

The Tragic Sign Prior to the End: Persecution

Luke 21:12-19

(Mt. 24:9-10, 13; Mk. 13:9, 11-12)

1 *The persecution of believers*

- a. The persecutors:
Religious and civil authorities
- b. The reason:
Believers are followers of Christ
- c. The result:
A glorious testimony
- d. The preparation
 - 1) Do not prepare a defence
 - 2) A supernatural answer will be given

2 *The betrayers of believers*

- a. Relatives
- b. All men

3 *The promise to believers*

- a. God is in control
- b. Eternal security: *If* endure

12 “But before all this,
they will lay hands on you and persecute you.
They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons,
and you will be brought before kings and governors,
and all on account of my name.

13 This will result
in your being witnesses to them.

14 But make up your mind
not to worry beforehand
how you will defend yourselves.

15 For I will give you words and wisdom
that none of your adversaries
will be able to resist or contradict.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents,
brothers, relatives and friends,
and they will put some of you to death.

17 All men will hate you because of me.

18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

19 By standing firm you will gain life.