

*Christ. (14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."*

*Matthew 24:11-12 "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (12) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."*

*2 Thessalonians 2:3 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"*

*2 Peter 3:17 "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."*

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Beloved, the next time that you ponder the thought, "I wonder about the end of the world." Remember to be careful of deception!

*Matthew 24:4 "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."*

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# THE END OF THE WORLD!

*What are the  
Signs?*

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This is a question that nearly all Christians ask at some point or another. Many unbelievers may also wonder about this same thought.

As a Christian, there are many books and other writings on this subject. You have probably already heard many things about the "End of the World" or the "Return of Jesus". Perhaps apocalyptic visions come to mind immediately upon thinking about the "end of the world".

You are in good company! The disciples of Jesus wanted to know the answer to this very same question. Not only did they want to know, but they asked Jesus!

Jesus answered their question! Do you want to know His answer?

This small writing will not attempt to answer such deep questions as the "rapture", the "millennium", the "judgment", etc. What we will look at is what Jesus focused on when He was asked this question.

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*Matthew 24:3-4 "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (4) And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. (5) For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."*

Verse three (3) shows us that the disciples of Jesus came to Him privately and wanted to know what the signs of His return and the end of the world would be. Jesus began His answer with verse four (4).

*"Take heed that no man deceive you."*

These were the first words from the mouth of Jesus in response to the question about the end of the world!

When we think of the "end of the world" and the "Lord's return", we tend to skip over verses four (4) and five (5) and jump right into verse six (6). We think of wars and rumors of wars and nations rising against nations.

However, Jesus was concerned about DECEPTION! He wanted His disciples to be mindful of deception! He warned His closest disciples privately, about deception!

### **DECEPTION!**

If Jesus thought that deception was an important and legitimate concern to warn His disciples about, shouldn't it be something that we should "take heed" to?

This warning from Jesus to His disciples is not a solitary incident. The concern over God's people going astray is a common theme in the Bible.

Here are just a few passages that demonstrate that it is a serious consideration that God's people should be "watching out" for deception.

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*Jeremiah 29:8 "For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed."*

*2 Corinthians 11:13-15 "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of*