

# PROPHECY in the NEWS

- ✓ A **world** facing troubles.
- ✓ A **people** needing answers.
- ✓ A **God** offering promises.



Matthew 24

Luke 21

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. Matthew 24:1



\*The year was likely 29 AD...  
1,992 years ago

***Model of Jewish Temple  
in the days of Jesus***

And He [Jesus] said to them [12 disciples], “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.” Matthew 24:2

And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, “As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down.” Luke 21:5-6

\*The conversation likely took place in year 29 AD

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” Matthew 24:3

They questioned Him (Jesus), saying, “Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?”

Luke 21:7

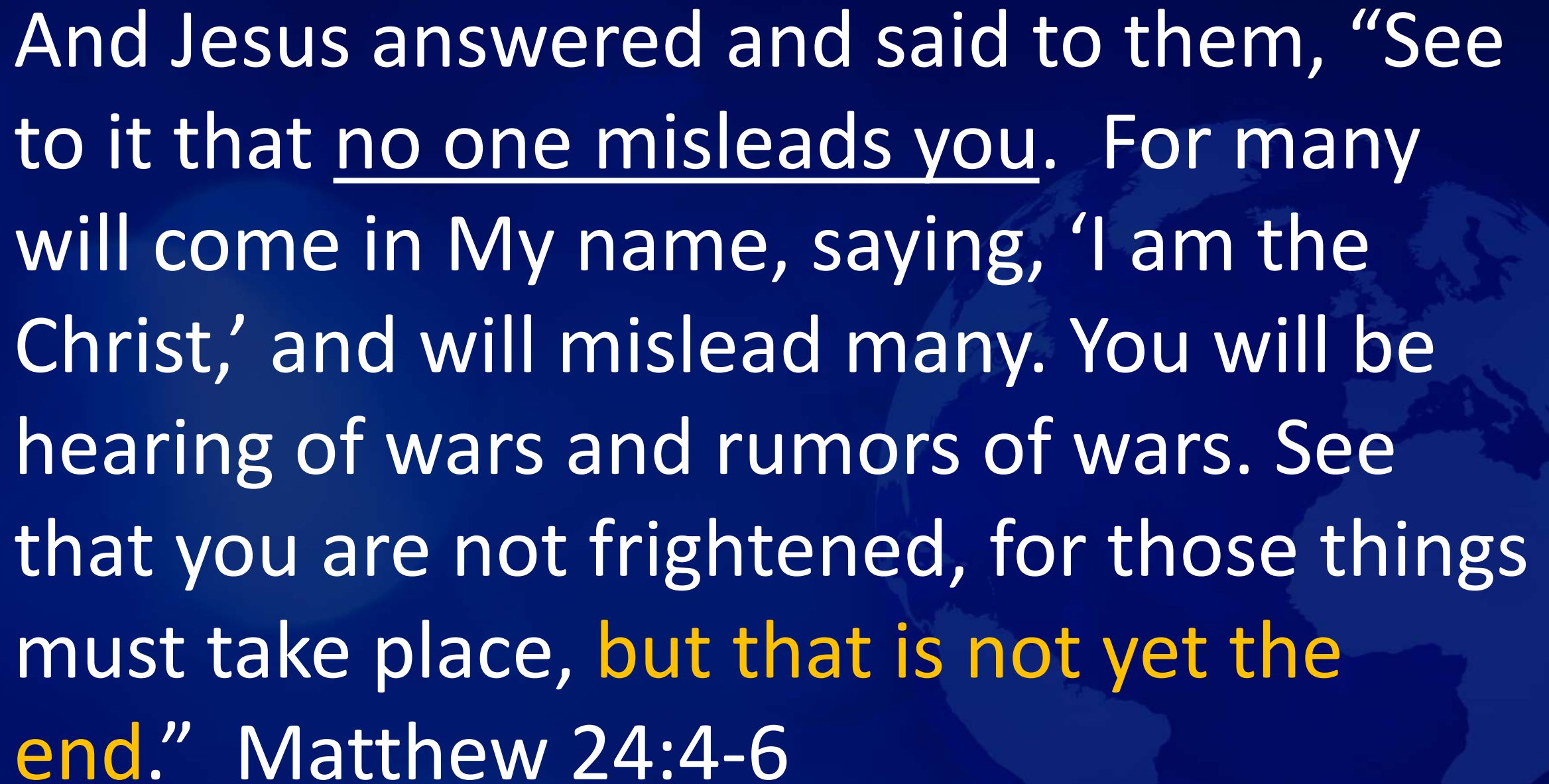
\*This conversation takes place about 2.5 years into Jesus' 3-year earthly ministry

# Questions we are still asking Jesus in 2021

1. When will these things happen?
2. What will be the sign of Your coming?
3. What will be the sign of the end of the age?

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And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, **but that is not yet the end.**” Matthew 24:4-6

Jesus said, “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be **famines** and **earthquakes**.”

Matthew 24:7

Then He (Jesus) continued by saying to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great **earthquakes**, and in various places **plagues** and **famines**; and there will be terrors and **great signs from heaven**.” Luke 21:10-11



Jesus said, “But all these things are merely the **beginning of birth pangs** [ὠδίν *odin*].”

Matthew 24:8

- The Greek term ὠδῖνες *odines* refer to the birth pangs a woman experiences while in labor.
- In Hebrew, this is referred to by the phrase “chevlei Moshiach” חבלי משיח, literally “the birth pangs of the Messiah.”

Jesus said to the disciples, “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.”

Matthew 24:9

# THE WORLD WATCH LIST

The top 50 countries where its most difficult to follow Jesus

## Top Ten

1. North Korea
2. Afghanistan
3. Somalia
4. Libya
5. Pakistan
6. Eritrea
7. Yemen
8. Iran
9. Nigeria
10. India

Jesus said, “At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.” Matthew 24:10

Jesus said, “But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all because of My name.”

Luke 21:16-17

Jesus said, “Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.” Matthew 24:11

Jesus said, “And then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ’; or, ‘Behold, He is there’; do not believe him; for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.”

Mark 13:21-23

Jesus said, “Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love [ἀγάπη agape] will grow cold.” Matthew 24:12

The New York Times

## ***Briefs Draw Battle Lines as Texas Abortion Law Nears Supreme Court***

The justices, who will hear arguments on Monday in two cases challenging the state’s near-total ban, required the parties to file their briefs with extraordinary speed.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/27/us/politics/supreme-court-texas-abortion.html>

abc NEWS

## **Supreme Court to take up Texas abortion law but declines to block it**

*SB8 will remain in effect until the high court issues its decision.*

By Devin Dwyer

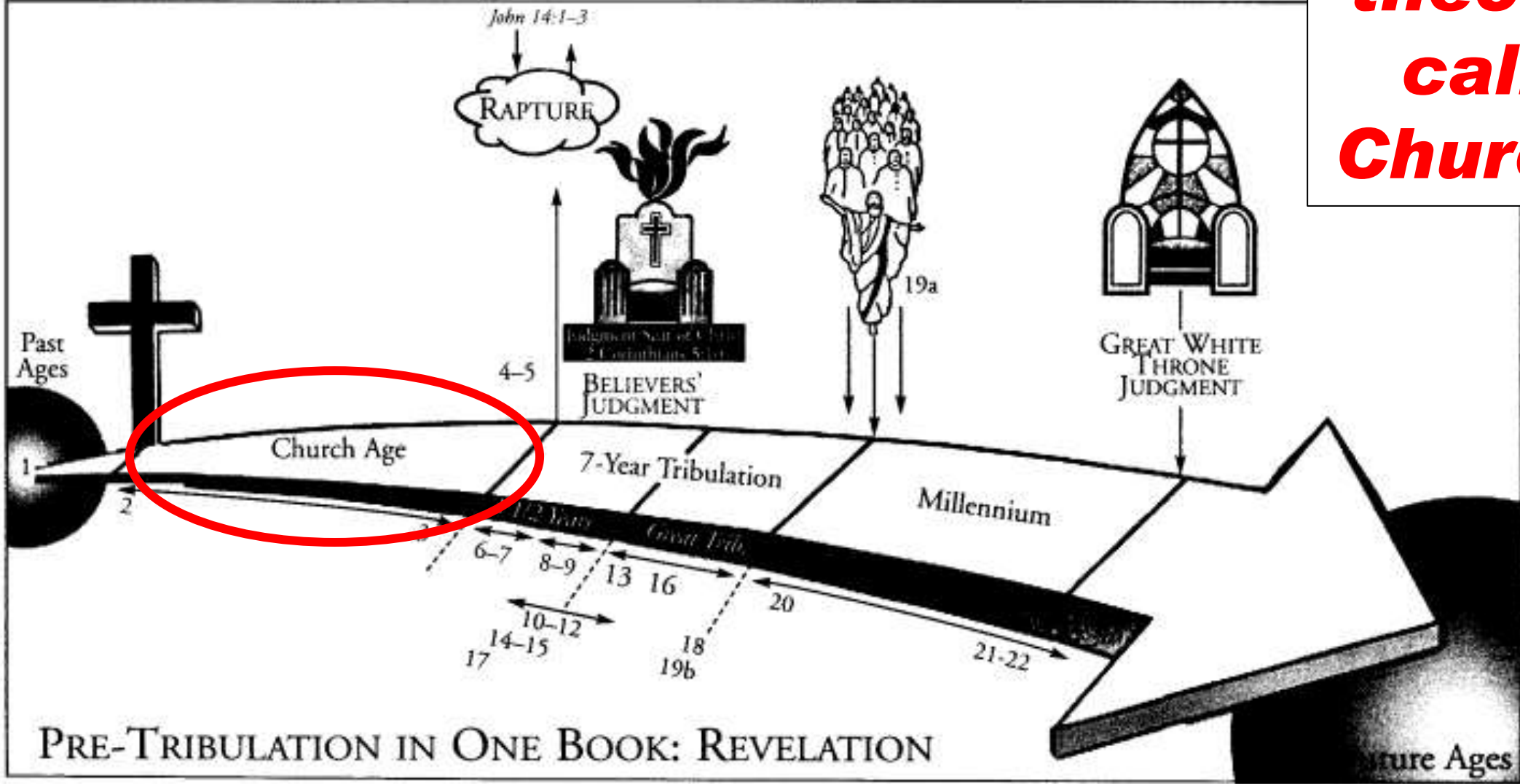
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**We presently live in what theologians call "The Church Age"**



PRE-TRIBULATION IN ONE BOOK: REVELATION

“But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.” Matthew 24:13

Jesus said, “Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.” Luke 21:18-19

\*Jesus promises that difficult times will come AND promises protection for those who believe in Him

Jesus said, “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and **then the end will come.**” Matthew 24:14

- Jesus promised that everyone will have a chance to hear the story of salvation before His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.
- How will 7+ billion people hear the gospel story?



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## How Many People Have Smartphones In The World?



**6.37 Billion**

smartphone users in the world today



**80.76%**

of people have smartphones today

According to Statista, the **current number of smartphone users in the world today is 6.378 billion**, and this means **80.76% of the world's population owns a smartphone**. This figure is up considerably from 2016 when there were only 3.668 billion users, 49.40% of that year's global population.

## How Many People Have Mobile Phones In The World?



**7.10 Billion**

mobile phone users in the world today



**89.90%**

of people own mobile phones today



In 2021, including both smart and feature phones, **the current number of mobile phone users is 7.10 billion**, which makes **89.90% of people in the world cell phone owners**. Feature phones are the basic cell phones without apps and complex OS systems, more prominent in developing countries.

“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through **Daniel the prophet**, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.” Matthew 24:15-16

# **“Flee to the mountains” Matthew 25:16**

**Petra?**

“Then those who are in Judea **must flee to the mountains**, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.”  
Luke 21:21-22



## When the Antichrist appears

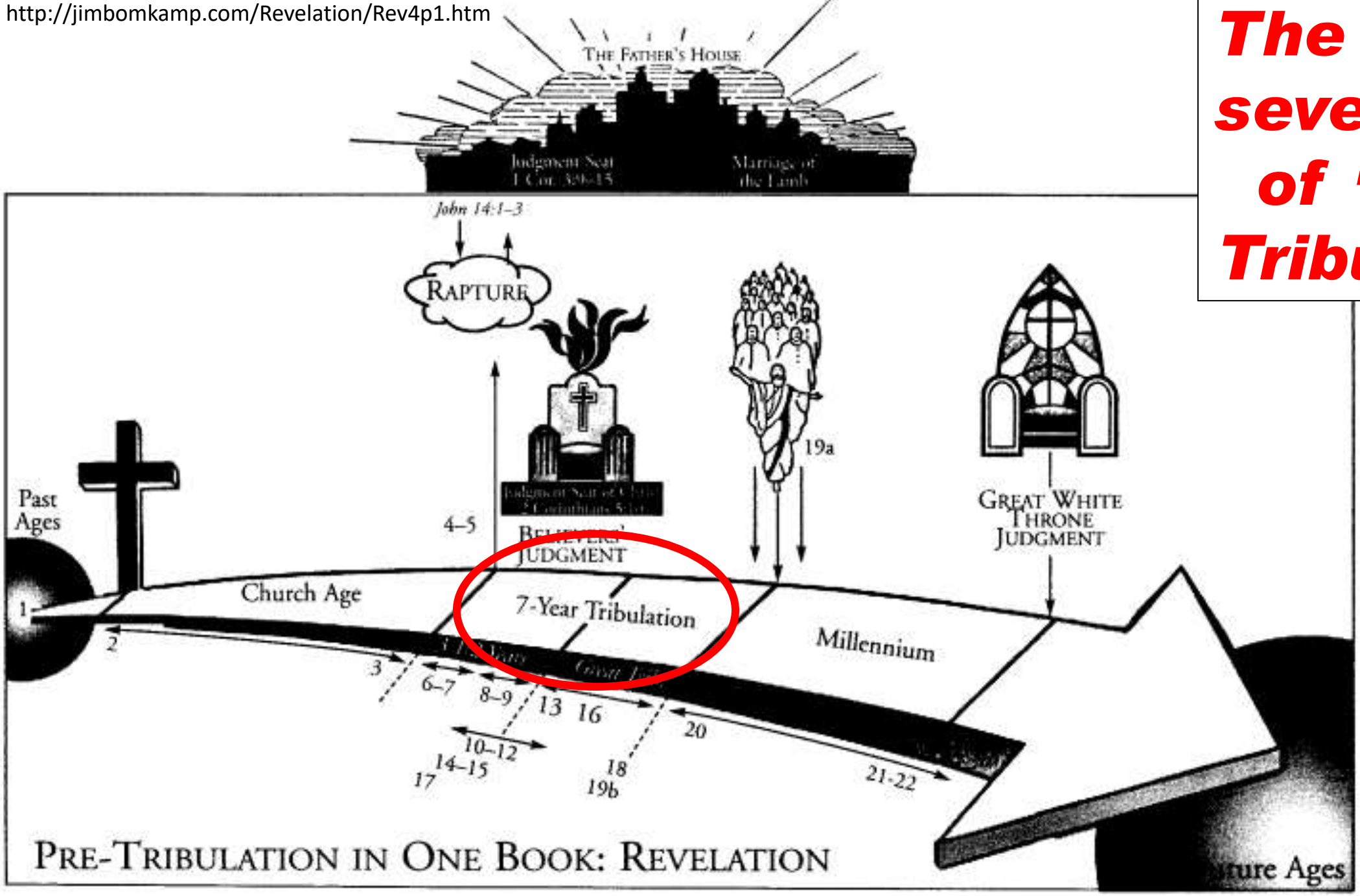
“Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.” Matthew 24:17-20

“Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” Luke 21:23-24

“For then there will be a great tribulation [θλίψις *thlipsis*], such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.” Matthew 24:21-22

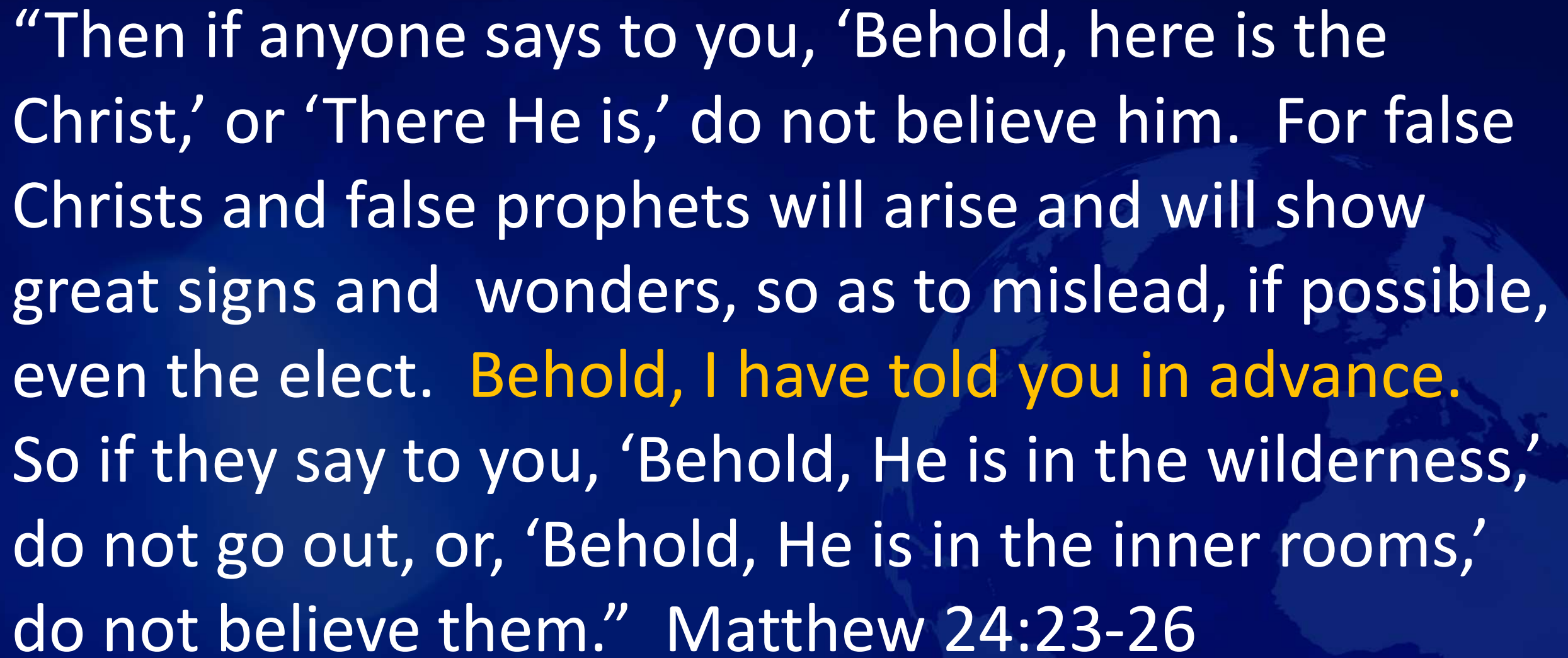
- Who is the Antichrist?
- What is the Tribulation?
- We will answer these questions and more later in this series.

**The coming seven years of "Great Tribulation"**



PRE-TRIBULATION IN ONE BOOK: REVELATION





“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There He is,’ do not believe him. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. **Behold, I have told you in advance.** So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe them.” Matthew 24:23-26

\*The Second Coming of Jesus will not be secretive

Jesus said, “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming (παρουσία *parousia*) of the Son of Man be. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures [death] will gather.” Matthew 24:27-28

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. Revelation 1:7



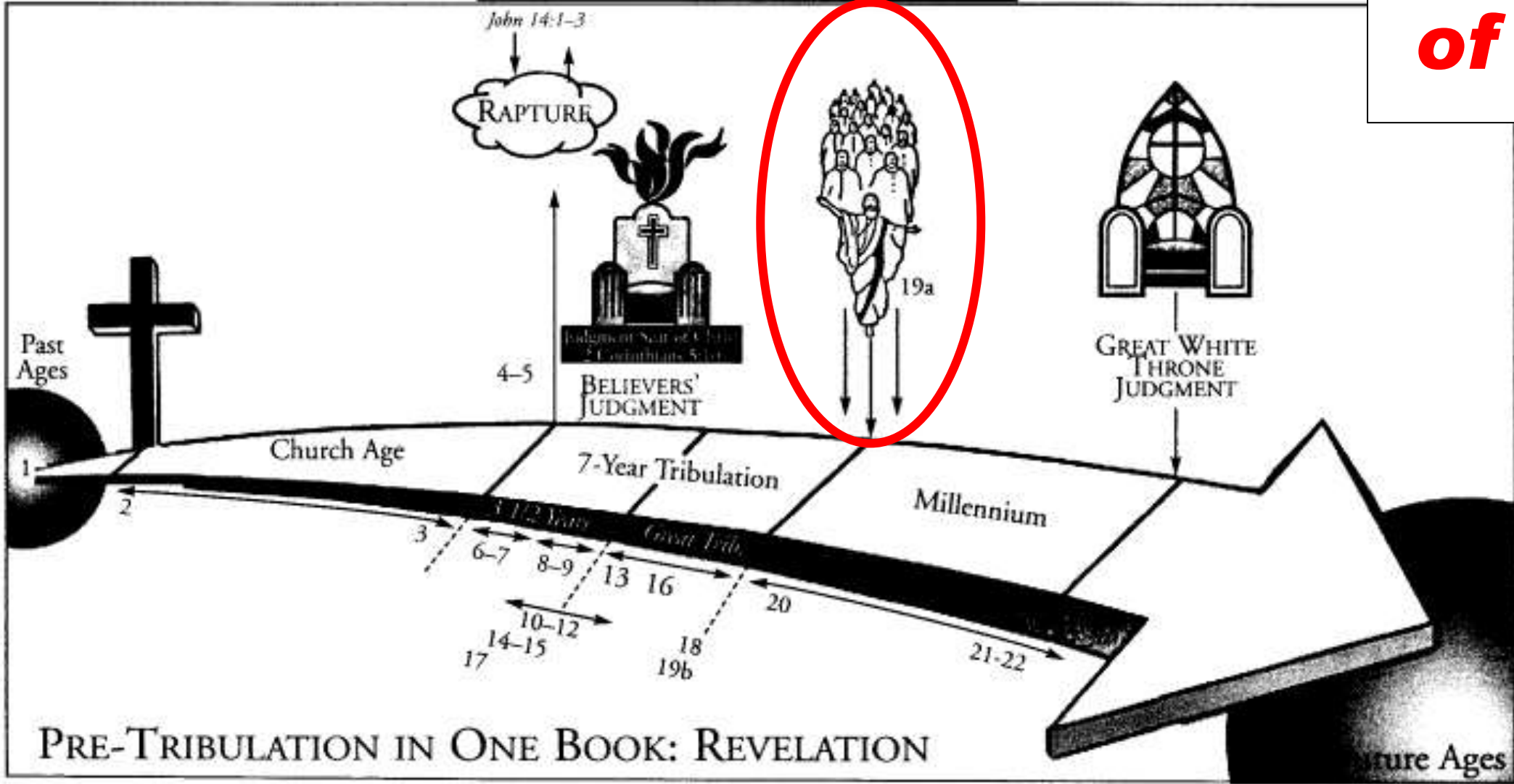
“But immediately after the tribulation [θλίψις *thlipsis*] of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” Matthew 24:29

“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” Luke 21:25–26

“And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET [shofar] and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”  
Matthew 24:30-31

\*A day of darkness and judgment spoken of by multiple Old Testament prophets

# Second Coming of Jesus

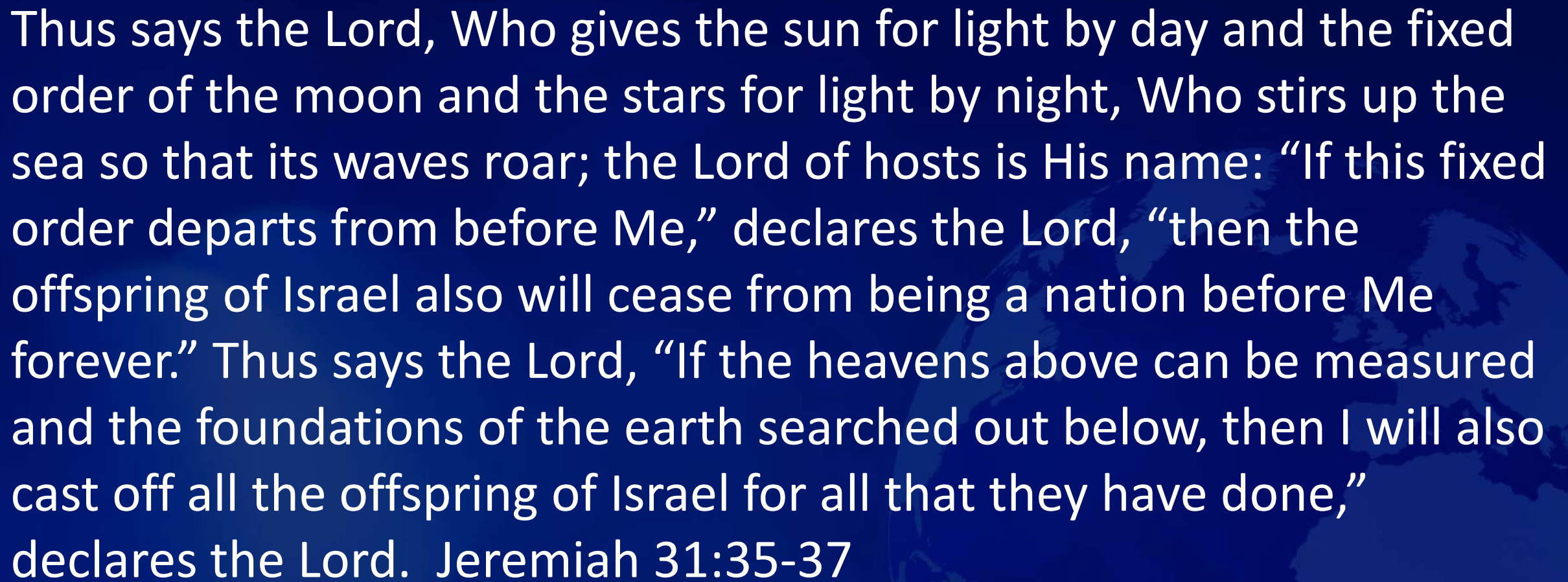


PRE-TRIBULATION IN ONE BOOK: REVELATION



Jesus said, “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, **when you see all these things**, recognize that He is near, right at the door. Truly I say to you, this generation [or “people”, the Jews] will not pass away until all these things take place.” Matthew 24:32-24

**γενεά** *genea*... Greek noun translated as “generation”, “time”, “age”, and “nation”



Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; the Lord of hosts is His name: “If this fixed order departs from before Me,” declares the Lord, “then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.” Thus says the Lord, “If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out below, then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done,” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 31:35-37

Thus after proclaiming the New Covenant at Jeremiah 31:31–34, God immediately states that the Jewish people will last at least as long as the sun and the moon. Both Yeshua and Jeremiah refute Replacement theology.

Jesus said, “so, you too, when you see **all these things**, recognize that He is near, right at the door.” Matthew 24:33

## **14 Signs of the Second Coming of Jesus**

1. Rebirth of the nation of Israel
2. Re-unification of Europe
3. Rise of radical Islam
4. Revealing of the antichrist
5. One-world government and religion
6. Rebuilding of the Jewish Temple
7. Gospel will be preached in the whole world
8. Ease of worldwide travel, technological advances
9. Increase in deadly diseases
10. Worldwide earthquakes
11. Possession of Jerusalem disputed
12. Return of Jews to their homeland
13. Worldwide Famines
14. All of the signs coming together

# WHILE WE WAIT...

“For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.” Habakkuk 2:3

So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:6-8

## ***What does the Second Coming of Jesus look like?***

In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. Zechariah 14:4

And after He (Jesus) had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11

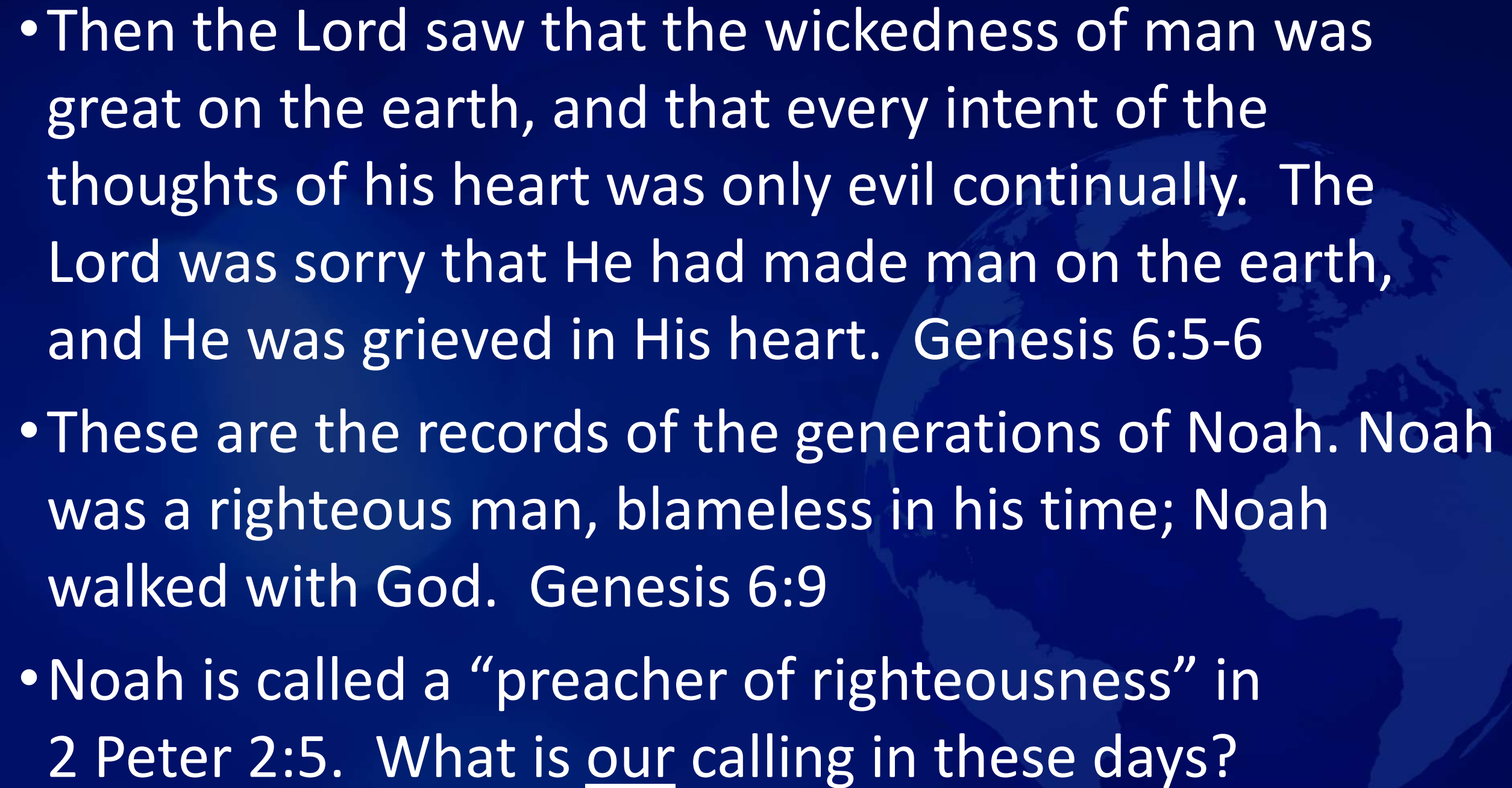


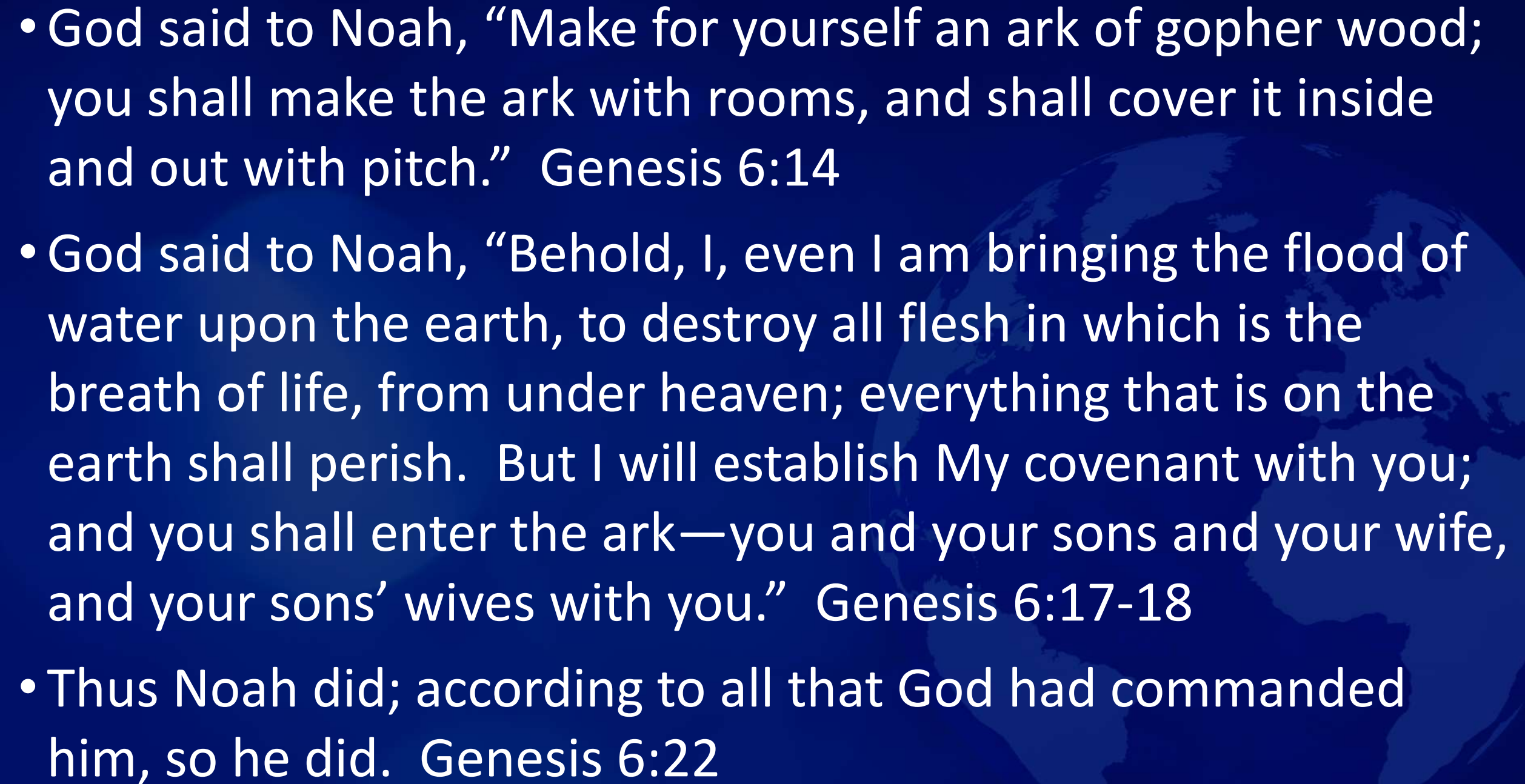
Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone." Matthew 24:35-36

Jesus said, "Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36

Jesus said, “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.” Matthew 24:37-39

\*The story of Noah is found in Genesis 6-9

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- Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. Genesis 6:5-6
  - These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:9
  - Noah is called a “preacher of righteousness” in 2 Peter 2:5. What is our calling in these days?

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- God said to Noah, “Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.” Genesis 6:14
  - God said to Noah, “Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.” Genesis 6:17-18
  - Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did. Genesis 6:22

God said to Noah, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man. As for you, be fruitful and multiply; populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it.” Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, “Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.” Genesis 9:6-11

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.” Genesis 9:12-17

# ***What were the “Days of Noah” like?***

- Culture filled with wickedness
- Culture filled with violence
- Culture which rejected human dignity as ones created in the image of God
- Culture with no regard for the value of human life
- Culture filled with sexual immorality
- Culture which refused to believe in a holy and sovereign God
- Culture willfully ignorant of spiritual things, focusing only on earthly pleasures and pursuits

## Facebook did little to moderate posts in the world's most violent countries

In some of the world's most high-profile conflict zones, the tech giant invested few resources and failed to stem a steady stream of harmful posts, according to internal documents



By MARK SCOTT  
10/25/2021 07:01 AM EDT

In late 2020, Facebook researchers came to a sobering conclusion. The company's efforts to curb hate speech in the Arab world were not working.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/10/25/facebook-moderate-posts-violent-countries-517050>

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Africa

## U.S. 'gravely concerned' by escalating violence in Ethiopia ahead of envoy's visit

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Reuters



<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/us-gravely-concerned-by-escalating-violence-ethiopia-ahead-envoys-visit-2021-11-03/>



## Protesters Killed in Sudan on Day Seen as a Test for the Military

Three demonstrators were fatally shot, a doctors' group said, as crowds answered activists' call for a "march of millions" against a coup that has threatened the country's democratic transition.



Protesters flooded the streets in defiance of a military coup that derailed the nation's transition to civilian rule. Three people were fatally shot and more than 100 injured in the demonstrations on Saturday. EPA, via Shutterstock



By Abdi Latif Dahir

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# VIOLENCE

## Colombian drug lord 'Don Mario' pleads guilty to leading violent cartel that trafficked 81 tons of cocaine

Celina Tebor USA TODAY

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Police officers escort Colombian drug trafficker Daniel Rendon Herrera, also known as "Don Mario," at a police airport in Bogota in this file photo from April 15, 2009. William Fernando Martinez, AP

Daniel Rendon Herrera, a Colombian drug kingpin known as "Don Mario" who admitted to trafficking more than 80 tons of cocaine, pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise and conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization.

# SEXUAL IMMORALITY

POLITICO

## President Biden issues proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month

NBC MONTANA

by Colton Salaz | The National Desk | Tuesday, June 1st 2021



WASHINGTON, DC - JUNE 26: Rainbow-colored lights shine on the White House to celebrate today's US Supreme Court ruling in favor of same-sex marriage June 26, 2015 in Washington, DC. (Photo by Mark Wilson/Getty Images)



WASHINGTON (SBG) — President Joe Biden on Tuesday issued a [proclamation](#) recognizing June as Pride Month while reaffirming his original campaign promise to defend the rights and liberties of LGBTQ+ Americans.

<https://nbcmontana.com/news/nation-world/president-biden-issues-proclamation-recognizing-june-as-pride-month>

## 6 Years After Same-Sex Marriage, Now What?

The highest-profile Supreme Court win for gay and lesbian rights, a decision written for history, stopped short of what advocates really wanted. Where does that leave the movement?



By SASHA ISSENBERG  
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**O**n June 26, 2015, six years ago today, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down all state laws that discriminated against gay and lesbian unions and made same-sex marriage the law of the land. Unlike other

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/06/26/obergefell-supreme-court-same-sex-marriage-496312>

# NO REGARD FOR THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE



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## Supreme Court questions controversial Texas abortion law

By MARK SHERMAN and JESSICA GRESKO November 1, 2021

<https://apnews.com/article/abortion-us-supreme-court-health-texas-lawsuits-6a86d10e02536b524855baf97726a809>

The Washington Post

*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

**Biden administration asserts 'no constitutional right is safe' if Texas abortion law allowed to stand**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/11/01/supreme-court-texas-abortion-live-updates/>

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Matthew 24:37

As we read these news articles...

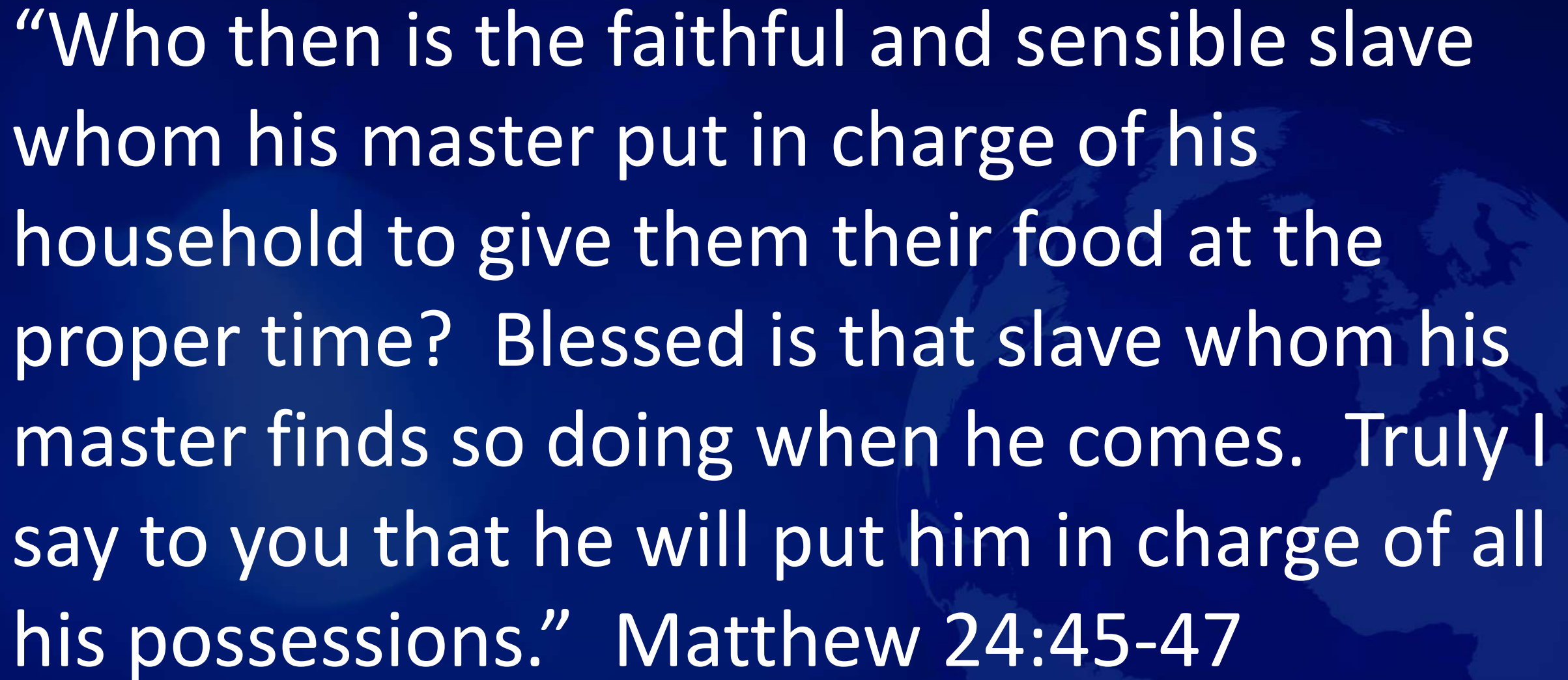
What does it feel like to live in today’s world?

Are we living in the “days of Noah”?

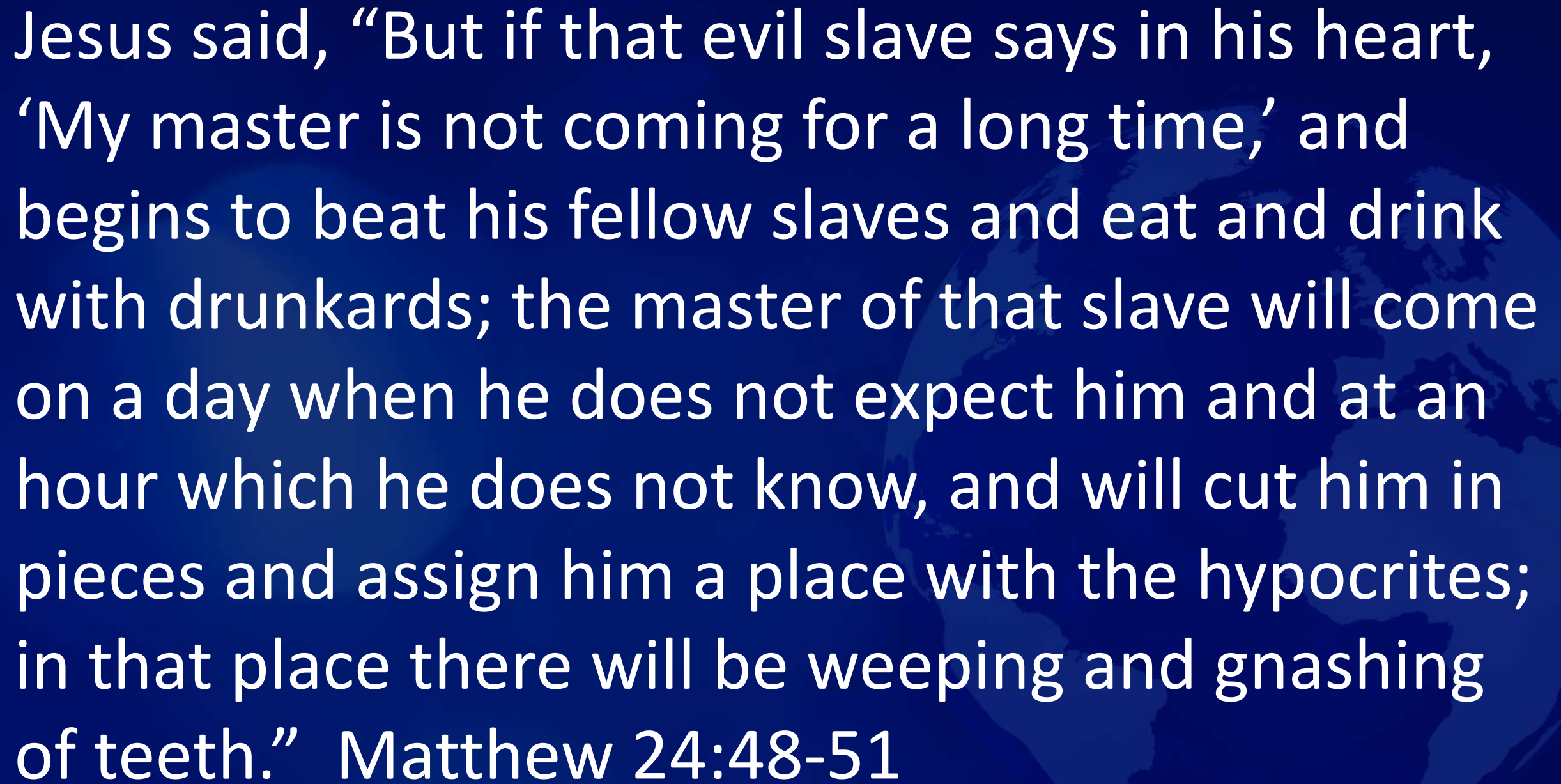
Jesus said, “Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.” Matthew 24:40-41

- While this may sound like the Rapture, it also will apply to the time of the Second Coming of Jesus. There will be two groups of people... those ready for His return and those not ready.
- So, how does one get ready?

Jesus said to the disciples, “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.” Matthew 24:42-44



“Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.” Matthew 24:45-47



Jesus said, “But if that evil slave says in his heart, ‘My master is not coming for a long time,’ and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 24:48-51





**CHRIST  
IS COMING**

**ARE YOU READY?**

## What do we do NOW?

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him. Hebrews 9:27-28