

Matthew 24:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Analysis

Jesus' warning 'ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet' addresses the temptation to interpret every crisis as the end. Wars and conflicts, while increasing, don't necessarily signal the immediate end. 'Must come to pass' indicates God's sovereign plan includes human conflict. 'The end is not yet' cautions against premature conclusions. Disciples must maintain spiritual vigilance without paranoid alarm at every world event.

Historical Context

The first century experienced numerous wars—Jewish revolts, Roman conquests, regional conflicts. Each generation since has seen wars that tempted believers to assume the end was imminent. Jesus teaches that while wars characterize the age, they're not necessarily signs of imminent return. Discernment, not sensationalism, marks faithful watchfulness.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you balance awareness of world events with Jesus' command 'be not troubled'?
2. What does understanding wars as part of the age (not necessarily end-signs) teach about patient endurance?

Interlinear Text

μελλήσετε	δὲ	ἀκούειν	πολέμων·	καὶ	ἀκοὰς	πολέμων·
ye shall	And	hear	of wars	and	rumours	of wars
G3195	G1161	G191	G4171	G2532	G189	G4171
ὁρᾶτε	μὴ	θροεῖσθε·	δεῖ	γὰρ	πάντα	γενέσθαι
see	not	that ye be	these things must	for	all	come to pass
G3708	G3361	G2360	G1163	G1063	G3956	G1096
ἀλλ'	οὐπω	ἐστὶν	τὸ	τέλος		
but	not yet	is	the end			
G235	G3768	G2076	G3588	G5056		

Additional Cross-References

Luke 21:9 (Parallel theme): But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

John 14:1 (Parallel theme): Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Psalms 112:7 (Parallel theme): He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

John 14:27 (Parallel theme): Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2 Thessalonians 2:2 (Parallel theme): That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Matthew 24:14 (Parallel theme): And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Luke 21:19 (Parallel theme): In your patience possess ye your souls.

Isaiah 12:2 (Parallel theme): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Matthew 26:54 (Parallel theme): But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Luke 22:37 (Parallel theme): For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.