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The Days of Today

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The title for today is, I'm talking about a lot of days,
so I've got a little tongue twisting here today. So the title for today is,
The Days of Today. See where I'm going? The Days of Today.

It's a little tongue twisting, but it's deliberate.

You know, 1600 years had passed since Adam and Eve occupied the Garden of Eden.

And of course, the earth's population had been steadily increasing because the command was,

you know,

multiply. Because there were very few people on earth. And so as the population exploded,
you know what exploded as well?

Sin.

Because from pain, killed, murdered his brother, then things went awry.

It exploded with evil.

So it had become obvious, I would imagine, by then, that human existence had been missing

something,

and that violence had taken over the planet, that small area where humanity existed.

And when one would think that the Creator himself regretted that he had made man,
or humanity,

then it must have been bad. Because Genesis 6-5 tells us the Lord saw the wickedness of man was

great on the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil.

Continual. Not that it stopped, but it continued.

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And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth.

Not only that, it grieved his heart. So it must have been very bad.

He decided to do something about it.

He had to put a stop to it, and this is what he said.

I will blot out humanity whom I have created from the face of the land.

Animals, man and animals, creeping things, birds of heaven,

for I am sorry I have made them. So think about that for a moment.

His very creation, every living thing. He said, you know what, I regretted that I have made them.

And I'm going to wipe them out. That's how bad the evil was at that time.

And you wonder, what

would have been so bad at that time? Because it's not like we have the technology now, you know. The technology is good, not decrying that. But when technology...

It wants to get bad. It can get bad. As we see that it's going on now. But it didn't have that kind

of technology around that time. So you wonder what on earth was going on.

Why it got so bad. I mean, Cain clearly labeled that murder. Murder is bad. But apparently there

were other things going on. So I often think of what could have been that bad on the earth.

That God regretted his creation. and decided that I'm going to wipe them out.

Not only human beings, even animals. Were there robberies?

Idolatry, for sure. I'm sure of that one.

Sexual immorality, and so on. Well,

I did some reading into early history, and this is what I found out. You know what was a big crime

around that time? At the time of now? Big, big crime? It was robbery,

but not... For money, because there wasn't a monetary system as such.

It was mainly bartering and so on. Israel was a theocracy, so the agriculture was part of the economy. But you know what was the big crime? Food. People are stealing food, according to the historical records that they can glean from that time. So food was not in abundance as we have today. And that is why, you see, when God made these physical promises to

Israel, if you notice, There are physical promises, and one of the promises was that they would

have bountiful harvest, right? The crops would grow and give them a bounty of the harvest.

And that is why, no reason too, you see, God's festival are centered around the harvest, spring and the fall. So you can see how agriculture played a big role at that time.

And so people usually steal food.

Usually steal food. And stealing food can lead to other stuff as well.

Envy and jealousy and so on. So we can see how that leads to other sin. But verse 11 tells us that

the earth was corrupt in God's sight. And the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth

and behold it was corrupt. For all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

And he said to Noah, I have determined to make an end.

an end of everybody, all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them.

Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

So the depravity and the ungodly lifestyle, the entire world had become corrupt, and God regretted. He had made humanity wonder.

Is our world corrupted today?

I shouldn't say our world. I shouldn't really say our society. Because God's creation out there is

beautiful.

I don't think any of us here will go to space. But if you see pictures coming back from this brand

new, fairly new telescope that is bigger than, that's more sophisticated than the Hubble.

I've seen some of those pictures coming from deep space. And when you see some of those really,

I mean, they're clear and they're close. You have to go to the NASA site to really see those pictures. They're awesome. And when you look at God's handiwork, you realize it's a beautiful

creation. So the earth is beautiful and God's creative universe is beautiful. What is bad is society.

Because society is responsible for establishing things like culture and economics and so on.

And this is where we find all of these things against these anti-God things happening.

I also went to read some extra biblical literature on this, the time of Noah. And this is what one

of them said from the book of Jubilee. He said, in the 28th Jubilee, Noah began to enjoin his sons

and sons the ordinances and the commandments.

and all the judgments that he knew. And he exhorted his sons to observe righteousness, to cover the shame of their flesh, and to bless their creator, and honor father and mother, and love their neighbor, and guard their souls from fornication, uncleanness, and all iniquity.

For owing to these three things came flood upon the earth. So this is what this biblical letter said. These things were happening as well. Sexual immorality, disobedience to parents, and the uncleanness is very wide. It could involve a lot of stuff. But according to that, it says these are other reasons why God decided to destroy them.

So it is interesting that God allowed Noah over 100 years to complete the building of the ark.

patiently waited. 1 Peter 3, 20 tells us that. That God waited patiently, which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein, that is, eight souls were saved by the water. So it would seem here that God was patient enough to see what's going to happen. Good people changed. Good people stopped their bad ways and decided to turn around. He waited. So the scripture seemed to imply that Noah preached to the people at that time about what was about to happen. What was about to happen. Because Hebrews 11.7 tells us, By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear and prepared an ark, to the saving of his house, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. So they laugh at Noah. They mock him. They probably call him names too. Madman and all of that. You know, such a huge boat. How could it save animals and this madman and his family? You know, there's a replica of the ark now. We can see that in Kentucky. Remember the name of the place in Kentucky. I replicate its exact measurements as the Bible predicted. One of those things I hope to see one day. I hear it's very imposing, very, very, really interesting. I would really like to see. But I can imagine how people reacted. And it's like nowadays if you spring forward, you're here warning people about a common destruction and calamity and what's going to happen on the earth. And people couldn't care less. Sometimes they would probably just laugh after you or just want to mock you for your belief. And there's a clear parallel there with what went on in the days of Noah. But if one should take a comparison, I would think it's worse now.

Because as I said, we have the technology. And evil has permeated every strata of our society.

In every crack and cranny of our world, evil has infiltrated.

So, as the Feast of Trumpets approaches us, a day that pictures the sounding of the seventh

trumpet,

when the dead in Christ shall rise first and those who are alive, we are taught, we'll be caught up

to meet him in the air. We're not going to be raptured or anything like that, but we're going to travel with our Savior to the Mount of Olives. Because we know that the feet of King Jesus will set

on the Mount of Olives, on that great and triumphant day. But leading up to that,

brethren, we are going through some rough times, really, really rough times. And that's part of

what I'm asking today, or going through today, the days of today. What are they like?

What are they leading to? Are we seeing some parallels between the days of Noah and our current

time here?

Matthew 24, 35 tells us that heaven and earth shall pass away. But my words shall not pass away.

But of the day and hour no one knows. No, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

But as the days of Noah were. So those words are from Jesus,

the Christ. As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

So we have a warning. Today's going to be like that. The world of Noah was filled with violence all

over the place. And it will be no different just before Christ returns. You remember last Feast of

Trumpets, the whole world was up. I shouldn't say the whole world, but it got some people's

attention when this man, pastor from South Africa, said he had a vision from God that Christ is

going to return on the Feast of Trumpets. You remember last year? It was all over the place.

But what I find a little interesting is that that pastor was not observing the Feast of Trumpets.

Right? But one thing I said, at least it opened people's knowledge that there's such an appointed

time as the Feast of Trumpets. Why you jump to Feast of Trumpets? You see the significance of it?

And for me personally, Bradley, I feel he's going to return on the Feast of Trumpets. That's my

feeling.

But the world's attention, I would shouldn't say the world's attention. Because we have what?

A little over a quarter of the world's population that believes in Christ.

The others don't. So they are not expecting that second coming. They don't believe in Christ.

Why would they believe in His coming if they don't believe in Him?

Of course, on the other hand, we have Islam spreading a false Christ. So, you know, maybe less than

a quarter believe that.

As in the days that were before the flood. So this was what they were doing before the flood. They

were having partying. They were eating. And they were drinking.

You know, they were eating. Stealing food and eating. Because the food wasn't around in abundance.

But they were still, wherever they were getting the food from, they were having a good time. Eating

and drinking and getting married and giving in marriage.

Until the day Noah entered the ark. And they knew not until the flood came.

and took them away, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

So when Jesus, Yeshua the Christ, tells us, or he asks this question,

will I find faith on the earth? Who do you think he's talking to? The world?

The world doesn't have any faith in him, so why would he be talking to them? talking to the church.

Will I find faith when I return to the earth? The call out ones,

the ones whom he's calling, he's talking to them.

Because the world doesn't care about Christ, whether he comes or not. So,

the question is for us, when these trials come upon the earth, although in Revelation 3.10 he

tells us I will be with you in the hour of trials, but when these trials come upon the earth, will

we be able to withstand them? And that is why there's a warning in Revelation 3.

It says, Be faithful until death, so you shall receive the crown of life.

It's a warning. Be faithful to death. It's not one save,

always save. That's nonsense. It's a be faithful to death.

So all these things that are coming upon us, brethren, is...

test our faith in these days that we live in. Verse 43,

Know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would

have watched and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore, be you ready for such an hour you think not the Son of Man cometh.

I agree that we have an idea of the season in which he'll come.

And when I say season, meaning the aura, the environment, the atmosphere,

what's going on. Because if we're alive, and we see a man coming out of,

listen, do not take your eyes off Jerusalem.

Don't. 99% of the prophecies are fulfilled right there. Don't.

Because that is the centerpiece. So if we see all, and listen,

when we talk about the four horsemen of the apocalypse, Don't think you're going to look in the sky

and see a red horse and a white horse and a black horse. That's not going to happen. Those are

symbolic. They represent something because they say, no,

it's going to be wild. You know, they bring the phone and say, well, find all kind of excuses that

they're doing work on the phone. Your phone is being used for something else. So we can destroy

ourselves with it too.

In 2 Timothy 3.1, it gives us a clear picture on the state of the world before.

Christ returns. It calls that period dangerous times or perilous times.

Dangerous, that's what it means. And it said, watch this. Note this.

Mark this. There will be terrible times in the last days. So the questions that people are asking,

are we in the last days?

I mean, it's subjective. But I say, you look around and you answer that question yourself.

Whether we're in the last days.

Because I believe the times we are living now is unprecedented in terms of sin.

Right? They're adding sin to sin. There was a time in Israel when they were doing that. But now

it's, I think they're creating a new type of sin. Right?

A new type of sins are being created. And

if you want your mind to run wild, then do it. It's out there. Because pornography was not around in those days. It's here now.

People will be lovers of themselves.

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Selfishness. You want to see a selfish society that we live in? Jump in your car and just drive down the road.

Everybody rushing from where I don't know. And they'll crawl over you. They'll hit your car.

They'll do anything.

It's just about them.

Just about them. Lovers of money. Every dollar you make right now.

There's a group of people sitting in office planning to take that dollar from you.

And that's their job.

That's their job. And they're boastful and they're proud. They're proud of sin.

They're abusive. They're disobedient to parents. Don't talk about that one, disobedient to parents.

Some children are beating their parents now. Not only disobeying, beating them, abusing them.

Parental abuse, they call it.

You know, a few years ago, we had this.

outreach in Toronto where we would go to nursing homes after the Sabbath and sing songs to the

residents of the nursing home. I remember going one Saturday and I was talking to this lady because

she looks just like my mother. I just had an affinity for her and I just went and talked to her.

And she was so sad. She said her son brought her there a year ago and has not come back to look for

her. That's parental abuse. She'd just drive her and just drop her off.

Gone.

Ungrateful?

Talk about that. They believe they're obligated to everything. Entitlement.

Unholy? Without love? Unforgiving? Slanderous? Without self-control? Brutal?

Not lovers of the good? Treacherous? Rash? All of these I'm going through, brethren. Just put them

out there and you see what I'm talking about. And you wonder if these are the last days. Lovers of

pleasure rather than lovers of God? They put everything else before God.

And that is plain idolatry. Anything you put before God is idolatry.

That is what Israel did, and Israel went astray. That was the number one sin, captivity.

Judah did the same thing. The treacherous sister Judah followed the same principle. And God said he

had to divorce them.

Really, really, it's out there.

Turn on the smart TV.

The smart is there for a reason.

It can give you anything you want in terms of pleasure.

That's technology.

When you want to turn on a movie, all of what you're getting is just trash. I don't watch them anymore. I'll go to my western, although the western are the trash too.

Yeah, but a different kind of trash, you know.

So Noah was living in perilous times too, dangerous times.

He preached, nobody listened. Nobody, only his family. You know,

we're here sometimes wondering, how can I get people into this church? You know?

Are we preaching like Noah? Noah was preaching. A hundred and plus years.

Nobody listened.

All his family.

So, most would agree that the love of humanity that humanity should have for one another is waxing

colder and colder. There are still good people out there who do good things, man. That still goes

on. But in general, it's not the prevailing situation that we expect.

So as we approach the Feast of Trumpet, brethren,
the warning is, worse than the days of Noah is upon us.

We want to put it that way. Which means, King Jesus is coming. Whether the world likes it or not.

And nobody is going to stop it. Some people probably wouldn't want to stop it.

But nobody... It's going to stop. This morning I was just reflecting.

On Revelation 11.15. When the seventh angel sounds. When the third wall.

Finishes. And the angel sounds the trumpet. For the seventh trumpet.

And it tells you that there is an announcement in heaven. It says in heaven.

The angel announces that the kingdoms of this world. Have now become the kingdom for God.

And his savior. And then further down it says, the nations were angry.

Because after the seventh trumpet sounds in a bridge, a whole lot of things happening.

Witnesses, well, this would have gone already, but there's a whole Babylon falling and all of this

kind of stuff. Which says, the nations were angry.

How can he come and take over our power and our authority? Who is this? An alien?

Let's go for him.

And some idiot in some capital is probably going to punch the nuclear button. No.

Missile, go after this one who is coming to take over our power. You can imagine who that is maybe.

Right? But that's a plausible scenario.

The Bible clearly tells us that they were angry. They were angry.

So there has been speculation by some people that the

prophetic timeline, whether it's on schedule or not, and that certain things are in place and so

on. And whether, as we see God was waiting in the days of Noah,

just waiting and allowing to build an ark, maybe for a reason that people change their mind, and

there's speculation out there in some religious community wondering if this is what is going on

now, that God is waiting for more people to repent. I can't answer that,

but I just thought about it. Because God is calling many people.

The word says that. Many, many. He didn't say a few. He's calling many. But only a few are coming

forward. So, where is this going for the church of God?

We have to come back to our situation in these days of today.

Where are we in this scenario? What should be the state of the church?

How should we respond to what is going on there? Stefan, what bad things are going on in Lindsay

right now? Anybody can tell me what atrocity, what immorality is going on here now?

Maybe the usual? Alright. Next week's Sabbath, let's get some placard and walk down this downtown

Lindsay there and start telling people, repent! Stop the sodomy! Stop this!

Stop that! Are you ready?

Should we be doing that? That's the question I want to get to. So the point I'm making though is

this. Because people have come to me and said, why can't we go on the street and march against

immorality and the sins out there? Right? Because remember, Acts 1,

Matthew 28, 19, I believe. So we should be witnesses of this gospel.

So when you come to me with that, this is what I tell people all the time.

And maybe you will not agree with me. This is what I tell people all the time. Why should I stop

the fulfillment of prophecy if I want Christ to return? Why should I?

And what I'm going to do on the street is not making any difference anyway. So why should I want to

thwart things that I see happening that the Bible talks about? Why should I?

I don't think that is our role to try and stop it. What our role is to prepare the church for the return. And say hold on to your faith because you know what? Matthew 24 tells us that these are the

beginning of sorrows. And not only that, it tells us look up your redemption draws near when you

see these things happening.

So I don't care who is in the White House or who is in the House of Commons. If they want to do

things to speed up the return of Christ, then bring it on.

If they want to punch a button, To bring a nuclear war tomorrow?

You know what I said? Bring it on. Because it has to happen.

These things have to happen. They must come to pass.

And the question for us in these days, are we ready? Are you ready to defend the name of Jesus

Christus, Yeshua Hamashiach? Because you're going to be brought up in situations where you're going

to have to defend his name. So that is always my question. And usually when I answer those people

in that regard, they don't say anything. But what is there to say?

We have to be prepared. And that's what Jesus tells us. Watch and pray.

Because the times are one upon us. If the church is asleep,

wake up. Wake up. The people of Noah's time,

another parallel, could not care less what Noah was telling them. Likewise,
the people of today could not care less what we're telling them. Some of them who are
getting the

call will put two and two together because you know what? Jesus says,
my sheep hear my voice.

So our task is always to reach those who are being called. And we have ways of doing that.

And we continue to do that. But to go there and dress up with placards all over my head and
shouting, whatever, that's not for me. If you want to do it, you go ahead and do it.

Not stopping you. But that's not for me. And I don't think that's for the church either.

Our presence, we have to be a light to the world. So we live our life and we be witnesses.

You're going in the supermarket or the store, you're buying things and say, you know what,
I'm

going to the Feast of Tabernacles. And somebody sees you, you're going on a trip, you're
going on

camping this week. I say, no, I'm going to the Feast of Tabernacles. What's that? Here you
go.

There you go. You're witnessing right there. Explain to them what is the Feast of Taverna.

Those are things we get into.

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Right? The neighbor said, hey, Stephan, you notice how I'm picking on you? Stephan,

I haven't seen you all week. What happened, Stephan? Oh, I went to our annual church
festival.

You know, I have an appointed time with God. I went to the Feast of Tabernacles. Really?

What is that? Because you're going to get that question, I'm telling you. You're going to get
that

question. What is that? There you go. That's your witness.

So those are the things we get into. Those are the things we get into. Because we live in a
world

that is deceived and blinded by their own sin. Romans 1.21 tells us,
For therein, Romans 1.21, is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith to us.
As it is written, the just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness. and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in
unrighteousness,
because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has showed it unto
them.

You know, you wake up each morning, you look outside, at the beautiful day, even if it's
raining or

snowing, that's God's beautiful creation. That is handiwork manifested in them.

But they find some other way explaining, oh, this is nature, this is nature.

And verse 20 says, For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly
seen,

being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead,
so that they are what? Without excuse. Because that when they knew God,
they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful.

They have Thanksgiving Day every year. And many of them thanked Mother Nature.

Not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Mother Nature. You should hear some of those.

There was a little clip I was watching one time. Thanksgiving.

And this was in the U.S. The various things that people give thanks for. And if you hear some
things that people give thanks for. Oh, I thank whoever is responsible for this. I thank you.

So, they were unthankful. And they became vain. In their imaginations,
all the things that they dream of, they were in vain. And their foolish heart,
their foolish heart was darkened. And you know what?

They sound so wise to people. I can't believe in a God. You believe in those things?

I'm a professor of astronomy or astrophysics. I don't have God in my curriculum or God in
my

thinking. No, those things just, you know, you should read about natural theories.

Whatever, they have these theories. I'm thinking them in my head right now. Natural selection and

all those things, all these things came about. The Bible said, professing themselves to be wise,

they became fools.

But Noah, Genesis 7-1 tells us, he found favor in God's side as a righteous person.

And we are told that he moved, he was moved with godly fear. That he built an ark for the saving of

his household. As God has instructed him.

By faith, Noah being warned of God,

the things not seen as yet, he moved with fear.

In the past 90 years, more than,

more people,

I mean millions of people have been killed in war. Wars in the past 90 years killed more people

than during the first 500 years of humanity combined. So we have an escalation of war.

203 million people were killed by wars alone in the 20th century.

That's from the historical atlas of the 20th century. So death by war has just been going up, up and up and up. And this brings me back to my earlier point. You're going to see it keep going

up. Same thing with pestilence. Do you remember when the Ebola virus hit Africa back in the early

80s? It was just a few people. The second strain came. The numbers were up.

Watch when the third one comes, what's going to happen. And you're going to see more AIDS. Well,

AIDS too. More COVID-type viruses. All of that is coming.

So the lockdown we had the other day was just a warning of what is to come.

Abortion is on increase. You know how many nations could have been formed from the number of

abortions in the U.S. every year? Canada too? I forget the figure right now. Since 1960, something like 90 million people. You know how many nations are that? Could comprise that?

These things are nothing. Matthew 15, 19 says, Out of their heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, fraud witnesses, blasphemies. So we're going to see all

of that. God does not turn a blind eye to disobedience.

That's why he destroyed Noah. Noah's days, rather, the people in Noah's time.

And that's what Matthew 24 tells us too, that he has to intervene because he's going to cut the day

short. And that's precisely what's going to happen. Another parallel. Another parallel.

2 Peter 2.5. 2 Peter 2.5 said God did not spare the ancient world.

But he saved Noah, one of eight people, preacher of righteousness,

bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly, and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah

into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example,

right? An example to those who afterward would live ungodly.

Find that in Luke 17, 26 as well. He did not spare the ancient world.

And he made an example out of them for us to follow.

But nobody, hardly anybody nowadays pay any attention to that.

To the Bible? The Bible? That's going to be an outlawed book soon.

You watch. It's going to be an outlawed book soon.

No doubt about that.

As it was in the days of Noah, verse 6,

so shall it be. Luke 17, also in the days of the Son of Man,

they did eat whatever. But look here at verse 28.

Likewise, also as it was in the days of Lot.

You know, we always hear about the days of Noah.

anything about the days of Lot. What was happening in the days of Lot? They were eating too.

And they were drinking. They bought and they sold. We've got a lot of trades going on.

It's like you see a big online trade develop nowadays. You notice since COVID all online get big?

You can buy your dinner online now. You can deliver. The whole society changed because of that.

They bought. They sold. They planted. They built it. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom,

it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. So you see what was going on in

the days of Lot too?

Sodomy. We hardly hear anything about that.

Lot's wife. What happened to her?

Verse 35. Two women shall be grinding together. One shall be taken. And the other left.

Two men shall be in the field. One shall be taken. The other left.

And they answered. And said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is,

thither the eagles will be gathered together. So wherever the word of God is,

that is where we should be. That

is where we should be.

God didn't punish every generation of humanity for disobedience, for sure. Well,

not on the scale that he did with no. But there is always consequences. for that.

Judah and Israel went into captivity by the Assyrians and the Babylonians. That was promised to

them because of what they were doing. So, although Ezekiel tells us, Ezekiel 33, 11, that God does not delight in the destruction of the wicked, he said, Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn you, turn from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

They were really going on bad. And his mercy allowed him to at least plead with them to change.

But what we see from the scriptures as we go down towards the end of the age is that there's a time

coming when God will not tolerate disobedience anymore or evil.

He's coming, as he promised, to destroy evil. He's coming to destroy evil.

Romans 3.5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasures up unto thyself wrath against the

day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man according to his deeds, to them by patient continuance in wealth.

Do in seek for glory and honor and immortality eternal life. But unto them that are contentious and

do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish

upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first and also to the Gentile.

But glory and honor and peace to every man that works good, to the Jew first and also to the

Gentile.

That is laid down for us. But in our days, in these days of days,

you're going to hear the scuffers. They are here already, and you'll hear them sometime.

Oh, where is the promise of his coming? We've been hearing this when we were small.

Where? Where's your Jesus?

I see them so often. But when I see that, you know what it tells me?

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Prophecy being fulfilled, because the Bible tells you. 2 Peter 3.3. They're going to ask, where? The scoffers will come in the last day, and they're going to ask you, where is the sign of

his coming? Prophecy.

You cannot stop the scoffers. They're going to come.

Luke 21.34, but Christ added, take heed to yourself, let your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and tears of this life, that the day of God's wrath will come upon you

unexpectedly. I remember in my earlier days in the church, I would get a little worried, and when I see the evil around me, I usually get disheartened. So why is God not doing anything

about it? Why just allow evil people to sometimes look better off than you?

You see, evil people living, they're gone on vacation three times a year, and you're working hard,

you can't even go once every five years.

You see evil people driving big cars on your car in the garage every day.

You see evil people having luxury, big houses, and you're renting. And you wonder what happened to

you. Not that there's any spirit of envy or anything, but you just wonder what happened to you as a

child of God. Why?

And you search the word of God and you see what is going to happen with that.

It's coming to naught. And the book of Ecclesiastes tells us all about that.

Vanity.

Then he says, for it will come as a snare. on those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

It's coming. It's coming as a snail. 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.

That is our duty here in the church, in the body of Christ. Will there be widespread repentance and

turning to God after all the trouble that we are going through today? There seems to be a prophecy

from Joel 2. Go back to Joel, fulfilled partially at Pentecost. Probably it will happen again when

he said he will pour out his spirit on all flesh and men will dream dreams and young men, whatever.

That could happen. But you, it's about you and your God.

What you are going to do. If God wants to do that, that's fine. But make sure your life is right.

God, as I said, is not coming to save CGI. He's coming to save you.

We're part of the church, yes. But he's not coming to save the church. He's coming to save individuals.

The church's name is not in the book of life. It's individuals.

So we have to make it right. Make sure our relationship with God and our fellow man is right there.

It's right there.

Luke 18.1, a parable. He spake a parable unto them to this end,

that men ought always to pray and not faint. Saying that there was in a city a judge who feared not

God, neither regarded man. So this brave judge. And there was a widow in the city.

And she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of my enemy. And he would not for a while.

But afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man,

yet because of this widow troubles me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she wear me

down. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall not God avenge his own elect?

which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them,

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, shall he find faith on the earth. So let evil people do what they think is right for them.

Don't worry. Vengeance is mine, says the Most High God. Now I found grace in the eyes of the Lord

when Christ returned with me.

faith among us in these days that's the question for us we find faith among us in these terrible and dangerous days and you wonder how worse can it get?