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Matthew 24:14 ESV And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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**II. LOOK with watchfulness for the return of Christ Jesus.**

Turn over to a parallel passage in Luke 21.

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