

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matthew 24:12 KJV



What does love mean? For example: I love ice cream! – I love winter!” – I love my Dad! – I love my boss! – I love my kids! – I love you! – I love God! – “*God so loved the world!*” The same word implies a myriad of nuances. Examine the context of the text. It plainly states that men’s love of God will fade. Jesus said, “*many false prophets.*” He plainly describes, “*Nation vs. nation; kingdom vs. kingdom; famines; pestilences (disease); many earthquakes;*” He plainly answers the specific questions asked. “*When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of Thy coming AND of the end of the world?*” The “*things*” they asked of was Christ’s prediction of the Temple’s destruction – “*not one stone left upon the other.*” When the Temple was being looted in the First Century, it caught fire, the gold melted, ran down in between the stones, and to get it the stones were torn down. But, has Christ yet returned? Has the world yet ended? No! These two things things are not past, but future. Abounding evil is the key to understanding the meaning of Christ’s predictions. Since His prophecies in this context are still under the Old Covenant, (pre-Cross) You will not find reference to the Church, but rather God’s dealings with Israel. In that context, we realize that the second coming in Matthew 24, refers to the bodily return of Christ to the Mt. of Olives prophesied in Zechariah 14:4. The Church will be caught away (Greek - ἀρπάζω - harpazō - *har-pad’-zo* - to seize: catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take by force) before Christ’s bodily return to earth. The Church will meet Him “*in the air.*” (1 Thess. 4:17) Has there ever been a day when the earth was so full of evil? Jesus plainly tells us, “*But as the days of Noe (Noah) were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, (pursuit of pleasure) until the day that Noe entered into the ark.*” The rise of immorality and crime are the true hands on the doomsday clock. Evil is “in your face” everywhere: Newspaper, TV, or the internet; from wealthiest to poorest, youngest to oldest, powerful to prisoner! “*Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; (no expectation of God’s Judgement) But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.*” Do not despair, dear Believer, “*when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*” You’ve nothing to fear from the self-loving God-haters that look upon you as the enemy. Your “*help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation.*” The treasure of “*eternal life*” is kept by God Himself! He IS that life!

When all around the wicked thrive,
And gather wealth while they connive,
Love God with all your heart and soul,
And you’ll be safe within the fold. ~CGP

When iniquity abounds and the love of God waxes cold, keep loving and obeying God and you will be safe forever. Jesus never fails!

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall NEVER perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." John 10:27-30 KJV