Mt 24:24 - what will happen in the last days

For **false christs and false prophets** will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, **even the elect**.

2 Tim 4:1-4

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

2 Corinthians 11:12-15

And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, **disguising themselves as apostles of Christ**. 14 And no wonder, for even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light**. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, **disguise themselves as servants of righteousness**. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Deut 18:18-22

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' 21 And if you say in your heart, '<u>How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken</u>?'— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

1 John 4:1-6

1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit**, but **test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for <u>many false</u> <u>prophets</u> have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 <u>They are from the world</u>; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God <u>listens to us</u>; <u>whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we</u> <u>know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.</u>**

Mt 7:15-20

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in <u>sheep's clothing</u> but inwardly are <u>ravenous wolves</u>. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Acts 17:10

The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, <u>examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.</u>

2 Peter 2:1-3

But <u>false prophets</u> also arose among the people, just as there will be <u>false teachers</u> among you, who will **secretly bring in destructive heresies**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their <u>sensuality</u>, and because of them the way of truth will be **blasphemed**. 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.