

International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

Matthew 24:1-14 Application

- 1. Some can be easily misled into thinking they know the future and when Jesus will return, when they have only misunderstood the Bible's teachings and the signs of the times. We must be careful we are not misled by them.
- 2. No matter what happens now or what may happen in the future, we need to endure in our faith in Jesus, in believing the truth of the Bible, in the power of our prayers, in the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in daily obedience to Jesus, and in our trust that Jesus will return as He promised.
- 3. We need to heed and take seriously Jesus' warnings and other warnings in the Bible because doing so is part of God's way to preserve us as one of His children and help us persevere in trust, faith, and obedience to Jesus.
- 4. Counting the cost of discipleship involves considering the possible consequences of following Jesus in this life, for *in this life* we will have tribulation and suffering because of our obedience to Jesus. In the end, we will be saved and enjoy life with God and all who love Him forever.
- 5. Sometimes we are can spend a lot of time trying to figure out the time of Jesus' return; however, our time may be better spent in praying and studying the Bible and in working with other disciples to help proclaim the gospel of His Kingdom throughout the world; for then, the end will come.

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes