

Audio Teaching Sermon

Message #58

They Hated Jesus First

[A Intro – Pastor Jefferson 0:00 thru 1:21]

I want to extend glad tidings to all who profess the name of Jesus! He is the One who created a way for us to be reunited with **Yahweh**, our God, and His Heavenly Father. I am Pastor Jefferson, and you are now listening to **DWJD’s audio teaching sermon series**. We are now up to audio **sermon #58**. The title of today’s message is “**They Hated Jesus First**.” As you are doubtless aware, we’ve been proceeding through **Matthew 24**, “*The Little Apocalypse*” chapter, where we are studying the words of Jesus regarding the signs marking the end of the age of **Adam**. We’ve been in the process of covering the first 14 verses which are where Jesus gives us the signs marking His return. Today, we are going to be talking about the persecution of the **Gentiles**, as well as the **Jews**. The first 8 verses we’ve been discussing, Jesus described them to be like unto a **woman’s labor**. Just like a woman progressing along in childbirth, the signs He enumerated will become not only more intense but will happen with increasing frequency the closer we get to His return.

[B Commencement of Labor Pains 1:21 thru 2:39]

You know, Jesus using the idea of a woman’s labor to depict an increase in the signs marking the approach of the end of the age, was not by accident. He’s not making use of some clever literary tactic or the adroit use of words either. Jesus is making a most dramatic statement. He in essence is drawing **a line in the sand**. These signs Jesus mentions are all just simply a prelude to the time when things for both Jews and Christians will become unlivable. As you’ve heard me say, the world of those believing in **Messiah** is shortly headed for 7 years of a plentiful **soul harvest**, followed by 7 years of horrible soul famine. Open your Bible now to **Matt 24:9**. It says, ¹ “*Then they will deliver you to tribulation,* ² *and will kill you,* ³ *and you will be hated by all nations* ⁴ *because of My name.*” The 1st thing we see is that the verse is speaking of two different time periods.

[C Delivered to Tribulation 2:39 thru 4:03]

T-1 says that Christians and Jews will be delivered to **tribulation**. Once more Jesus here is prophesying about 2 things. **First**, immediately upon the conclusion of the 7 years of plenty, the time the Bible calls, “**The Tribulation**” will begin. The start of this event is marked by a man who will become the **Antichrist**, gets Israel to sign a **firm treaty** where they agree to cease all operations in their **rebuilt Temple** (the 3rd Temple). They will do

so in exchange for the lifting of sanctions brought on by a world-wide embargo. The short version of the story is the Hebrew people are going to soon demolish the **Dome of the Rock** to make way to build their new Temple on the site. When they do that, it will cause a series of events which will result in the nation of Israel being boycotted by the rest of the world (*except for perhaps the US and a few other close allies*). This is what **T-1** means when it says, *“Then they will deliver you to tribulation.”* This will mark the beginning of the final 7 years of this age, culminating with the **Second Coming of Christ**.

[**D** **Betrayal of God’s People** **4:03 thru 5:27**]

So, the first prophecy Jesus states here, is that the world will see the arrival of a time period the Bible describes as **“The Tribulation.”** Now, within this 7-year period of famine in regard to a soul harvest, the forces of the Antichrist will begin persecuting the **Hebrews** first, followed closely by the **Christians**. The Devil and his demonic followers are going to take every measure imaginable to try and thwart the worship of **Almighty God** and His **Son Jesus**. So, the right to worship **Yahweh** in the public forum will be taken away. But it doesn’t stop there. Jesus is also warning that Satan will also be coming after us. The word we find for **they will deliver** we see in **T-1** is **[7] par-rah-DOE-soo-sin** and means **‘to be betrayed, handed over or to be surrendered.’** It comes from 2 Greek words; **para** which means **‘close beside’** and **did-oh-MEE** which means **‘to give.’** Thus, the Christians and Jews are going to be betrayed by those friends, coworkers and neighbors closest to them.

[**E** **The Arrival of Persecution** **5:27 thru 7:07**]

The word we see for **tribulation** is **[10] THLIP-sin** and translates **‘to be persecuted, afflicted, and to be made to feel pressure.’** The meaning of the word gives the idea **‘of hemming someone in, to constrict them by making them feel confined.’** Those who are being persecuted are going to experience an internally driven feeling of having no way to escape. So, just imagine for the moment that you, just having witnessed on television, the man who will become the **Antichrist**, ink a strong **covenant** with the nation of **Israel**. At this time, you will know for certain that the **Tribulation** as spoken of in Scripture, has begun. I ask you, unless you are a fully-fledged apostle of **Christ**, how will you be feeling at that moment? How will it be to watch as all religious liberty and freedom is slowly eliminated from society by laws which are patently unfair, but are still being ruthlessly enforced against Christians and Jews? I’d venture to say that at that moment you will know precisely what Jesus is saying here. Now, for those who are fully fledged, they will

not be worried in the least, as they will have the level of faith instilled within them to weather any storm which satanic forces might try and bring. Plus, they will know that they will be leaving the earth shortly—prior to any serious threat can be made against them.

[**F** Final Seven Years of Adam 7:07 thru 8:28]

The arrival of the **Tribulation** begins the final **7 years** of “the **age of Adam.**” The Bible divides the Tribulation into two relatively equal halves. The first half begins with the signing of the previously mentioned covenant. Shortly afterwards, God’s **2 witnesses** will appear on the **Temple Mount** and will tell the Hebrew clergy to *restart* the daily sacrifice in the Temple. They will then guarantee divine protection such that no one will be able to interrupt the services so long as they stand on the Temple mount. The Bible says their time for preaching and protecting the Temple mount will be measured as **1,260 days**, which is **42 Biblical months** or **3 ½ years**. During this time, they will preach clothed in **sackcloth**. And if anyone tries to harm them, the Bible tells us that fire will flow from out of their mouths to kill any perpetrators. They will have the power to stop the rain, turn water into blood and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

[Revelation 11:3–6]

[**G** Forty Day Victory Tour 8:28 thru 9:45]

The point to be realized here is that once the 7 years of the **soul harvest** is complete, things in this world will begin taking a decidedly dreadful turn for the worst with regards to God’s people. The 1st half of the **Tribulation** will find all Christians and Jews still on the earth, but the temperature in society will be turned up against them and persecution of God’s people will begin to ramp up in earnest. When the man who will become the **Antichrist** gets the covenant signed, he will go on a world-wide **40-day** victory tour, because he will have accomplished something no one in modern history has been able to do: achieve peace between **Israel** and the **Arabs**. In fact, I’ll give you a side story which illustrates just how difficult this has been to attain. Back when the U.S. President was **Bill Clinton**, he got **Ehud Barak** (the leader of the Labor Party in Israel) under Prime Minister **Shimon Perez’s** government and **Yasir Arafat**, who was the leader of the **Palestine National Authority**, to meet together at **Camp David** for a summit in 2000.

[**H** Refusal of Camp David Offer 9:45 thru 11:00]

President Clinton used his strong influence and charisma to get Israel to agree to **95%**

of the **Palestinian demands** for establishing their own independent state. The newly proposed state's borders would encompass 75% of the area of the **West Bank** and the whole of the **Gaza strip**. Israel's offer included the return of refugees, compensation for those not permitted to return to their previous lands, and full custodianship over the **Al-Aqsa**—aka the **Dome of the Rock**, as well as control over 3 of Jerusalem's 4 old city quarters. It was everything the PLO stated that they wanted at the time. Despite all that, **Yasir Arafat** got up in the middle of the night and left without saying a word or attempting to make any counteroffer. God foreknew that no peace deal would happen before the time of the **Antichrist**. The truth is that the Jews could have offered anything short of their national demise and the PLO would have still refused the deal.

[**I** Installation of the Two Witnesses 11:00 thru 12:23]

At some point while taking his victory lap around the world, Satan will come to the Antichrist and offer him the exact same 3 things he offered to Jesus. And unlike Christ, the man who will become the **Antichrist** will instead accept the devil's offer and that's the moment when the persecution of both Christians and Jews will rapidly increase. During this meeting between Satan and the Antichrist, God will install His **2 witnesses** on the **Temple Mount**, and they will convince the Hebrews to restart the daily sacrifices in the Temple. Which of course will infuriate the **Antichrist**, but so long as God's witnesses are present, the Temple Mount will be protected. Now, recall back in **Audio Teaching Sermon #55**—that the door inhibiting satanic forces from inhabiting the physical realm was closed. Guess what, God will once more open that door towards the midpoint of the Tribulation. **Rev 11:7** tells us that when the witnesses have finished their testimony, that a beast will be released from out of the **bottomless pit**, will fight a battle with them, and will successfully overcome and then kill them.

[**J** Evil Returns to the Physical Realm 12:23 thru 13:36]

This marks the day when evil will once again be permitted to occupy the physical realm. The opening of this door coincides to when Noah and his family climbed aboard the Ark. Recall that God closed the door to evil back on that day. Noah and his family then remained on the **Ark** for **8 days** before the **fountains of the deep** opened up and the rain began falling. We don't know what was happening outside of the Ark during these 8 days as the Bible does not give us any details. However, upon the day when the 2 witnesses are killed, 8 days of what I refer to as "**Unholy Week**" then will commence. Remember,

everything Jesus did during **Holy Week** was a prophecy depicting the actions the Antichrist will perform during **Unholy Week**. Holy Week ended with the undeniable resurrection of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ. Unholy Week will end with a fraudulent event depicting the resurrection of the Antichrist.

[**K** Raptured Versus Tossed 13:36 thru 14:50]

When Jesus was resurrected in victory over death, hell and sin, *everything* changed for the *better* for humanity. The sacrifice of Jesus ushered in eternal life for those who willingly choose to follow Him. Therefore, when the Antichrist fakes his resurrection, it makes sense that everything will change for the worse for humanity. At the conclusion of the war in heaven, on the very same day when Satan and his demons are thrown down to earth, those fully-fledged followers of Christ will be raptured up to Heaven. We will pass Satan on our way up while he and his evil horde are being thrown down. Thus, when Satan's feet hit the ground, I assure you that all hell will be literally breaking loose on the earth. Returning to **T-2** of **Matt 24:9**, it reads, *"and they will kill you."* Those Jews failing to reach Petra in time and the followers of Christ who did not receive sufficient oil, will now be sought out & killed by Satan's forces.

[**L** Let the Murders Begin 14:50 thru 16:22]

Thus, the **murder** of God's **2 witnesses**, marks the beginning of **Unholy Week**, which then ignites a war in heaven where Satan and his demons will fight God's angels for control. The war will last a total of **40 days**, the same duration of the rising of the flood waters. Just as those polluted by demonic **DNA**, and those refusing entry into the Ark died, Satan and his demons lose this war on the 40th day. The resulting carnage of the devil killing the Hebrews will be a near repeat of the Nazi's killing nearly 50% of the Jews in the time surrounding WWII. Then, the Bible says they will come after the other group of God's people, the **Christian** gentiles. The *Greek* word we see for **will kill** that Jesus spoke is **[6] ap-pok-TEN-nou-sin** and means **'to put to death, to slay, or to kill outright.'** This is not discussing some kind of violence from which death might result. No, this word delineates a form of premeditated, intentional killing, something we'd describe today as **murder** in the **first degree**. So, after the war in Heaven, Satan will be tossed down and will proceed with all possible vengeance, as he will know for certain that his days remaining are few.

[**M** Because of the Name of Jesus 16:22 thru 17:55]

T-3 of Matt 24:9 says, *“and you will be hated by all nations.”* The word we see for **hated** is [4] *mis-SUE-men-noi* and means *‘to detest on a comparative basis, especially to persecute and to renounce in favor of someone else.’* The word **detest** means *‘to feel intense and often violent antipathy towards someone or something.’* This is the level of hatred those choosing to not renounce Christ will be experiencing at the hands of the rest of humanity. The word we find for **nations** (plural) is [46] *ETH-non* and translates to the heathen and pagan people of the world. God’s people will be on one side, and the demonically driven folks will be on the other. T-4 says it will be *“because of My name.”* The word we see for **name** is [106] *OH-no-mah* and means *‘the full manifestation or revelation of someone’s character.’* Those refusing to recognize legitimacy of the government of the Antichrist and instead embrace the authority of Jesus Christ will be persecuted even unto death for their beliefs. This **2nd period of Tribulation** will result in the physical death of everyone who refuses to accept the **mark of the beast**.

[**Z** Some Final Thoughts 17:55 thru 19:36]

Unlike the popular movies you’ve seen on television and in theaters, there will not be anyone who will be able to hide out and hold out until the **2nd Coming of Jesus**. No, no one will be able to avoid the reach of Satan during this terrible time. This is why gaining a full vessel of oil filled with the Holy Spirit is so critical in the coming days. There is not as much time left as you might think. This Ministry started back in July of **2000**, and I can now say that there are **2/3rd fewer days** remaining as of today than when it began. Folks, we are now officially less than 15 years away from the **2nd Coming of Jesus Christ**. As of **Dec of 2025**, that means there are less than **5,500 days** total remaining. That also means we are about **11 ½ years** away from the **Rapture**. So, we all have a little over a decade to get things perfectly right with **Yahweh**, via His Son. Not much time at all. Hey fellow disciples, we will continue with our discussion of the **24th Chapter of Matthew** in the next audio teaching lesson. In the meanwhile, keep your eyes tightly focused upon Jesus—who is the **Founder and Perfecter** of our Faith. **So, until next time my beloved, this has been Pastor Jefferson, speaking in God’s Holy name and for His glory alone. Amen!**