

THE ELEVENTH HOUR OF THE WORLD

Matt. 24:1-3; 20:1-16.

I. Questions of the deciples. Mt. 24:3.

A. Wars & rumors of wars shall continue. v. 6

B. Famines, pestilences (infectious or contagious diseases), & earthquakes. v. 7.

1. Famine in Palestine, Greece, Asia, France and England.

2. Cholera plague in Egypt.

C. Persecutions of Christians & Jews. v. 9.

1. Six million Jews died in last few years

2. There are many places where Christians have to give their lives for their faith

D. False prophets shall arise. v. 11, 24.

Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy, and her

Key to lock up the Scriptures; Joseph

Smith to whom a fallen angel revealed

the book of the mammon of polygamy and

bigotry and falsity; Mrs. White and her

little band of deceived followers who

put on their robes and go out to the

mountain top to meet the Lord at his

second advent, and then when He doesn't

show up according to their time-table

they continue propagating their seventh

day Sabbath religion of Works; And then

there is a Negro up North whom sixty

million fools worship as God, or Father

Divine; And you all have seen others on

the street corner with their Watchtower

or Consolation magazine, or had them come

to your door to give or sell you the

books of Judge Rutherford or Pastor

Russell, with their false teaching of

the blood-less redemption of the 144,000

and the soul-annihilation of the rest of

the world's billions.

E. Parable of the fig tree. v. 32-34.

1. Budding of fig tree--revival of nation.

2. 60,000 Jews in Pal in 1920,

over 700,000 there today in 1947

F. Days of Noah compared to days just before the coming of Christ. Mt. 24:37-39

1. Eating and drinking

2. Marrying & swapping in marriage

G. Luke 21:28 When we see all these things come to pass in our time, we can be sure that it won't be long before Jesus will come again.

II. What does this mean for the World??

A. It gives more significance to statements of great men of science who have said they believe our civilization is about at the end of its rope. (Mt. 24:22)

B. Our only hope is a revival of religion.

C. Since we are near the end of this age, sinners should awake to their condition and get saved.

III. What does this mean for the church?

A. It means that we are in our eleventh hour. Mt. 20:1-16, Parable of laborers in the vineyard.

B. How can we stand idle when there is so much to be done? v. 6.

1. Our churches selfishly spend far more on themselves at home than they use to send the gospel abroad into all the world.

(Illustration of Oswald J. Smith's ch.)

2. There are over 1,000 tribes without a single missionary; 1,789 languages without a single word of the Bible translated; one billion three hundred million heathen souls in the world today.

3. While we are idle, the Communists and the Catholics are not. - The R.C. church sends 1,000 priests and nuns to Japan while the Protestants have all together only 70 volunteers to send.

4. Dr. Alexander Duff, past 80 years of age, offered to go back to India when no young preachers offered to go take them the Gospel of Christ.