

A large wooden ark is under construction on a dirt field. The ark is made of many vertical wooden posts and horizontal beams, forming a long, rectangular structure with a curved roof. In the background, there are mountains and a sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, there are stacks of logs and a wooden fence.

# AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

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We learned last week that anyone can escape the final wrath of God, this final judgment by fire, and that is through the righteousness of God. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit or Latter Rain is taking place right now with many speaking of the coming judgment which is reward/punishment or heaven/hell.

We looked at Noah, Daniel, Job, Lot and Jeremiah last week and found that before the judgment came, people were warned and those who were found righteous escaped the punishment. God is not trying to sneak up on anyone about the judgment at the Time of the End either. He does not come unannounced, no warnings, nor does He try to catch someone unaware like “a thief in the night” for those who listened, believed or had faith and then did the works so they would be spared.

For those who don't know the signs, even believers, the Bible said they will be caught unaware like “a thief in the night”.

Jesus told us about this time frame that is coming, that it would be ***just like the days of Noah and Lot***. He told us multiple signs all throughout His Word and what to do with that information.

**Luke 21:36 KJV**

36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always**, that ye may be accounted worthy to **escape all these things** that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

**Matthew 24:33 AMPC**

33 So also **when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass**, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

It is God's nature to bring the righteous out of trouble. This is the ***Law Of Escape*** and this is the character of God. But, we need to watch, know the signs of His return so we don't get caught unaware, not ready, sidetracked by the problems that satan wants us to focus on and false teaching. Listen to what Paul wrote in Chapter 12 of Hebrews and remember, this is the chapter after the members of the "Hall of Faith" are listed.

**Hebrews 12:1-17 AMPC**

1 Therefore then, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], **let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us**, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,

2 **Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus**, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 **Just think of Him** Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], **so that you may not grow weary or exhausted, losing heart and relaxing and fainting in your minds.**

4 You have not yet struggled and fought agonizingly against sin, nor have you yet resisted and withstood to the point of pouring out your [own] blood.

5 And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal and encouragement in which you are reasoned with and addressed as sons? **My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reprovved or corrected by Him;**

6 For **the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves**, and **He punishes**, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes.

7 **You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline;** God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline?

8 **Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all].**

9 Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] and respected [them for training us]. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live?

10 For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but **He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.**

11 **For the time being** no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; **but afterwards** it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness—in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God].

12 So then, brace up and reinvigorate and set right your slackened and weakened and drooping hands and strengthen your feeble and palsied and tottering knees,

13 And cut through and make firm and plain and smooth, straight paths for your feet [yes, make them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction], so that the lame and halting [limbs] may not be put out of joint, but rather may be cured.

14 Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord.

15 **Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another],** to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred)

*shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it—*

**16 That no one may become guilty of sexual vice, or become a profane (godless and sacrilegious) person as Esau did, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.**

**17 For you understand that later on,** *when he wanted [to regain title to] his inheritance of the blessing, he was rejected (disqualified and set aside), for he could find no opportunity to repair by repentance [what he had done, no chance to recall the choice he had made], although he sought for it carefully with [bitter] tears.*

Paul is telling us get ready, get rid of the “things” in God’s Word that will prevent us from spending eternity with Christ. This verse goes against “once saved always saved” doctrine.

Paul also gives the Church instructions about the time of The End in First and Second Thessalonians. The Church at that time thought they were going through the Tribulation as was foretold by the prophets and Paul had to settle them down by giving more clarity or revelation to the information.

In Chapter 4 of 1 Thessalonians, Paul describes the Rapture and who is going. He said that those who died righteous (ex: Noah, Daniel, Job, Lot and Jeremiah) and those who are alive and imitators of Christ will be raptured up together !

As a result of the Apostle Paul’s letters we benefit greatly regarding the signs that will be happening and are happening before the Rapture of the Church and the Tribulation to follow.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-28 AMPC**

1 *But as to the suitable times and the precise seasons and dates, brethren, you have no necessity for anything being written to you.*

2 *For you yourselves know perfectly well that **the day of the [return of the] Lord will come [as unexpectedly and suddenly] as a thief in the night.***

3 ***When people are saying, All is well and secure, and, There is peace and safety,** then in a moment unforeseen destruction (ruin and death) will come upon them as suddenly as labor pains come upon a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape, for there will be no escape.*

4 *But you are not in [given up to the power of] darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief.*

5 *For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness.*

6 *Accordingly then, let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect).*

7 *For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night.*

8 *But we belong to the day; therefore, let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

9 ***For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath** [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)*

10 *Who died for us so that whether we are still alive or are dead [at Christ's appearing], we might live together with Him and share His life.*

**11 Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing.**

12 Now also we beseech you, brethren, get to know those who labor among you [**recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all**]**—your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you.**

**13 And hold them in very high and most affectionate esteem in [intelligent and sympathetic] appreciation of their work.** Be at peace among yourselves.

14 And we earnestly beseech you, brethren, **admonish (warn and seriously advise)** those who are out of line [the loafers, the disorderly, and the unruly]; **encourage** the timid and fainthearted, help and give your support to the weak souls, [and] **be very patient** with everybody [always keeping your temper].<sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness and seek to do good to one another and to everybody.

16 Be happy [in your faith] and rejoice and be glad-hearted continually (always);

**17 Be unceasing in prayer** [praying perseveringly];

18 Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].

19 Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;

**20 Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets [do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning].**

**21 But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast.**

*22 Abstain from evil [shrink from it and keep aloof from it] in whatever form or whatever kind it may be.*

*23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).*

*24 Faithful is He Who is calling you [to Himself] and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it [fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you].*

*25 Brethren, pray for us.*

*26 Greet all the brethren with a sacred kiss.*

*27 I solemnly charge you [in the name of] the Lord to have this letter read before all the brethren.*

*28 The grace (the unmerited favor and blessings) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you all. Amen, (so be it).*

The reason it is so important for the believer, the imitator of Christ to pay attention to the signs of The End, that Jesus commanded us to know, is so we don't miss the Rapture. He made us, He knows us, so He is commanding us to watch the signs and pray always. To not get caught up in natural "feelings" which are opposite of faith.

There has, is, and will be things that happen in your life that if you allow it, will weigh you down. People will do things that you don't agree with, they will hurt your pride, you will be offended... don't allow those things to change your eternity.

The below passage in John chapter six, Jesus is speaking to a larger group of disciples or followers not just the original twelve disciples. He is explaining to them what it looks like to follow Him...

**John 6:16-69 AMPC**

*16 When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,  
17 And they took a boat and were going across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and still Jesus had not [yet] come back to them.*

*18 Meanwhile, the sea was getting rough and rising high because of a great and violent wind that was blowing.*

*19 [However] when they had rowed three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and approaching the boat. And they were afraid (terrified).*

*20 But Jesus said to them, It is I; be not afraid! [I Am; stop being frightened!]*

**21 Then they were quite willing and glad for Him to come into the boat.** *And now the boat went at once to the land they had steered toward. [And immediately they reached the shore toward which they had been slowly making their way.]*

*22 The next day the crowd [that still remained] standing on the other side of the sea realized that there had been only one small boat there, and that Jesus had not gone into it with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away by themselves.*

*23 But now some other boats from Tiberias had come in near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.*

*24 So the people, finding that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, themselves got into the small boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.*

25 And when they found Him on the other side of the lake, they said to Him, Rabbi! When did You come here?

26 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you have been searching for Me, not because you saw the miracles and signs but because you were fed with the loaves and were filled and satisfied.

**27 Stop toiling and doing and producing for the food that perishes and decomposes [in the using], but strive and work and produce rather for the [lasting] food which endures [continually] unto life eternal;** the Son of Man will give (furnish) you that, for God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal of endorsement upon Him.

**28 They then said, What are we to do, that we may [habitually] be working the works of God? [What are we to do to carry out what God requires?]**

29 Jesus replied, **This is the work (service) that God asks of you:** that you believe in the One Whom He has sent [that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger].

30 Therefore they said to Him, What sign (miracle, wonderwork) will You perform then, so that we may see it and believe and rely on and adhere to You? What [supernatural] work have You [to show what You can do]?

31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as the Scripture says, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.

32 Jesus then said to them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Moses did not give you the Bread from heaven [what Moses gave you was not the Bread from heaven], but it is My Father Who gives you the true heavenly Bread.

33 For the Bread of God is He Who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.

34 Then they said to Him, Lord, give us this bread always (all the time)!

35 Jesus replied, I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry, and he who believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me will never thirst any more (at any time).

36 But [as] I told you, although you have seen Me, still you do not believe and trust and have faith.

**37 All whom My Father gives (entrusts) to Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out [I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me].**

38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will and purpose but to do the will and purpose of Him Who sent Me.

**39 And this is the will of Him Who sent Me,** that I should not lose any of all that He has given Me, but that I should give new life and raise [them all] up at the last day.

**40 For this is My Father's will and His purpose,** that everyone who sees the Son and believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.

**41 Now the Jews murmured and found fault with and grumbled about Jesus because He said,** I am [Myself] the Bread that came down from heaven.

42 They kept asking, Is not this Jesus, the Son of Joseph, Whose father and mother we know? How then can He say, I have come down from heaven?

**43 So Jesus answered them, Stop grumbling and saying things against Me to one another.**

44 No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me, and [then] I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.

**45 It is written in [the book of] the Prophets, And they shall all be taught of God [have Him in person for their Teacher]. Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to Me—**

46 Which does not imply that anyone has seen the Father [not that anyone has ever seen Him] except He [Who was with the Father] Who comes from God; He [alone] has seen the Father.

**47 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, he who believes in Me [who adheres to, trusts in, relies on, and has faith in Me] has (now possesses) eternal life.**

48 I am the Bread of Life [that gives life—the Living Bread].

49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and [yet] they died.<sup>50</sup> [But] this is the Bread that comes down from heaven, so that [any]one may eat of it and never die.

51 I [Myself] am this Living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever; and also the Bread that I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh (body).

**52 Then the Jews angrily contended with one another, saying, How is He able to give us His flesh to eat?**

53 And Jesus said to them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you cannot have any life in you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood [unless you appropriate His life and the saving merit of His blood].

54 He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has (possesses now) eternal life, and I will raise him up [from the dead] on the last day.

55 For My flesh is true and genuine food, and My blood is true and genuine drink.

56 He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood dwells continually in Me, and I [in like manner dwell continually] in him.

57 Just as the living Father sent Me and I live by (through, because of) the Father, even so whoever continues to feed on Me [whoever takes Me for his food and is nourished by Me] shall [in his turn] live through and because of Me.

58 This is the Bread that came down from heaven. It is not like the manna which our forefathers ate, and yet died; he who takes this Bread for his food shall live forever.

**59 He said these things in a synagogue** while He was teaching at Capernaum.

**60 When His disciples heard this, many of them said, This is a hard and difficult and strange saying (an offensive and unbearable message). Who can stand to hear it? [Who can be expected to listen to such teaching?]**

61 But Jesus, knowing within Himself that His disciples were complaining and protesting and grumbling about it, said to them: **Is this a stumbling block and an offense to you? [Does this upset and displease and shock and scandalize you?]**

62 What then [will be your reaction] if you should see the Son of Man ascending to [the place] where He was before?

**63 It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it].**

**The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life.**

**64 But [still] some of you fail to believe and trust and have faith. For Jesus knew from the first who did not believe and had no faith** and who would betray Him and be false to Him.

65 And He said, This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him [unless he is enabled to do so] by the Father.

**66 After this, many of His disciples drew back (returned to their old associations) and no longer accompanied Him.**

67 Jesus said to the Twelve, **Will you also go away? [And do you too desire to leave Me?]**

68 Simon Peter answered, Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words (the message) of eternal life.**

69 And **we have learned to believe and trust, and [more] we have come to know** [surely] that You are the Holy One of God, the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of the living God.

Why does God keep telling us to be true to Him, to believe in Him? His wrath is about to be poured out and there will be many who desert Him. They will find it to difficult to keep believing, to live by faith (faith without works leads to death).

### **Romans 1:18 AMPC**

18 For God's [holy] wrath and indignation are revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress and hinder the truth and make it inoperative.

**Ephesians 5:6 AMPC**

6 Let no one **delude and deceive** you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these **things the wrath of God** comes upon the sons of rebellion and disobedience.

**Ephesians 5:6 KJV**

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh **the wrath of God** upon the children of disobedience.

**Romans 5:9 KJV**

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from **wrath through Him**.

Here is Paul, once again speaking to the church in Thessalonica about the persecution they were receiving under the Roman Empire. The Church thought they were going through the prophesied tribulation at that time, but, His Wrath, the Final Wrath was yet to come...

**1 Thessalonians 1:10 AMPC**

10 And [how you] look forward to and await the coming of His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, **Who personally rescues and delivers us out of and from the wrath [bringing punishment] which is coming** [upon the impenitent] and draws us to Himself [investing us with all the privileges and rewards of the new life in Christ, the Messiah].

**1 Thessalonians 5:9 AMPC**

**9 For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)**

It is very clear from just these few scriptures (there's many more) that God does not appoint righteous people to His wrath, those who are in habitual fellowship with Him, who love Him by being in covenant with Him shall escape.

**Genesis 5:1-3 AMPC**

*1 This is the book (the written record, the history) of the generations of the offspring of Adam. **When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.***

*2 He created them male and female and blessed them and named them [both] Adam [Man] at the time they were created.*

*3 When Adam had lived 130 years, **he had a son in his own likeness, after his image;** and he named him Seth.*

Seth was followed by: Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared then Enoch. Enoch was followed by Methuselah, Lamech then Noah as listing the first ten generation of men in God's Word.

**Genesis 5:21-24 AMPC**

*21 When Enoch was 65 years old, Methuselah was born.*

*22 Enoch walked **[in habitual fellowship]** with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.*

**24 And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].**

## Webster's Dictionary 1828 - Habitual defined:

Habitual - *adjective* Formed or acquired by habit, frequent use or custom.

1. Customary; according to habit; as the habitual practice of sin; the habitual exercise of holy affections.

2. Formed by repeated impressions; rendered permanent by continued causes; as an habitual color of the skin.

### **Synonyms for Habitual:**

perpetual	repeated	accepted	accustomed	automatic
common	continual	confirmed	conventional	customary
disciplined	star	familiar	fixed	frequent
ingrained	mechanical	natural	normal	ordinary
perfunctory	permanent	persistent	practiced	regular

It is not God's character to appoint the righteous, the ones in habitual fellowship with Him to His wrath. He either gives them a warning like in Matthew 24 which is a way of escape, out of the judgment zones...

### **Matthew 24:32-33 AMPC**

*32 From the fig tree learn this lesson: as soon as its young shoots become soft and tender and it puts out its leaves, you know of a surety that summer is near.*

*33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.*

Or, He gives them a complete escape like many of the examples we have gone through in this series, namely Noah and Lot.

So, you and I have to be in a right standing with God or righteous covenant with God as Noah was in order to escape.

**Genesis 6:9 AMPC**

*9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. **Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evill] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.***

We have to be a just person, righteous, living by faith, obeying God in all His laws despite the wickedness in the world, deluding of the truth/false teachings. We can't compromise with people to be popular. God has called us to be obedient and not popular, being obedient will often cause you not to be popular.

Many Christians, pastors, religious leaders are trying to bring peace by compromising God's Word. From sex outside of marriage, not speaking about sin, same sex marriage and now even with our President, President Trump recognizing the Capital of Israel as Jerusalem...in the Church, people are saying he was wrong and that is not going to bring about peace. Doing what is right doesn't often bring peace initially or is it the "popular thing" but it is the right thing and obedience unto God is why we bless Israel. Jesus tells us what to do to be ready, and it's not about compromise and peace as the world sees it.

**Luke 12:36-56 AMPC**

*36 And **be like men who are waiting for their master to return home** from the marriage feast, so that **when he returns** from the wedding and comes and knocks, **they may open to him immediately.***

**37 Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are those servants whom the master finds awake and alert and watching when he comes.** Truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them recline at table and will come and serve them!

38 If he comes in the second watch (before midnight) or the third watch (after midnight), and finds them so, blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are those servants!

39 But of this be assured: if the householder had known at what time the burglar was coming, he would have been awake and alert and watching and would not have permitted his house to be dug through and broken into.

40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour and a moment when you do not anticipate it.

41 Peter said, Lord, are You telling this parable for us, or for all alike?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful steward, the wise man whom his master will set over those in his household service to supply them their allowance of food at the appointed time? 43 Blessed (happy and to be envied) is that servant whom his master finds so doing when he arrives.

44 Truly I tell you, he will set him in charge over all his possessions.

45 But if that servant says in his heart, My master is late in coming, and begins to strike the menservants and the maids and to eat and drink and get drunk,

46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he does not know, and will punish him and cut him off and assign his lot with the unfaithful.

47 *And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act as he would wish him to act shall be beaten with many [lashes].*

48 *But he who did not know and did things worthy of a beating shall be beaten with few [lashes]. For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required; and of him to whom men entrust much, they will require and demand all the more.*

**49 I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!**

50 *I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and how greatly and sorely I am urged on (impelled, constrained) until it is accomplished!*

**51 Do you suppose that I have come to give peace upon earth? No, I say to you, but rather division;**

52 *For from now on in one house there will be five divided [among themselves], three against two and two against three.*

53 *They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.*

54 *He also said to the crowds of people, When you see a cloud rising in the west, at once you say, It is going to rain! And so it does.*

55 *And when [you see that] a south wind is blowing, you say, There will be severe heat! And it occurs.*

56 *You play actors (hypocrites)! You know how [intelligently] to discern and interpret and prove the looks of the earth and sky; but how is it that you do not know how to discern and interpret and apply the proof to this present time?*

Verse 51 in Luke Chapter 12 says that Christ came to make peace with God for men, and to give the Gospel of peace, and spiritual and eternal peace to men; but not external peace, especially that which is not consistent with the preservation of truth which is His Word, His Laws which do not change.

**Malachi 3:6 KJV**

*6 For I am the Lord, I change not;*

**Isaiah 33:22 AMPC**

*22 For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us.*

**James 4:12 AMPC**

*12 One only is the Lawgiver and Judge Who is able to save and to destroy [the One Who has the absolute power of life and death]. [But you] who are you that [you presume to] pass judgment on your neighbor?*

Jesus did not come into the world to bring peace to the unbeliever or to a fallen world. He didn't come to change God's Word, He came to fulfill the Law...

**Matthew 5:17-19 AMPC**

**17 Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to do away with or undo but to complete and fulfill them.**

**Matthew 5:17-19 KJV**

**17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

*18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

*19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Jesus came to bring the good news or the gospel which is the the sword of the Spirit, which divides the soul and spirit, and separates a man from his former principles and practices. The Sword sets men apart from one another, even the nearest relations, at the greatest distance; and is, through the sin of man, the occasion of great contention, discord, and division.

**Hebrews 4:12 AMPC**

**12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.**

We need God's Word to inform, to cut off, to prepare, to remind us to get ready for the Rapture of the Church...

**Luke 17:35-36 KJV**

*35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

*36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

Jesus is talking about the Rapture of the Church. There is no need of a Rapture if there's no judgment coming. There is no reason for a 7 year Tribulation if there's no judgment coming. There's no reason for the Prophecies of Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, Revelation, those spoken of by Jesus himself, the Apostle Paul, the writings of Moses, if there's no judgment coming.

We need to hear that Jesus is coming, that there is judgment and that there is either rewards or punishment, meaning, heaven or hell for eternity.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV**

*13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

*14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

*16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

When we hear these Words, John said that you and I are blessed...

**Revelation 1:1-3 KJV**

*1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, **to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass;** and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

*2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.*

***3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***