

“STUMBLE OR ENDURE”

INTRODUCTION

1. {MAT 24:9-13} Applies to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., but many of the characteristics apply to modern society.
2. Our Study: Reflect on three stimuli for apostasy in first century causing Christians of every century to walk away from God, to fall away, to stumble, to not endure.

THE STUDY

I. The Stimuli

- a} {MAT 24:9-10} Mistreatment an excuse for some to apostatize...
 1. Painting a picture using the brush of word study.
 2. {2TI 4:10,14,16a} Example of persecution from the world and brethren.
 3. How Paul dealt with mistreatment.
- b} {MAT 24:11} False prophets an excuse for some to apostatize...
 1. {24:4} Jesus' warning
 2. Matthew 24:11 is an accurate picture of our time
- c} {MAT 24:12} Wicked surroundings an excuse for some to apostatize...
 1. {2Ti 3:1-5} Could be taken from today's newscast

II. What's A Christian To Do!

- a} Apostasy is caused by external stimulus
- b} How can Christians avoid apostasy?
 1. {ROM 12:1-2}
 2. Endure by having proper direction and purpose.

CONCLUSION