

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 1, 1987

Signs of Christ's Return
Matthew 24:1-14
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Introduction: The church is a righteous force and subdues the wickedness around it. The church is gone during the tribulation.

1. Deception: **Matthew 24:4-5; Revelation 6:1-2**
2. Dissension: **Matthew 24:6-7a; Revelation 6:3-4**
3. Descriptions of Nature: **Matthew 24:7b; Luke 21:11; Revelation 6:5-6**

Note: **Revelation 6:7-8** is therefore the consequences of all the previous signs of **Matthew 24:4-7b** and **Luke 21:11**.

4. Description of tribulation saints, the disciples of Christ. They are not the church. They are not indwelt with the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit rests upon them just as He did in the Old Testament saints.

Revelation 7:1-4 tells of the 144,000 saints witnessing Jews (**Revelation 7:9-17**).

5. Many will fall away (**Matthew 24:10**). Half way through the tribulation the "Abomination of Desolation" takes place, after this great tribulation comes upon the saints. Those not having genuine faith will fall away.

The Antichrist has a powerful helper (**Revelation 13:11-18**). He does great signs and many will fall away to follow the beast.

God's Word must be the only basis for truth with no compromise to what we may want to consider (**Matthew 24:13; Philippians 1:6**).

6. The declaration "repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," shall be preached in the whole world (**Revelation 14:6-8**).

An angel will proclaim the gospel to every creature.