesus indication is that will be a mass divergence from time tested Biblical truths.

- A time when society would move away from and reject the long-affirmed laws of Scripture.
- Jesus gave many signs, HE declared this divergence from truth, a mass world-wide wandering would be the first, foremost and primary sign that would open the door for the other signs to be able to effect humanity.

As a result of the deception, **moral confusion** in society will increase engulfing humanity with mis-information about what is morally right and wrong.

- Are we not seeing this unfold and increase before our very eyes today?
- Moral confusion is raging among what was once civilized nations of the world.
- We see it in:
 - Gender identity searches which stun the moral persons mind
 - o Transgender/same sex/marriage issues.
 - o Laws promoting abortion in the U.S. and Internationally increasing.

o Demands and laws that insurances pay for identity changes/abortions.

What was once a Judeo-Christian based society in America is now threatened as we watch the world rapidly departing from time-tested beliefs and traditions based on Biblical based values.

- We see the spirit of the world working furiously attempting to eliminate the remnants of a godly foundation to replace it with the antichrist agenda.
- This is being ushered in with the new ideology of replacing the Truth of the Gospel with the new politically progressive thinking without influence from the Kingdom of God.
- Just like the unseen Covid virus, this sickness is invading every area of society:
 - Government
 - o Education system
 - o Media
 - o Entertainment/art

These are the days spoken of by Isaiah, the Prophet:

<u>Isa. 5:20</u> "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness."

- Those who understand the Bible know that such times are to come but it's in our face happening as we sit here and live NOW!
- It can be compared to a Tsunami sweeping over the culture attempting to eradicate all evidence of a spiritual and moral framework.

BUT ALL IS NOT LOST

The Lord ALWAYS has His remnant that will not bow, will not compromise, will fear God rather than fear men, is determined to follow and obey the Lord till the very end.

The Lord has promised in His Eternal, Everlasting, and Truthful Word that in the Last Days He would revive people of all ages in a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

- <u>Joel 2:28-29</u>; Acts 2:17, 18 "It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on ALL mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
 - "And it shall be in the Last Says, God says, that I will pour forth of My Spirit on ALL mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men see

visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on MY bond-slaves, both men and women, I will pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy."

- What are you choosing today with your life?
 - o Are you **settling** for what the world is handing out, have you resigned yourself to complacency and there's nothing you can do about situations?
 - O Are you <u>contending</u> for what the Kingdom of God is offering you to be a part of the greatest end-time harvest of souls and move of the Holy Spirit mankind has ever seen?

I believe the Lord is sending forth a challenge to His Bride, the Body of Christ to WAKE UP- turn to Him with all our hearts and be overflowing with the Holy Spirit to make a difference with our lives.

God's intention is for His Church/Body to remain Vibrant and Victorious and Ready for His 2^{nd} Coming.

The changes we are seeing in the world now will result in people making one of two choices:

- 1. People will make a decision to accommodate and embrace the world system.
- 2. People will refuse to compromise and no longer try to ride the fence.

Rest assured those who make the decision to not compromise will face the backlash of a society growing increasing intolerant for those who uphold moral Biblical values.

God will always be with us when we stand with Him.

- We can hold our faith in confidence that Greater is He who is in us than he that is in the world.
- We were really chosen for this moment in time to demonstrate victorious living in Jesus Christ.

Yeshua is coming for a Spirit filled Bride – Victorious – Overcoming!

• Spirit filled and empowered

Which will you be?

- The nominal Christian satisfied with the status quo life?
- Or the Spirit filled, flowing in the powerful anointing doing the greater works He said we are to do?