

“Matthew 24:14”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Matthew 24:14.” This is a common scripture periodically read in many denominations—including congregations among the Church of God.

■ Matthew 24:14—Christ said: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

After reading Matthew 24:14, I organized the material into three main sections.

1. God using two prophets.
2. God using angels.
3. God using believers.

God using two prophets

To discuss this prophecy, we read in verses in Revelation 11.

■ Revelation 11:3—“And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

■ Revelation 11:5—“If anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies.”

■ Revelation 11:7—“When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.”

■ Revelation 11:8—And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the city where our Lord was crucified.

■ Revelation 11:9—This event will be seen by peoples, tribes, tongues and nations.

■ Revelation 11:10—“Those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.”

■ Revelation 11:11—“Now after the three-and-a-half days, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet—and fear fell on those who saw them.”

God using angels

Revelation 14:6-11 mentions the prophecy of three angels.

■ Revelation 14:6—An angel will preach “the everlasting gospel” to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue and people.

■ Revelation 14:8—A second angel will announce: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

■ Revelation 14:9-11—A third angel expresses consequences for those who worship the beast and his image and for those who receive his mark on his forehead or on his hand.

God using believers

The scriptures used for this category involved believers suffering consequences because of their obedience to God.

■ Hebrews 11:35-38—Notice the list of consequences that believers face for obeying God.

■ Revelation 2 and 3—Notice the wonderful list of rewards that believers among the seven congregations receive for obeying God.

■ Revelation 6:9—Notice the prophecy about people being slain for the word of God and their testimony.

■ Revelation 17:6—Notice the prophecy about people being martyrs.

■ Revelation 20:4—Notice the prophecy about people being beheaded.

■ Luke 21:12—Believers will be persecuted by the religious leaders (in the synagogues) and by civil leaders (before kings).

■ Luke 21:13—"But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony."

■ Luke 21:14-15—"Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist."