I. FIRST, BE ON YOUR GUARD ABOUT PERSECUTION.

A. Christians are the most persecution religious group in the world.

B. The mention of persecution struck a responsive chord among the early church--13:9.

II. SECOND, BE ON YOUR GUARD ABOUT PREACHING (13:10)

A. Who is the gospel intended for?
   1. Not just Jews or even Americans.
   2. The gospel is intended for everyone---13:10a “....preached to all nations” and Matt. 24:14.

B. What did Jesus say would happen when the gospel was preached to all nations?--Matt 24:14b

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   ...........................and then the end will come.
   1. The end of what?
   2. What did Jesus mean by the end of the Temple?
      a. He means the end of Jewish sacrifices because the Temple will be destroyed.
      b. He also means the end of O.T. Law because Jesus did away with it on the cross--Col. 2:13-14 and Eph. 2:14-16 and Heb. 8:13.

C. Was the gospel preached to all nations before the Temple was destroyed?
   1. Paul gives indication that it was--Rom. 10:16-18 and Col 1:23.
   2. Paul literally helped to fulfill this prophecy--2 Tim. 4:16-17.
   3. “All Nations” literally means “all Gentiles”.
   4. Should this preaching to “all nations” be taken literally or figuratively?

D. How long should we be on our guard?--13:9a “You must be on your guard..........”