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The Terrible
Destruction of
Jerusalem,
70 A.D.



Light
for the Deaf

Personally from Billy



Once again, we are late, and once again we apologize. We had some artwork yet unfinished for this issue, but we are so late we decided to use a comic strip we had prepared a few years ago, but never used. The unfinished artwork will be completed for a later issue. The comic strip being printed here was done in response to what one of our readers requested, an explanation of Matthew 24-25. We had not used this strip earlier because we felt unsatisfied with it, feeling that we needed to revise it and to open the narration with Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. As the Bible shows, when Jesus arrived into Jerusalem on the donkey, His encounter with the Jewish leaders led to His angry denouncement of them and to the terrible prophecies He made of the city Jerusalem's fate. But since we have to go to press now, we are using this comic strip now, as it is. Perhaps later we will run a revision, but for sure we will print another strip explaining Matthew 25 at a later date! We feel sure, however, that this strip in this issue will help you understand Matthew 24 in your Bible.

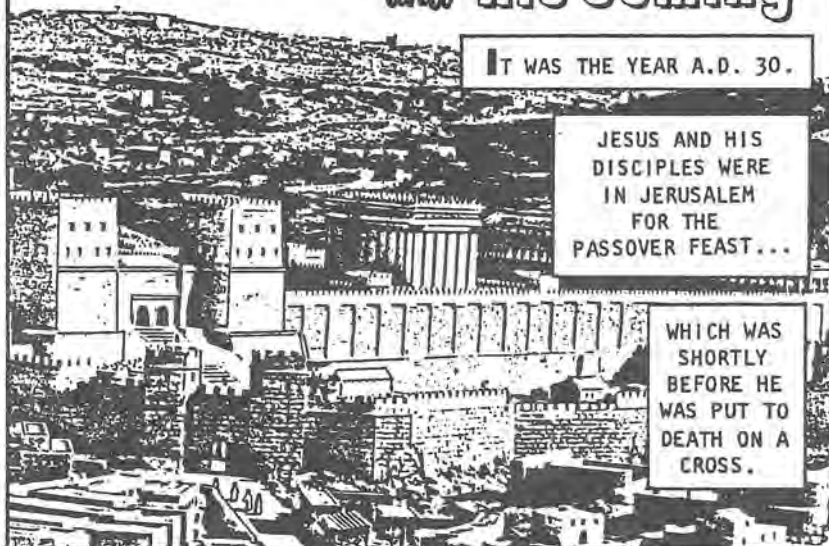
I want to thank all of you who have shown us your support and encouragement for what we are doing. Some of you have even sent financial support, and for this we thank you. God certainly has moved you. Please pray for us that we may serve the deaf better in this magazine and move them to accept the one Lord who can save them from their sins!

God's blessings as you read.

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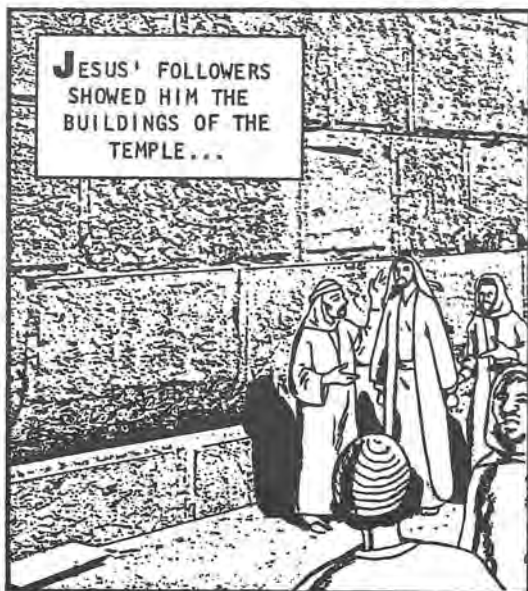
Christ's Prophecies about the End and His Coming



IT WAS THE YEAR A.D. 30.

JESUS AND HIS
DISCIPLES WERE
IN JERUSALEM
FOR THE
PASSOVER FEAST...

WHICH WAS
SHORTLY
BEFORE HE
WAS PUT TO
DEATH ON A
CROSS.



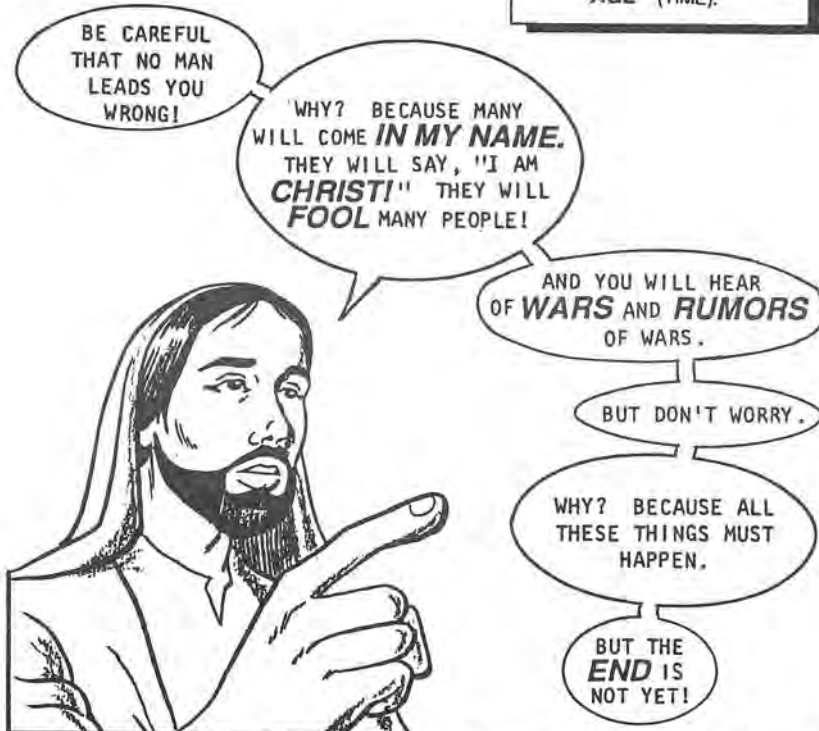
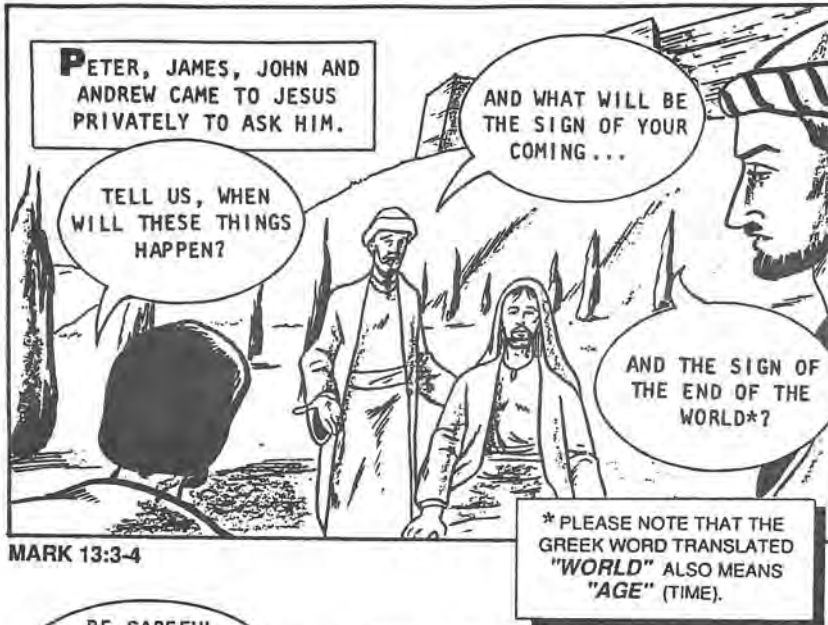
JESUS' FOLLOWERS
SHOWED HIM THE
BUILDINGS OF THE
TEMPLE...

BUT JESUS SHOCKED
THEM WHEN HE SAID--



I TELL YOU THE
TRUTH, **ALL** THESE
STONES WILL BE
THROWN DOWN!

MATTHEW 24:1-2; MARK 13:1-2; LUKE 21:5-6





THERE WILL BE
TIMES OF
EARTHQUAKES IN
DIFFERENT
PLACES.




ALL THESE ARE
THE BEGINNINGS
OF **SADNESS**.

MATTHEW 24:7-9;
MARK 13:8;
LUKE 21:10-17


THEN PEOPLE WILL
BRING YOU IN TO
BE TROUBLED.

THEY WILL
KILL YOU!

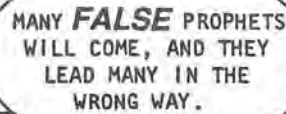
ALL NATIONS
WILL **HATE** YOU
BECAUSE OF ME!




MANY WILL **GO WRONG** AND DO WRONG TO EACH OTHER.




THEY WILL **HATE** EACH OTHER.




MANY **FALSE** PROPHETS WILL COME, AND THEY LEAD MANY IN THE **WRONG** WAY.




SIN WILL INCREASE SUCH THAT THE LOVE OF MANY PEOPLE WILL BECOME **COLD**.



BUT THE PERSON WHO WILL CONTINUE TO THE END WILL BE **SAVED**.



THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD AS A **WITNESS** TO ALL NATIONS.



THEN THE **END** WILL COME.

MATTHEW 24:10-14;
MARK 13:12-13



DANIEL THE PROPHET
SPOKE ABOUT A
TERRIBLE THING THAT
CAUSES
DESTRUCTION.

SO WHEN YOU SEE
IT, THOSE WHO ARE
IN JUDAEA SHOULD
RUN AWAY TO THE
MOUNTAINS!



DANIEL 12:11



THE PERSON WHO
IS ON THE HOUSE-
TOP SHOULDN'T
COME DOWN TO
TAKE ANYTHING
OUT OF HIS HOUSE!

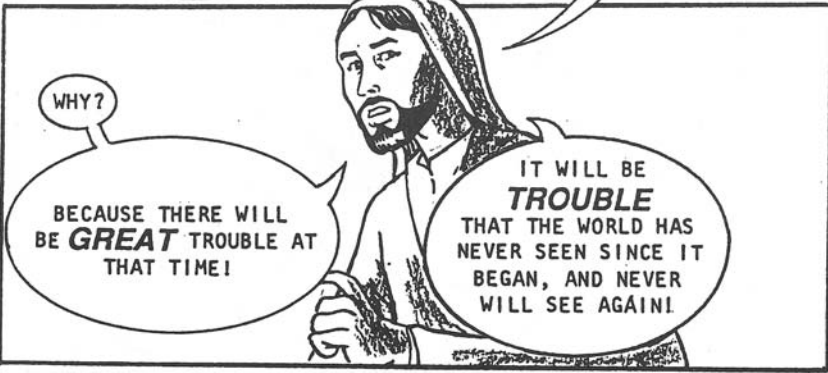
THE PERSON WHO IS OUT IN
THE FIELD SHOULDN'T GO BACK
TO GET HIS COAT!

MATTHEW 24:15-21;
MARK 13:14-20;
LUKE 21:23-24

IT WILL BE **BAD** FOR
THOSE WHO ARE PREGNANT
AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
NEWBORN BABIES AT THAT
TIME!



PRAY THAT YOU DON'T
HAVE TO RUN AWAY IN
THE WINTERTIME, OR
ON THE SABBATH DAY.



WHY?

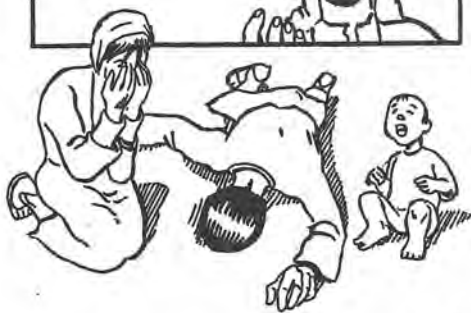
BECAUSE THERE WILL
BE **GREAT** TROUBLE AT
THAT TIME!

IT WILL BE
TROUBLE
THAT THE WORLD HAS
NEVER SEEN SINCE IT
BEGAN, AND NEVER
WILL SEE AGAIN!

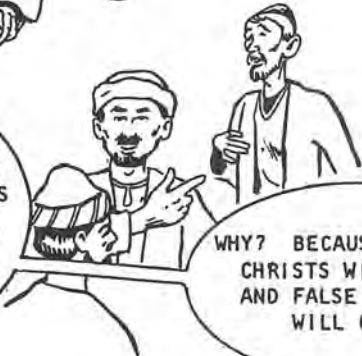


IF THEY WERE NOT SHORT, NO PERSON WOULD BE SAVED **ALIVE!**

BUT THE DAYS OF THIS TERRIBLE TROUBLE WILL BE MADE SHORT FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S PEOPLE.



AT THAT TIME, IF ANY PERSON SAYS TO YOU, "LOOK, HERE IS CHRIST!" OR "LOOK, THERE IS CHRIST!" DON'T BELIEVE IT!



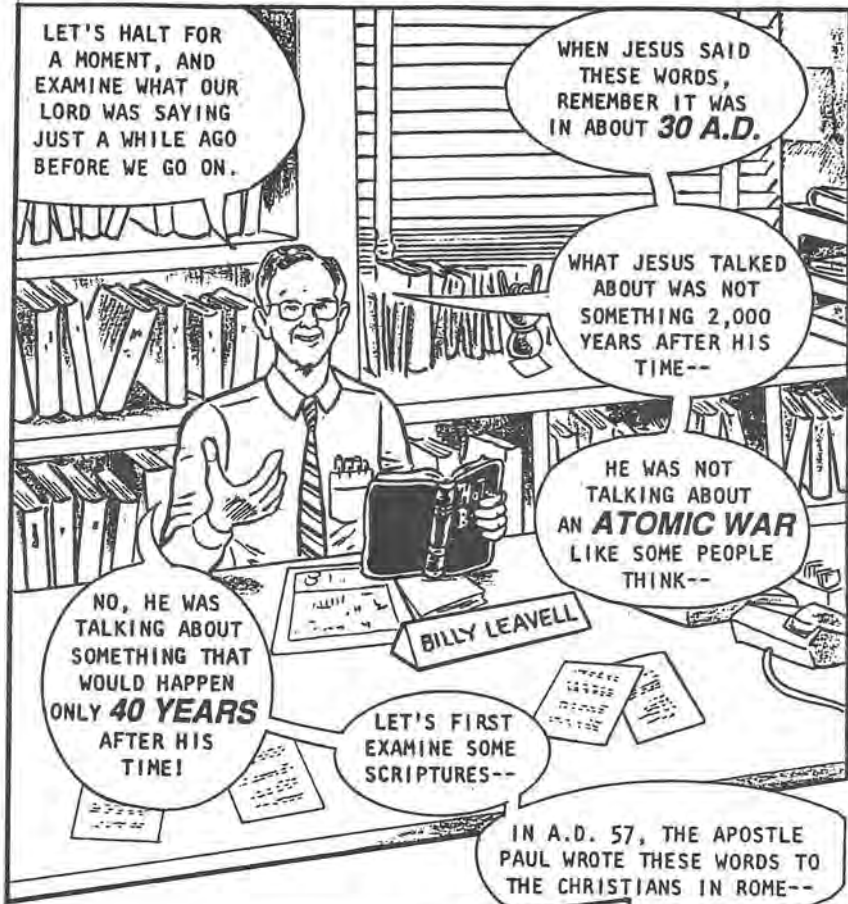
WHY? BECAUSE **FALSE** CHRISTS WILL COME, AND **FALSE** PROPHETS WILL COME!

MATTHEW 24:22-25;
MARK 13:21-23

THEY WILL SHOW GREAT **SIGNS** AND **WONDERS** IN A WAY THAT IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THEY WOULD FOOL EVEN GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE!



REMEMBER, I'VE TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE!



But I say. Have they not heard? Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.
ROMANS 10:18 KING JAMES VERSION



AND THEN FOUR YEARS LATER,
IN A.D. 62, PAUL WROTE TO
THE CHURCH IN COLOSSAE--



...the gospel, which ye have heard, and which
was preached to every creature which is under
heaven...
COLOSSIANS 1:23 KING JAMES VERSION

NOW A QUESTION HERE: WAS THE GOSPEL **LITERALLY**
PREACHED TO **ALL** THE WORLD IN A.D. 62?

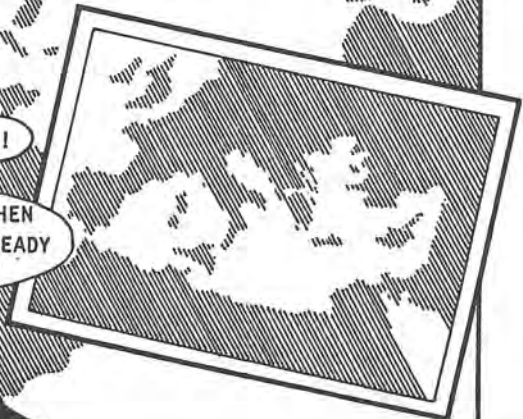
DID THE GOSPEL
REACH THE **ESKIMOS**
IN THE NORTH?

DID THE GOSPEL
REACH THE **INDIANS**
IN BOTH NORTH AND
SOUTH AMERICA?

NO!

THEN WHAT DID PAUL MEAN WHEN
HE SAID THE GOSPEL HAD ALREADY
GONE TO **ALL** THE WORLD?

HE MEANT THE **KNOWN**
WORLD IN HIS TIME--
THE **ROMAN EMPIRE!**



AS PROOF, READ LUKE 2:1
WHERE CAESAR AUGUSTUS ORDERED
ALL THE 'WORLD' TO BE ENROLLED!



AS WE ALL KNOW, HISTORY SHOWS
THE ROMAN EMPIRE DID **NOT** COVER
ALL THE WORLD, BUT IT **DID** COVER
WHAT WAS THEN KNOWN.

SO-- NOTICE IN MATTHEW
24:14 WHERE JESUS SAID
THE GOSPEL MUST BE
PREACHED IN ALL THE
WORLD AS A WITNESS TO
ALL NATIONS... AND THEN
THE **END** WOULD COME.

BUT WHAT WAS MEANT
BY "**THE WORLD**"?...
AND WHAT WAS MEANT
BY "**THE END**"?

FIRST OF ALL-- THE "**WORLD**"
JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS
THE **ROMAN EMPIRE** NOT
THE WHOLE GLOBE!

WHEN JESUS
TALKED ABOUT
"THE END", HE
TALKED ABOUT
THE END OF THE
**JEWISH
NATION--**
NOT THE WHOLE
GLOBE!

AS WE WILL SEE, JESUS
DID LATER TALK ABOUT THE
END OF THE WORLD AND
HIS **SECOND COMING...**

BUT THE **FIRST PART** OF HIS
TALK COVERED ONLY SOMETHING
THAT HAPPENED IN A.D. 70--
**40 YEARS AFTER HIS
TIME!**

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THIS **TERRIBLE** TROUBLE THAT DESTROYED THE NATION OF THE JEWS IN A.D. 70!

THE GOSPEL HAD ALREADY GONE THROUGH **ALL THE ROMAN EMPIRE** AS A WITNESS... AND THEN THE **END** CAME FOR THE JEWISH NATION.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE WAS TIRED OF THE REBELLIOUS JEWS!

TITUS WAS THE CAPTAIN SENT TO JERUSALEM WITH HIS ARMY.

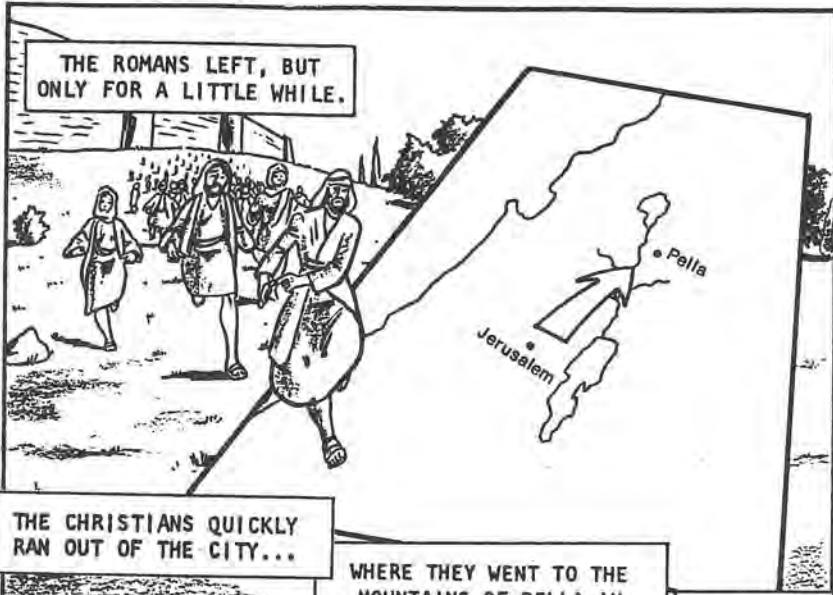
IT WAS THE YEAR A.D. 66.

THIS WAS THE SIGNAL FOR THOSE WHO WERE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST IN THE CITY!

THEY REMEMBERED JESUS' WARNING 40 YEARS BEFORE!

OUR LORD SAID THE PROPHET DANIEL SPOKE ABOUT A TERRIBLE THING CAUSING DESTRUCTION! THIS MUST BE IT!

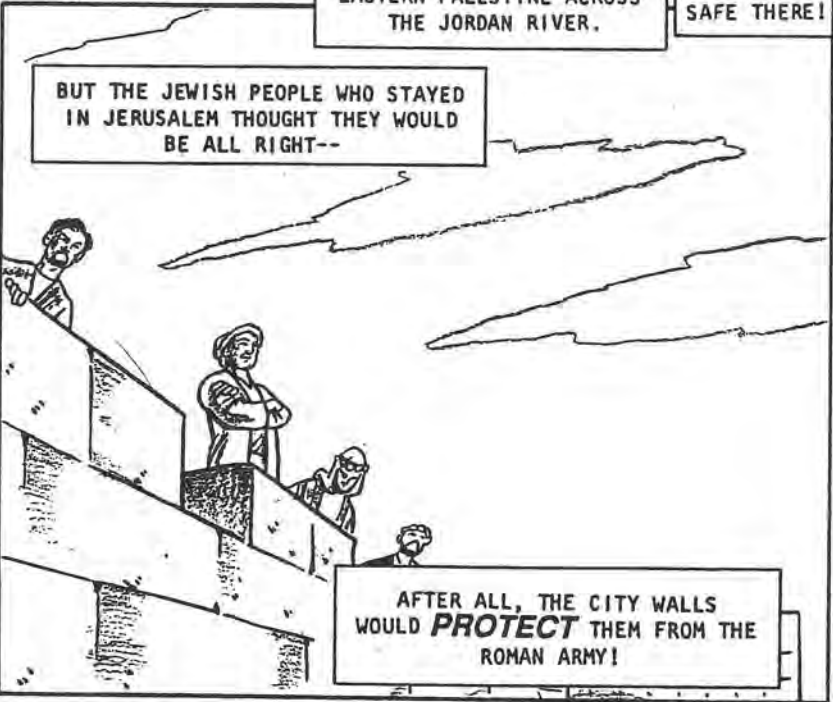
YES! AND HE WARNED IF WE WERE IN JUDAEA, WE SHOULD RUN AWAY TO THE MOUNTAINS!



THE CHRISTIANS QUICKLY RAN OUT OF THE CITY...


WHERE THEY WENT TO THE MOUNTAINS OF PELLA IN EASTERN PALESTINE ACROSS THE JORDAN RIVER.

THEY WERE SAFE THERE!




BUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE WHO STAYED IN JERUSALEM THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE ALL RIGHT--

AFTER ALL, THE CITY WALLS WOULD **PROTECT** THEM FROM THE ROMAN ARMY!



BUT THE ROMAN ARMY SOON CAME BACK
AND SPREAD AROUND THE CITY UNTIL
NO ONE COULD COME INTO THE CITY...
OR COME OUT.



WE REMIND YOU THAT WHEN JESUS
LOOKED AT JERUSALEM, HE WEPT...

OH, IF ONLY YOU HAD **KNOWN** TODAY
THE THINGS THAT HOLD YOUR PEACE!
BUT NOW THEY ARE HIDDEN FROM
YOUR EYES...

FOR THE DAYS WILL COME
WHEN YOUR ENEMIES WILL
DIG A TRENCH AROUND YOU
AND SURROUND YOU ON EVERY
SIDE.

THEN THEY WILL
DESTROY YOU, SO
THAT YOU ARE
EVEN WITH
THE GROUND--
AND YOUR CHILDREN
WITH YOU TOO!

WHY? BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW
WHEN THE LORD **VISITED** YOU!

LUKE 19:41-44



AND **THAT**
IS THE
TIME WE
ARE LOOKING
AT NOW!

FOR MANY
MONTHS THE
ROMAN ARMY
STAYED
AROUND THE
CITY OF
JERUSALEM.



FOOD IN
THE CITY
BEGAN TO
RUN OUT.



PEOPLE WERE
SICK...



PEOPLE WERE
HUNGRY...

WHEN THEIR SUPPLY
OF ANIMALS RAN OUT...



THEY ATE PEOPLE WHO HAD DIED.

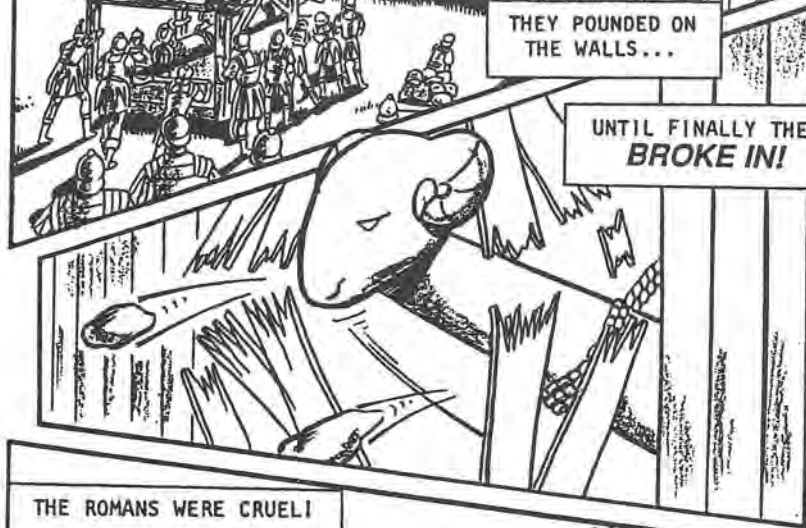
SOME EVEN ATE SMALL BABIES.



FINALLY THE ROMAN ARMY
ATTACKED THE CITY!

THEY POUNDED ON
THE WALLS...

UNTIL FINALLY THEY
BROKE IN!



THE ROMANS WERE CRUEL!



THEY KILLED THOUSANDS
OF JEWS!

THE JEWISH HISTORIAN
JOSEPHUS SAID THE ROMANS
TOOK **97,000** JEWS INTO
SLAVERY!



THIS DRAWING IS BASED ON A RELIEF SCULPTURE
FOUND IN ROME, ITALY. IT SHOWS THE ROMAN ARMY
BRINGING THE TREASURES OF JERUSALEM'S TEMPLE
BACK TO ROME!

THE ROMANS BEGAN TO
DESTROY THE CITY!



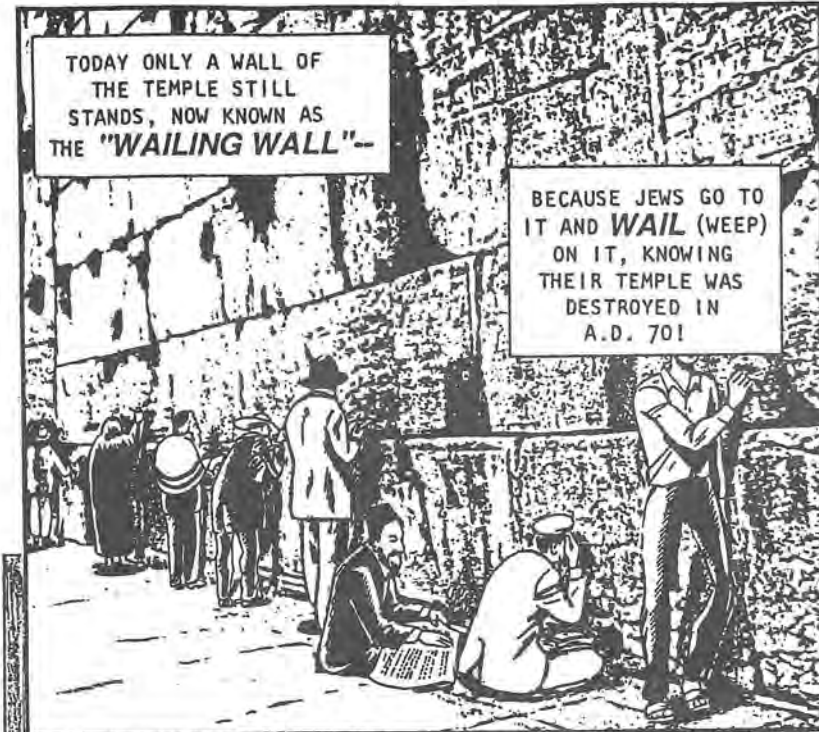
THEY BURNED HOUSES AND
BUILDINGS...

AND THE **TEMPLE**, WHICH WAS
MUCH LOVED BY THE JEWISH
PEOPLE, WAS DESTROYED!

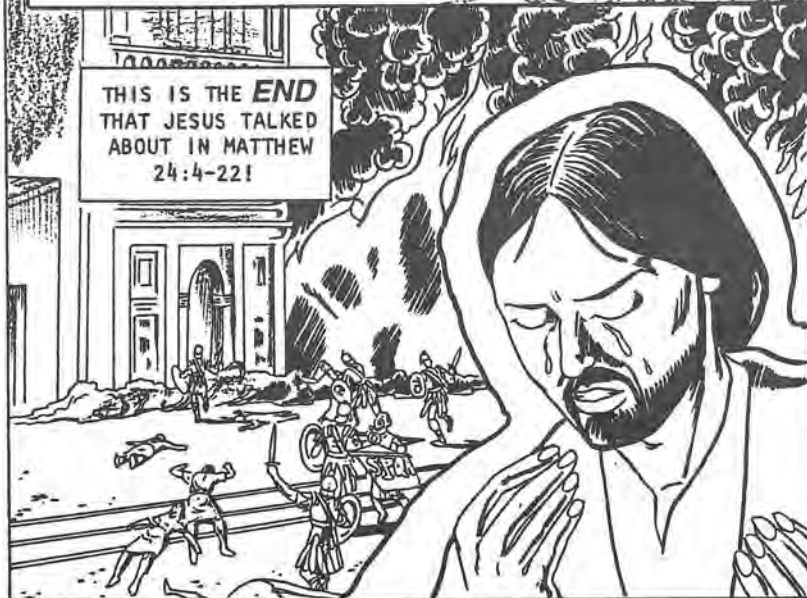


TODAY ONLY A WALL OF
THE TEMPLE STILL
STANDS, NOW KNOWN AS
THE "WAILING WALL"--

BECAUSE JEWS GO TO
IT AND **WAIL** (WEEP)
ON IT, KNOWING
THEIR TEMPLE WAS
DESTROYED IN
A.D. 70!



THIS IS THE **END**
THAT JESUS TALKED
ABOUT IN MATTHEW
24:4-22!



We do not run ads, but we do run occasional "ads" for free on workshops for the deaf. The congregation at East Ridge in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has asked us to run the below. The Lord willing, I personally will be there. I hope to see some of you there!

14TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE WORKSHOP FOR THE DEAF, May 14 - 16



HOSTED BY
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After much thanks and gratitude to the Hermitage Church of Christ, the Chattanooga area is proud to host this wonderful event. These three congregations have cooperated together with the guidance of the Lord and are praying for family growth-- spiritual and physical. When families are grounded (rooted) in the Word, they will be drawn toward God (the Light). This will cause spiritual growth for both the family and the Church.

THEME: "FAMILY GROWTH" FRIDAY, MAY 14

6:00 P.M. -- 8:00 P.M.	.....	Registration
8:00 P.M. -- 9:00 P.M.	.....	Larry Judd--Physical Growth Dan Mayfield--Spiritual Growth George McBrayer--Summary Fellowship
9:00 P.M. -- ?????	.....

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:00 A.M. -- 9:45 A.M.	.....	Coffee & donuts
9:45 A.M. -- 10:00 A.M.	.....	Welcome--Larry Judd
10:00 A.M. -- 11:00 A.M.	.....	Roy Price "Become like little Children in Your Hearts"
11:00 A.M. -- 11:15 A.M.	.....	Break
11:15 A.M. -- 12:00 noon	.....	Leonard Jordan - "He Grew"
12:00 noon -- 1:30 P.M.	.....	Catered Lunch
1:30 P.M. -- 2:30 P.M.	.....	Frank Rushing "Always Treat Them In a Good Way"
2:45 P.M. -- 3:15 P.M.	.....	Business about 1994
3:15 P.M.	.....	Dismiss for family activities
7:00 P.M. -- 9:00 P.M.	.....	Homemade ice cream/East Ridge

** Nursery and classes for children from 9:45 -- 12 noon.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:30 A.M.	Worship	.....	Paul Jones - "The Best Way of All"
9:30 A.M.	Class	James Floyd - "A Person Must Be Born Again" -
10:30 A.M.	Worship	Billy Leavell - "Every Person Who Uses What He Has. "

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