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OFFENSES

LESSON 1

TITLE: SILENT KILLER (Part I)

Matthew 24 Jesus is giving the signs of the end of this age.

Matthew 24:10

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Matthew 24:11

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Matthew 24:12

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24:13

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

MANY DECEIVED.

RUMORS OF WARS.

FAMINES.

PESTILENCES.

EARTHQUAKES

OFFENSES.

OFFENSE IS A PROGRESSION:

Betrayal, then hate (SILENT KILLER)

Matthew 24:10

*And then shall **many be offended...*** (constituting or forming a large number; numerous)

Who are the many or the offended? **Christians.**

Proverbs 18:19

*A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city,
And contentions are like the bars of a castle.*

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Offended people build walls to keep you out.

New Testament calls them strong holds. (SILENT KILLER)

2 Corinthians 10:4

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

Offended people find scripture to back their position.

The knowledge of God without love is destructive and leads to deception.

An offended heart is the breeding ground of deception.

Luke 17:1

Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!"

Be careful not to pick up someone else's offense.

If you hear something I supposedly said...

Matthew 18:7

Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

Offense is a SILENT KILLER