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## **Matthew Chapter 24c**

### **The Refinement of Persecution**

This week as we continue our study into the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew we are going to dive even deeper not only into the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel... but we're also going to learn through these prophecies exactly what today's modern-day Christian is called to endure and to conquer over.

Of all of the wicked and deceitful teachings that are circulating around and through the church today the most detrimental teaching is that the Christian today will not be required to face any type of persecution during these last days at the end of the age.

As modern-day Christians most of us are taught through our denominational empires of men that God loves us far too much to allow us to see his wrath being executed upon the earth. But when we sit down and read the Bible for ourselves, we find a much different teaching than what the church today is by and large teaching.

And I would contend that this is a major atrocity. Because it is this deception in of itself that will indeed cause many to fall away from the faith. It is this deception of peace and security, peace and security when there is no peace and security that will cause lawlessness to be increased upon the land.

And therefore, as we continue our study through the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of the

book of Matthew, we are going to reestablish what our God breathed Scripture actually says and just as importantly... what our God breathed Scripture does not say. And as we have said so many times, it is just as important to know what your Bible does not say as it is to know what your Bible does say. **(scrn 1 show)**

**Deu 4:2** You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you

**Deu 12:32** “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.



Once again it is written that we are to be careful to keep our Father in heaven's commandments and... that we are not to add to his word nor are we to take away from his word. Which means once again, that everyone who is adding to God's word or taking away from God's word is indeed guilty of "sin".

During this study into Matthew chapter 24, chances are very good that if you have been sitting in a church pew for any number of years, what you are going to hear today through the Scripture is going to be much different than what you have been taught by your denominational empire of men in the past. And therefore, during this study I would like to remind us all to remember what the apostle Paul told us in **second Timothy chapter 3 verses 16 and 17 (scrn 2)**

**2Ti 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

**2Ti 3:17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



And once again I would also like to add the fact that the Scripture that the apostle Paul was talking about here in his letter to Timothy was not the Scripture of the New Testament... but the Scripture of the Old Testament.

When the apostle Paul spoke these words in second Timothy chapter 3 verses 16 and 17 there was no New Testament. The only Scriptures that they had at that time was the Old Testament, the Torah, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms. The New Testament had not yet been written when Paul spoke these famous words that the church loves to throw around not understanding what scriptures the apostle Paul was talking about that were God breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

And therefore, because all Scripture in your Old Testament is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... we can certainly know that the Scripture that our Messiah points to in Matthew chapter 24 from the book of

Daniel is also breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

Keeping these things in mind so that we are not deceived, we need to go back and remember that our study into Matthew chapter 24 last week showed us very clearly that the prophet Daniel did not just speak of one abomination of desolation. The prophet Daniel clearly spoke about three different abominations of desolations one of which had taken place in his time.

We must remember that the Temple of Yehovah God has been destroyed twice now. There have been two temples that have been built in honor of and for our Father in heaven that have both experienced abomination that required... desolation.

My friends, you cannot drag abominations into the house of God without expecting the house of God to become desolate. Knowing these things, you would think that the church today would be far more cautious in what it teaches and preaches concerning things like a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath not commanded by anyone within the confines of our God breathed Scripture. And we won't even get into Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny or tooth fairies or Good Friday or Easter or Christ mass just to name a few abominations that the church has drug into the house of God requiring the church today to eventually become... desolate. And you can mark my words my friends when I tell you that the church today will indeed become... desolate. That day is coming, and I would submit to you that it is coming sooner than most of us think.

But what we need to understand here today is what the third and final abomination of desolation is, and how it's going to come about, and the role that Christians today are going to play when this abomination of desolation takes place and exactly what it is that we Christians are going to be called to endure and to conquer over. **(scrn 3 show)**

**Mat 24:15** “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

**Mat 24:16** then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.



Our Messiah clearly tells us in Matthew chapter 24 verse 15 that the abomination of desolation that he is taking about was written by the prophet Daniel. And therefore, we must turn back to the book of Daniel to better understand what this abomination of desolation is all about. And to better understand what will take place at this time we need to read **Daniel chapter 11 versus 31 through 35 E1**

**Dan 11:31** Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.

**Dan 11:32** He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

**Dan 11:33** And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.

**Dan 11:34** When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,

**Dan 11:35** and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

These five Scriptures need to be understood by today's modern day professing Christian because it is through these five Scriptures that we are given a very clear and precise picture as to what will take place during this abomination of desolation concerning the Christian in the last days.

One of the first things that we will see is that his forces shall appear and profane the temple and the fortress and shall take away the regular burnt offering and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.

Here in the English standard version of our Bibles it says "forces from him shall appear and profane the temple". But the King James version of our English translated Bibles says "And arms shall stand on his part and they shall pollute the sanctuary". The Hebrew word for "forces" or "arms" is the Hebrew word "Zero-ah" and it does mean arms or forces.

And therefore, whether it be an army or some kind of delegation, these men sent by the son of perdition will indeed pollute the sanctuary of Yehovah creating an abomination that will indeed lead to desolation. But I would submit to you that this is not the most important part of this message. What is the most important part of this message?

Listen closely to what we are told after this takes place in **verse 32 (scrn 4)**



**Dan 11:32** He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.



Here in Daniel chapter 11 verse 32 the prophet Daniel tells us that when this abomination enters into the sanctuary to set up the abomination... the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action!

In other words... those of us who see this abomination will indeed take action. What does this mean that we will take action? It means that the people who know their God will stand for what is right and because we have been warned by our Messiah to watch for this day... when we see these forces... this delegation... this arm of the wicked one profaning the temple we will act accordingly. Those who are in Jerusalem will indeed flee because they have been warned by our Messiah to flee. And those of us who this wicked one is trying to control... will take action. Which means that we will defy this abomination standing in the temple flattering those who violate the covenant. And I also want us to understand and read what is written in the very next verse in **Daniel chapter 11 verse 33 (scrn 5 read verse 33)**

**Dan 11:32** He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

**Dan 11:33** And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.



Notice here in Daniel chapter 11 verse 33 it is written that the wise among the people shall make many understand but... but... “ for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.”

In other words, many of us are indeed going to be persecuted by sword and flame and captivity and plunder says the prophet Daniel that our Messiah refers to in the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew.

Now, I want to stop right here for just a few moments, and I want us to think about what we have just read from the book of Daniel that our Messiah pointed to in Matthew chapter 24.

Are Christians at the end of the age going to be persecuted according to Daniel? Are we going to suffer by sword, flame, plunder and captivity?

According to the prophet Daniel there is no question that Christians at the end of the age will indeed suffer persecution. But I want us to also pay close attention to the next two verses of **Daniel chapter 11 versus 34 and 35 (scrn 6 read 34 & 35)**



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According to the prophet Daniel even some of the wise will stumble so that they may be refined and purified and made white until the time of the end. And therefore, there should be no question in the mind of a true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christian that many of us will indeed face persecution by sword and by flame and by captivity and by plunder and that many of us will indeed stumble so that we might be refined and purified and made white until the time of the end.

And so, the question then becomes... how many Christians today are prepared to endure to the end just as our Messiah tells us in **Matthew chapter 24 verse 13 (scrn 7 show)**

**Mat 24:13** But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

**Mat 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



Once again, we are clearly told that we as Christians will need to endure to the end in order to be saved. When we see these things coming upon our people, we must take action. And when we see these things taking place those of us who are wise will indeed make many understand because we will indeed be taking action. And even though many of us will stumble by sword and flame and by captivity and plunder... we will stand firm because we will have already made the commitment to stand firm because we were told that these things would come upon us.

And my friends I just want to say this... if you are having a hard time understanding why the Christian will be called to persecution... if you are having a difficult time grappling with the truth of God's word because you have been preprogrammed to believe differently... I would encourage you to please watch our next coming episode of the truth of prophecy which will air live this afternoon at 1 PM Eastern standard Time on YouTube and Facebook and on rumble and Odyssey. The name of the program is called "A Dual Purge Is Coming" and you are going to want to view this particular program if all of this sounds foreign to you.

If you still believe in once saved always saved doctrine of demons... if you still believe in a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath commanded by no one anywhere in your Bible... if you still believe that as a Christian you will not be persecuted... if you still believe in a pre-tribulation rescue... if you still believe in replacement theology... if you still believe in Santa Claus and Easter bunnies and tooth fairies... and you are still teaching these abominations to your children... and if these abominations are still being taught in your church... you are going to want to watch our next “The Truth of Prophecy” program entitled “A Dual Purge Is Coming”.

The Bible is very clear about the persecution that Christians at the end of the age will be called to endure. We must all remember that our Messiah has already told us that a servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted him, they will persecute us. And if they accepted his word, they will accept our word.

Let me ask you this... what you think is going to happen when Christians who have been wrongly taught that they are going to be rescued by a pre-tribulation rescue... are not rescued?

What you think is going to happen to Christians who believe that the Christian faith demands a pre-tribulation rescue... that does not take place? What do you think will happen to their faith?

Because they have been lied to by wolves in sheep’s clothing... and because they have not read the book for themselves... and because they have not studied to show themselves approved... nor have they tested the fruit of the wolf in sheep’s clothing standing behind the pulpit... they will ultimately believe that Christianity is a false religion, and they will ultimately fall away from the faith just as the devil wants them to do.

They have been told by both wolves in sheep’s clothing standing behind their modern day pulpits and Hollywood... that a pre-tribulation rescue is going to whisk them away when things really get bad. And when that

rescue does not take place... what do you think is going to happen?  
What did our Messiah say is going to happen? (scrn 8)

**Mat 24:10** And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

**Mat 24:11** And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

**Mat 24:12** And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.



I tell you the truth my friends there is already an abomination that has been planted within the church today. An abomination that has thought to change the times and the law of God. An abomination that has replaced God's sabbaths and his appointed feasts with those of the sabbaths and the appointed feasts of Roman Catholicism.

An abomination is already lurking within the country club church today make no mistake about it. And many who believe in the abomination... will wind up becoming part of the desolation. Not says I... but says the very red-letter words of our Messiah and the prophets who came before him.

Once again, one of the most important biblical concepts that we as modern-day Christians can understand is that it is a sin to add to God's word and it is a sin to take away from God's word.

When we create for ourselves a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath instead of keeping the seventh day Sabbath that God commands us to keep and the seventh day Sabbath that our Messiah always kept... we are indeed creating for ourselves an abomination that will require desolation. (scrn 9)



When we create for our children an omniscient, immortal toy God who comes out of the north on his flying chariot with the divination of flying reindeer and magical Krampus elves to shower them with all the desires of their hearts as long as they bow down before the pagan evergreen tree to receive their gifts... we are creating an abomination within the house of God that does indeed require... desolation.

I tell you the truth... our pagan practices today will not be tolerated by our Father in heaven any more than the pagan practices of the house of Israel were tolerated in Moses' day.

And we haven't even started to number the abominations that have been drugged into the church today in our time. I tell you the truth... the



disgusting filthy putrid trash... that men have drug into God's house today will not go unpunished.

And I say all of that to say this... if even those who truly believe and are truly following him properly are tasked with facing persecution the same way that the prophets faced persecution, the same way that the apostles faced persecution, the same way that our Messiah faced persecution... then how much more persecution will the apostate church face when our Messiah returns to purge the wicked from the earth? How much more persecution will they face after dragging these abominations into the house of God after knowing that those who practice such things deserve to die... and not only doing them but giving approval to those who practice them?

We must remember that the God that we serve is a righteous God. He is a just God. And because he is righteous, and he is just... he cannot punish Sodom and Gomorrah without punishing the rest of the nations of the earth for doing the exact same things. He cannot bring desolation to the first two temples... the first two houses of God... without bringing desolation to the house of God today who is doing exactly what the house of Israel was doing when those first two temples suffered desolation!

As we read down through the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew and we listen to what our Messiah is telling us with his own lips, his own breath, and his own tongue... it is imperative that we understand why all of this persecution is coming upon the earth. It is imperative that we understand why this persecution will come against the Christian today in our time. It is imperative that we understand why we are called to endure to the end. It is imperative that we understand why we are called not just to endure... but to conquer.

Our Messiah clearly tells us in Matthew chapter 24 verse 21 that there will be a great tribulation. A tribulation that will be so great that it has never been seen before and it will never be seen again. A tribulation that



will be so great... that if those days had not been cut short no human being would be saved. But... but... for the sake of the elect... for the sake of the elect... those days will be cut short. And I want us to listen very closely to what our Messiah tells us in the next few verses in **verses 23 through 28 E2**

**Mat 24:23** Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it.

**Mat 24:24** For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

**Mat 24:25** See, I have told you beforehand.

**Mat 24:26** So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.

**Mat 24:27** For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

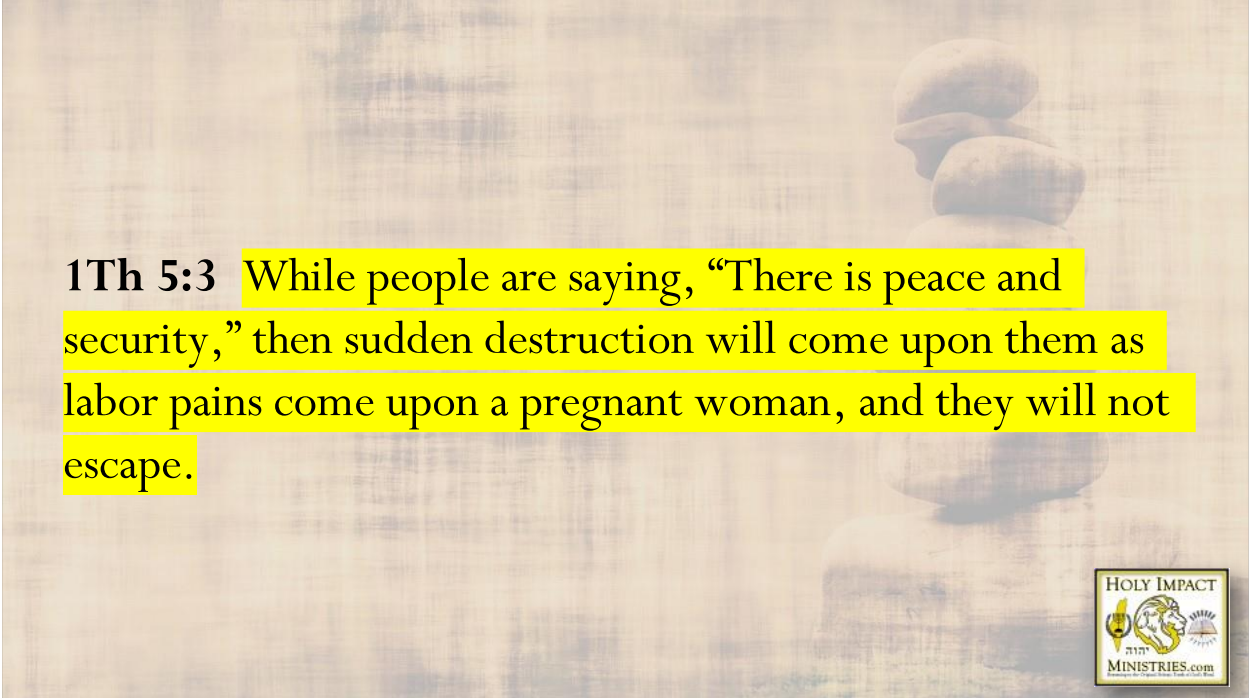
**Mat 24:28** Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Notice here in Matthew chapter 24 versus 23 through 28 that our Messiah tells his followers that during this tribulation... if anyone says to you look there is the Messiah.... do not believe it!

And so, here's the question that we need to answer; if we are going to be rescued before the tribulation... then why is our Messiah warning us after the tribulation not to be fooled by a false Messiah?

If indeed there is such a thing as a pre-tribulation rescue... then no one but the wicked are going to be left behind. And so, who is he telling to beware of a false Messiah? They have already followed a false Messiah, that's why they have been left behind according to those who have created this man-made pre-tribulation rescue façade.

I tell you the truth my friends, the pre-tribulation rescue has been concocted by the devil himself in order to cause God's people to fall when there is no pre-tribulation rescue. **(scrn 10 show)**



1Th 5:3 While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.



The Bible teaches that those who preach peace and safety, peace and safety, are going to experience sudden destruction that will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman and they will not escape! The Bible teaches that those who preach peace and security, peace and security will be surprised at the coming of our Messiah like a thief in the night. **(scrn 11 show)**

1Th 5:3 While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1Th 5:4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

1Th 5:5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.



But it is written that the true Christian will not be surprised by the return of our Messiah like a thief in the night because we are not in darkness for that day to surprise us like a thief. Why? Because we’ve been reading the book! We’ve been reading the Scripture that Paul says is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching and for reproof and for correction and for training in righteousness.

We haven’t just been sitting in a denominational church pew listening to the ramblings of wolves in sheep’s clothing without testing the fruits of those wolves in sheep’s clothing. And because we have read these God breathed Scriptures for ourselves... that are breathed out by God and profitable for teaching and for reproof and for correction and for training in righteousness... we already know when to watch for the return of our Messiah.

And yes... it is clearly written that no one knows the day or the hour not even the Son but only the Father... but it is also written that we will know when he is standing at the door. We will know when the time is near... we will know even the season, and we do know the season if we

know the book that our Father in heaven authored that tells us these things. And therefore, the return of our Messiah will not surprise us like a thief in the night. But it will surprise the apathetically slothful willfully ignorant and unstudied.

My friends, if there was ever a time to pick up that dusty old Bible and to read it, it's now. If there was ever a time to press into him, to reestablish your relationship with him, to grow in the fear of God that brings wisdom... it's right now. It's right now.

There is much, much more to say here about Matthew chapter 24, and the book of Daniel, and the end of the age which is when our Messiah will again return. But for now, as we close the books for this morning, I would like to say this.

I would like nothing more than to have the ability to call you down to the front of the aisle and pray over you so that I can save you. I would like nothing more than to brag about how... I saved you. I would like nothing more than to have the righteous ability to say a prayer that has the power to save you. But the truth of the matter is, that I have no ability to save you. And neither does the wolf in sheep's clothing standing behind the pulpit. There is only one who saves. There is only one who chooses. There is only one who divides and selects. There is only one who has mercy on whom he has mercy.

You see it's not about being called down to the front of the aisle my friends it never has been. It's not about saying 60 second tear filled prayer that you repeat from the lips of your pastor, priest, Bishop, Rabbi, or Pope. It's not about what they say about you or over you.

It's about you going into your prayer closet and speaking to your Father in heaven and his only begotten Son and making a commitment to pick up your Cross and to follow the King that Yehovah God has set in Zion.

It's about bowing your head and bending your knee its about you taking

the first step of a journey that will take the rest of your life to complete. It's about going down into that watery grave of baptism and being raised from the dead a new creature. It's about leaving the old person in the grave. It's about a resurrection. It's about a cleansing. It's about a return. It's about the lessons of a prodigal son who woke up in a den of pigs to realize that he was better off returning to his Father. **Matthew chapter 6 verses five through eight (scrn 12)**

**Mat 6:5** “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

**Mat 6:6** But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**Mat 6:7** “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

**Mat 6:8** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.



My advice is not to let another second pass by without making that commitment. Do not let another second pass by without stooping down to pick up that cross. Do not let another second pass by without reaffirming your faith. Do not let another second pass by without committing to renew your mind daily and to audit your faith and what it is you believe and why it is that you believe it.

It is indeed the word of Yehovah God that we stand upon because it is indeed Yehovah God that is our rock. And it is indeed the king that he has set on his holy hill in Zion that we are commanded follow back to him. For he is not only our King... but he is also our example, he is the

one that we are to walk as... not the church, not the Rabbi, and not the Pope of Rome who want you to walk as they walk.

It's time to get straight. It's time to wake up. It's time to turn... and to repent... and to seek his face. I tell you the truth... the Sand is leaving the hourglass as we speak.

And so it is that we will close the books for now and pick up where we left on in Matthew chapter 24 next 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath at 11am Eastern Standard time when we will hear more of the warnings spoken from our Messiah and King concerning the end of the age.

But until then, I would like to once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please, please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.