

***The Olivet Discourse 2: Apostasy and Mission***  
**Matthew 24:1-14**

**I. Introduction: Reformation, Apostasy and Revival in History**

Read Matthew 24:4-14

**II. Context: Matthew 24:1-3**

Jesus's "*foreshortened*" answer to the disciples question about:  
the destruction of the Temple (70 A.D.) and the end of the age (future)

Two-fold significance of the privacy of this discourse

**III. The Great Deception: Matthew 24:4-5, 11**

Early church pretenders

Modern-day false prophets

Be vigilant; stay close to your Bible; be suspect of "the herd"

**IV. Great Trouble: Matthew 24:6-8**

Wars, famine and earthquakes in the early church

Nations being lifted up over other nations in our age

More is coming; don't be terrified

**V. Great Apostasy: Matthew 24:9-12**

The early disciple are hated; their message is trampled

Hatred and persecution of Christians in our age

Pressure reveals the true nature of God's people.

What does it reveal about you?

**VI. Great Mission: Matthew 24: 13-14**

The Gospel message taken throughout the Roman Empire by the apostles

The Gospel message spreading in our day

Preach the Gospel – the only hope for the world