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## The Book of Luke chapter 21

A Study of the Signs of the Time,  
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The Lord Jesus surely wanted us to know about **the future** and **He had much to say**. This study will **focus** on a passage about the **End Time** in the Book of Luke (verses 25-36).

**LUK.21:25** "And there will be **signs** in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth **distress of nations, with perplexity**, the sea and the waves **roaring**;

**"There will be signs..."**

Genesis 1:14-15 tells us that God made the stars and planets primarily "for **signs**, and for **seasons** and for days, and years" ... as well as "for **lights**"!

"Canst thou bind the sweet **influences** of Pleiades?"--one of the constellation of stars; "or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" You'll find these in Job Chapter 38, verses 31 and 32, one of the oldest, wisest books in the Bible! And did you know that "the stars in their courses fought against Sisera?" in Judges 5:20.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8* explains that God has a **set time** for everything. It was even the proper reading of a **star that led the wise men** to Jesus' birthplace. The mistake which the ancients often made, and which the Bible condemns, was their worship of the stars, and of astrology, their tendency to worship the Creation more than the Creator. (*Romans 1:25*) We can admire, **not worship**, God's glorious Creation and we can wonder at its marvels, even the way the stars influence us, as **a part of His great machinery for controlling the universe and you.**

***“The sea and the waves roaring...”***

The peoples of the Earth are often likened unto **the sea and waves** in the Bible. (*Is.57:20,21*) So here He's actually speaking symbolically of the peoples and nations of the World--their wars, rumors of wars, rebellions, riots and terrorism, *"The sea and the waves roaring"*, meaning the whole World and its peoples are uprising, roaring and there's **chaos!** Jesus is the One Who's speaking here in Luke and He is telling you exactly what's already happening today. Every time you turn on the television or you go on the internet, it roars with more problems. --Terrible things!! The sea of peoples of the Earth with their waves, their leaders, roaring in the Last Days!







**ISA.57:20, 21** *But the wicked are **like the troubled sea**, when **it cannot rest**, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*

**LUK.21:26** *"men's hearts failing them from **fear** and the **expectation of those things which are coming** on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.*

There was a time when people **were not** living in fear and terror! They might have been living in poverty, destitution and sometimes hunger, but they didn't live in fear of being annihilated with an atom bomb in a nuclear war! But ever since World War II and the nuclear annihilation of over 100,000 innocent people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, it seemed like many abandoned their faith in God. In recent years, there is the fear of terrorism in the wake of the Twin Towers catastrophe. Climate change (whether real or exaggerated) and the covid virus and its many variants have resulted in a level of fear never seen before.



The world's attitude has descended now into disillusionment, cynicism, skepticism, pessimism and loss of faith in God. And loss of faith even in science, once the “*sacred cow*” that they worshipped, that they thought could solve everything. But the arrival of the atomic bomb put a pin in that balloon and showed that science itself had created one of the World's greatest problems: the awesome specter of a nuclear holocaust! Fear, stress, strain, all these things they talk about people having and dying from heart trouble and high blood pressure, it's all fear! The Bible just calls it a plain and simple little four-letter word for what it is, ***fear***!

They've got all kinds of nice words to call it nowadays--stress, tension, apprehension--all kinds of fancy cover-up words of psychology and medicine, whereas it all sums up to exactly one and the same thing, and that's **fear**. In the **Last Days**, men's hearts failing them **for fear**!





People today are literally **scared to death**, worrying themselves to death! Haven't we all heard the saying about worrying yourself to death? **Fear is not of God**, "*perfect love casts out all fear.*"-- 1Jn.4:18. So don't be afraid! You've got Jesus! You don't have to worry, you don't have to fear.



**LUK.21:27** *Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

Jesus says here that when He comes again, it will be with **power** and **great majesty**!

The Bible contains numerous prophecies regarding His Second Coming, when Christ will return to Earth, not as a meek and mild baby in a manger, but as the Mighty **King of kings** and Lord of lords that He is! -- Who will take over this World by force and put an end to the cruel and chaotic reign of our present world order! God has promised this in several prophetic revelations:



**PSA.2:8-9** Ask of me, and **I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance**, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. **Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.**

**MAT.28:18** Jesus spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

**DAN.2:44** And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.**

**REV.19:16** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**





**LUK.21:28** *"Now when these things **begin** to happen, **look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.**"*

Earlier in this chapter from verses 8 to 19, Jesus gave many "*Signs of the Times*," that we should be aware of, so that we will know when He is about to return. He predicted that, just before His Coming, there will be false deceiving Christs, that we will hear of wars, nations rising against nations, that there will be a dramatic increase in famines (shortages), pestilences (virus, Covid, Omicron etc) and earthquakes in various places. Just as it is today! He also said that there would be persecution and the followers of Christ would be hated.

**Christian beliefs and principles are surely being attacked** right and left, in movies, tv series, medias, politics etc. They are not respected as they used to be.



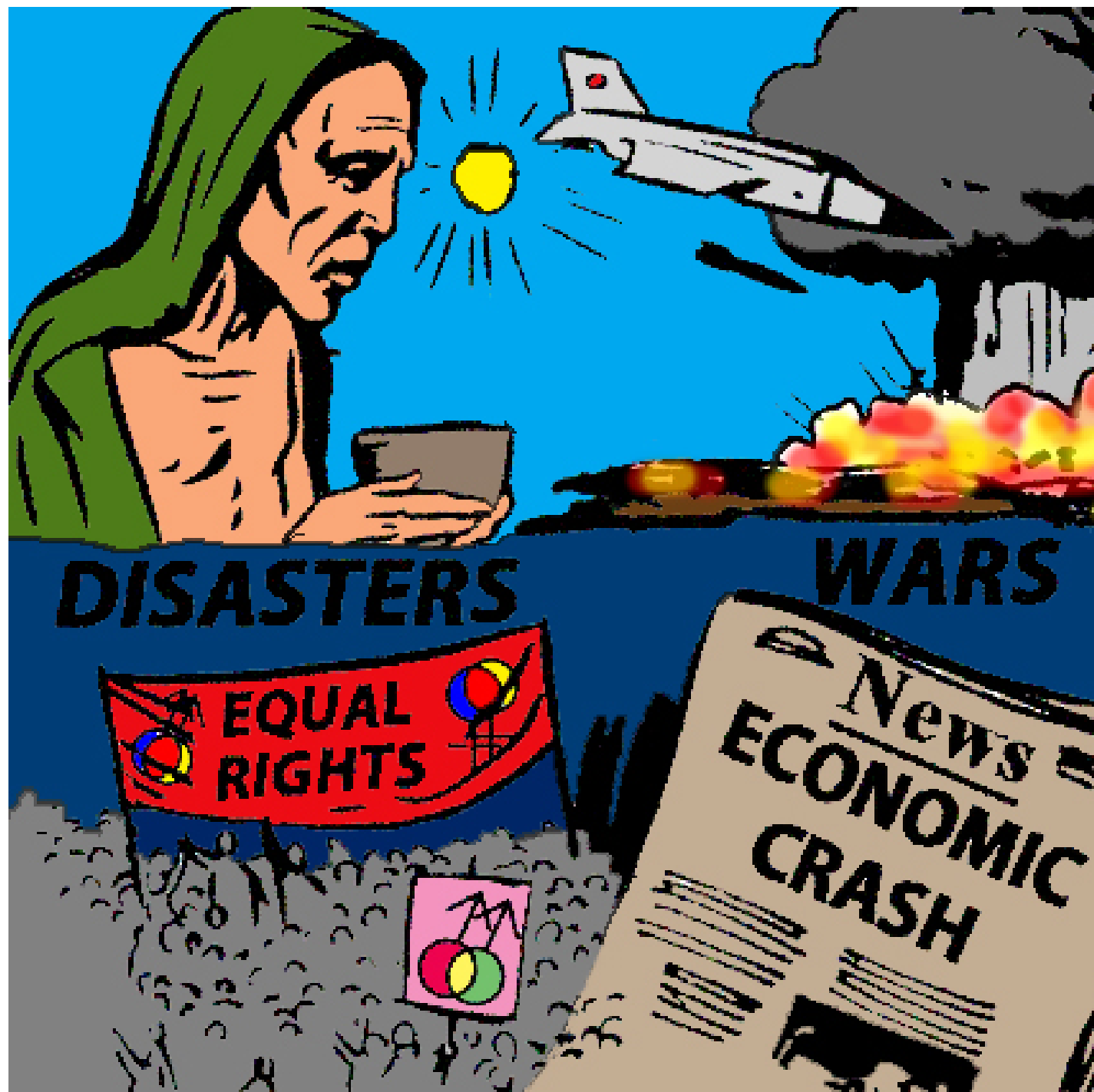
*"When these things begin to happen."* He wasn't talking only to His disciples back then, 2,000 years ago, because they didn't get to see Him coming -- *"with power and great glory"*! **He's talking to us!** He says, *"You, when you will see all these things come to pass!"*--You! Right now! You who are living in these Last Days! He says, *"look up and **lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.**"*

We won't hang our heads in sadness or fear, but will **lift up** our heads and be **thankful that He is coming** and that our Salvation has arrived! No more worry, **no more fear**, we can **rejoice, for our redemption draweth near!**

In other words, the curtain has been drawn aside on the last scene of earth's great drama, and the act has begun; it cannot stop now! It is impossible! It will keep right on going, fulfilling these promises of the Word of God until all these things be fulfilled!







**All of the signs are pointing to the End!** And from all we can gather from His Word and the sad state of affairs of this world, the Antichrist could appear very soon! So to say the least, we're living in very exciting times and there are soon going to be some very big global changes made! **If you are awake, you will see** what is happening.

The whole thing is coming to a head soon, hell-bent on a crash course to catastrophe and the end of humanity's foolish, wasteful, wanton, destructive rule on earth! --Waste, pollution, climate change, starvation, monetary crises, energy crises, economic disaster, political chaos, the Great Confusion, the rise of the Antichrist one-World government, the Great Tribulation, ending with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to establish His loving, Heavenly Kingdom on Earth!



**LUK.21:29** Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

**LUK.21:30** "When they are already **budding**, you see and **know** for yourselves that summer is now near.

**LUK.21:31** "So you also, **when you see** these things happening, **know** that the kingdom of God is near.

**LUK.21:32** "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.





Jesus very simply and plainly tells us more about how we can tell when these final, tremendous, Earth-shaking events are about to happen. He said that it's like that season when you see the blossoms of the trees and the flowers, and you know that summer is coming soon. Likewise, **you'll know** that His Coming is very near **when you see** these different events which we've already covered here come to pass. You say, *"Well, most of them don't sound like blossoms and flowers to me! They sound more like thorns and thistles, briars and horrors!"*--Not for those who love Jesus and have the hope of His soon return!





Every sign that appears, no matter how bad it may look to the world or how horrible it may seem to be, is another blossom, because we know **the worse it gets, the sooner it's going to get better**, the sooner Jesus is going to return! Every bit of news we read in the newspapers that shows the End is near, to us, all of these signs are flowers and blossoms of fulfilments of His prophecies and signs of His soon coming!



--Signs of the Summer that is near, of the beautiful Golden Age, the Springtime of the Coming of Jesus and the rising up of His *"flowers"* from the Earth, *"the dead in Christ that shall rise first"*! (1Th.4:16) --The Resurrection!

What is Spring like? --It's like a *resurrection*! Throughout the dismal Winter it seems like everything is dead, but as that great sun begins to appear and it grows warmer day by day, things begin to spring from the Earth! That which seemed to be dead arises and there's a resurrection of the Earth in the Springtime! --Because the Sun is coming!



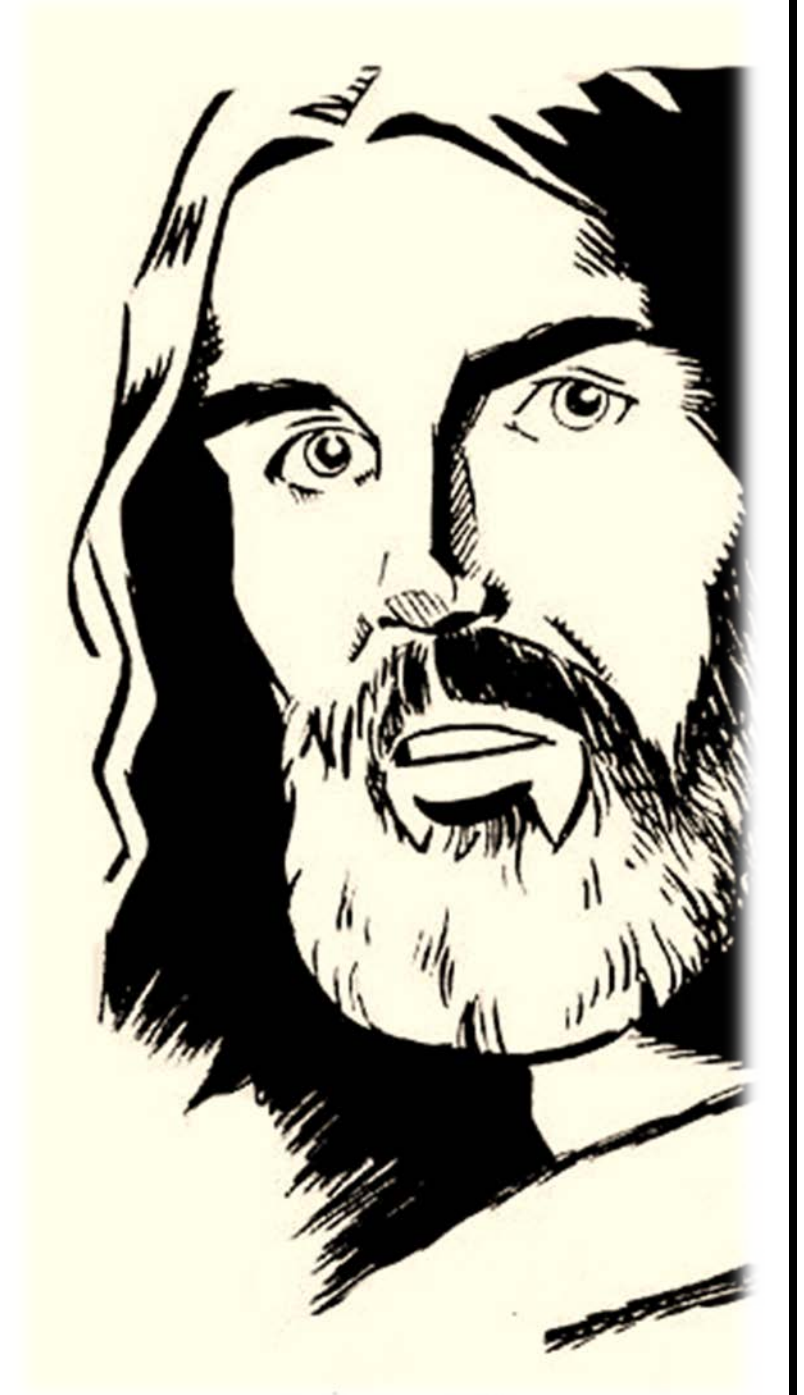
In this chapter as well as in Matthew 24 and Mark 13, Jesus delivers a resume of future End Time events that is more descriptive and specific than that of any prophet in the Bible. So obviously, He wants us to **"see" and "look" at the Signs of His Coming** being fulfilled before He returns so that we can *"discern the Signs of the Times"!* (Mt. 16:3)

**LUK.21:33** "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**LUK.21:34** And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and **cares of this life**, and so that day come upon you **unawares**.

**LUK.21:35** For **as a snare** shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

**LUK.21:36** **"Watch** therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."







Despite all the warnings of God's Prophets, and all of the World events which point to the Second Coming of Christ and the End of the Age as we know it, most people today still won't believe! *"Oh, they've been saying for centuries that Jesus is coming back, and He hasn't come yet!"*--Unwittingly they themselves are a fulfillment of an End time prophecy: *"There shall come in the Last Days **scoffers**, saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For all things continue as they were from the beginning of the Creation!'"* (2Pet.3:3,4)

**Jesus said**, *"In the days that were before the Flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the Ark, and they knew not until the flood came and took them all away!"* What did He mean, they *"knew not"*?

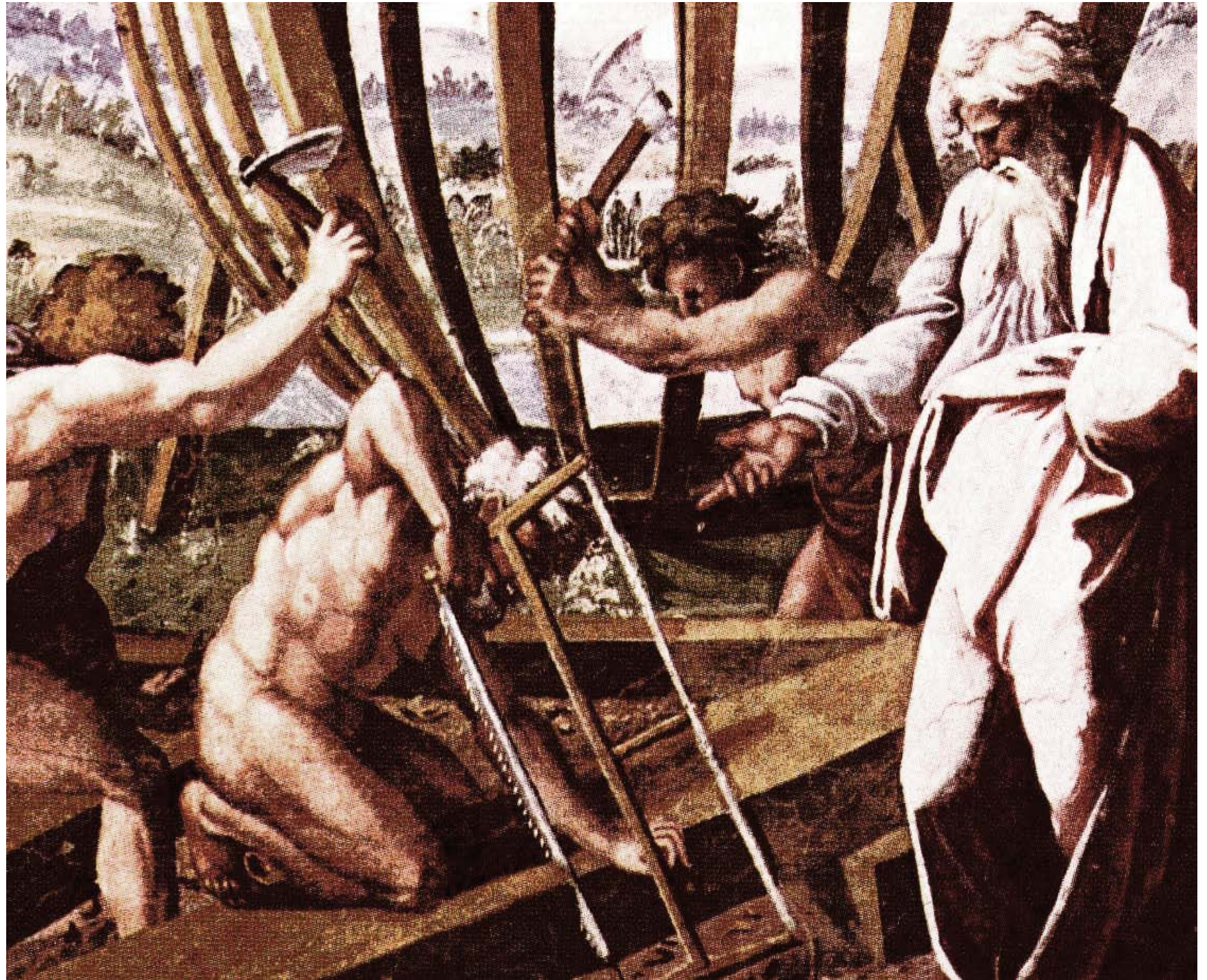
Noah had been telling them for 120 years! What He really meant is they would not **believe** until it happened, and then it was **too late**! *"So shall it be,"* Jesus went on, *"when the Son of Man returns!"* (Mat.24:37-39)



Who knew not? --The evil-doers and the “*willingly ignorant*”, as the apostle Peter puts it. (2Peter 3:5)

Who knew? --Noah! He knew what was going to happen, he was expecting it! He wasn't one of those who knew not! --He knew!

And **God wants you to know!** --You are here, now, and the End is near! And as we look into Bible Prophecy, you will see that it's obvious things are getting closer and closer to the End! --Every sign points to it; there is every indication that you're going to be living through these very days of the Endtime! Now is the End of the Age of which all the prophets spoke!







Above all that, the main thing you need to know is summed up in one little verse, *John 3:16: "For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life!"*

**Are you prepared?** Have you personally received Jesus into your heart? I hope you've accepted and received Him so that you can look forward to these future events, not with fear and trembling, but with hope, faith and assurance that God's going to see you through, He's going to rescue you out of it all and take you to be with Him, to live with Him forever!

If you haven't done so yet, please pray this simple prayer to receive the One who sacrificed Himself that you might thrive and flourish, both now and in the Afterlife:

*"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank you for Your forgiveness of all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. And I invite Your Holy Spirit to fill me with Your presence, guidance, and comfort. Thank you for your free gift of eternal life. Amen."*

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