

## Signs of the Time (Podcast)

Matthew 24:1-5

September is the high month for hurricanes in the Atlantic. As a resident of Florida, I am too familiar with these natural disasters. Natural Disasters



### **Temple Destruction Foretold**

(Mark 13:1-9; Luke 21:5-9)(Isaiah 60:1-4)

**1**And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. **2**And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. **3**And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? **4**And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

### **False Christs**

**5**For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. **6**And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: **for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.** **7**For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **8****All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

### God Is Not a Liar (Matt 25:5)

“All these things **MUST** come to pass **but the end is not yet**”. Here is a critical warning for us to have the “*Patience of the saints (Revelation 14:12-20)*”.

Here, Jesus refers to Isaiah when he spoke of the action of mankind being ‘worse’ than natural disaster. What? Can mankind be worse than floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc? A staggering yes! “*For behold the darkness shall cover the earth and the gross darkness the people disasters (Isaiah 60:2)*”. Remember, early in creation God noted that Mankind was

impossible to contain (Genesis 6:5,6). Consequently, He destroyed mankind through the Flood and re-rooted thru Noah.

### Do Not Test God

Deuteronomy [16](#) *Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. [17](#)Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. [18](#)And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, [19](#)To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.*

During these natural disasters, you have people willing to challenge life(death) by avoiding shelter and receiving adequate care. Rather there are [thrill seekers](#) who tempt nature (God). Why? Tempting God is a recipe for disaster, yet mankind is subject to find misfortune through curiosity. *Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward (job 5:7)*. God said *“It is My will that you should live and not die” (Psalms 118:17-23)*. Jesus noted how precious life is to all living creatures, and to chance it on curiosity is absurd. *“The thief cometh not but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)*.

All efforts by God point toward Jesus’ return to gather His bride (Ephesians 5:22-33). However, many obstacles await those identifying with Christ (Matt 24:5). Thus, Jesus asks us to bear up arms against those who would deny our relationship with Him. Amid natural disasters and (even worse) a dark mankind, we are told to *“stand in a Holy place”*. Once we recognized the day and night terrors spoken by Daniel the Prophet. Then Jesus adds, *Whoso readeth, let him understand” (Matt 24:15)*.

Comfortingly, Jesus notes “Let not your hearts be troubled (by all of this): Ye believe in God (important) believe also in me. In my father’s house are many mansions -if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you...and I will come again (for you).

### Key Points

1. God is not a liar - These disasters must occur to begin the ending of the world
2. Do not believe in false people in high places nor family who seek to turn you away from Christ.
3. When you recognize these occurrences Stand in a Holy Place

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