

# Mounting Worldwide Troubles

You may have wondered at the increasing number of hurricanes moving across the Caribbean this year, but the rise of terrorism, huge population movements bringing border challenges, intractable war in the Middle East, earth quakes, horrific disease epidemics, droughts and floods all add up to almost impossible burdens upon many nations.

Of course, some have tried to blame many of these on ‘global warming’, and there *is* a slight rise in global temperatures, but not one that could be in any way blamed upon the impact of man’s emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>; it’s just too small to have that effect, and in any case such emissions have paused now for almost 20 years, but extreme weather events have dramatically increased.

So, putting aside the fact that the West is being targeted by radical left ‘environmentalists’ and Marxists within the UN with their own agenda, just what is causing the growing list of troubles afflicting our planet?

While there is endless speculation in TV documentaries about these problems, never once have I seen any mention of God, despite the fact that Western nations claim to be Christian and all of them have access to the Bible. It’s almost as though they are unaware of the answers which it contains, which is surprising as they claim to worship the God who created this world, man, and all forms of life upon it. After all, God did not leave us without a guide for living a happy and successful life, any more than industrialists always provide their products along with an instruction book about their use, Proverbs 6:23, ‘*For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,*’ 2Peter 1:19, ‘*We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*’ NIV.

Knowing that, and the fact that God is all powerful, capable of all solutions, controls the elements of nature (Psalm 148:8) and is all knowing (Isaiah 40:28), should we not expect to find in that instruction book the answer to these problems and the way that we may overcome them, and survive?

So, let’s first notice one thing about God which will help us understand the way in which He is dealing with His ultimate creation, humanity.

God is love. His goal for us is so generous, so valuable that it is hard for us to comprehend. He loves mankind so much that, in order for us to gain eternal life and join His family, He allowed the one who became Jesus Christ, His only son, to give His life to cover our sins. Read about that in article number 55, of page 1: ‘What Kind of God is it That...?’ It explains that mankind has been given the freedom to learn, *if necessary the hard way* by wrong choices, that God’s way is the only way to eternal life, and that if this requires suffering for those who are not obedient to His laws, God will still bring us through to gain the glorious freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:18-22, ‘*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*’

God, together with the one who is called the ‘Word’, long ago, before the world was created, designed a plan which would bring many others to join them in eternal life, John 1:1-3, ‘*In the*

*beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.’ John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.’*

This process each of us is already involved in, and to help us understand its magnificence, God designed His Holy Days, annual High Sabbaths to illustrate the stages of His plan and this is explained in our article no. 49, Page 1, ‘Plan of God in The Holy Days’.

Normally, we have a lifetime in which to learn what God requires of us, and hopefully overcome our human frailties, our human nature, and begin to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 2:20, *‘For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.’* Most of us require a lifetime, but there has to be one generation which lives at the very end of God’s allocated 6000 year plan, which concludes with the removal of all this world’s evil systems and religions, in order that a clean start may be made with the Kingdom of God, a 1000 year period after Christ’s return, often referred to as the Millennium.

To allow those in the *last* generation of this age to make more rapid spiritual progress in the shorter time available, God justly unlocked more understanding of His plan and the progress of prophetic events at the end time than has ever been understood before. Even the prophets and the apostles did not comprehend such detail, for they did not need it. God told Daniel the prophet, *‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased..... And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.’* Daniel 12: 4,9.

We need a clear understanding that the end of this age is rapidly approaching, and God’s punishment upon mankind for its rejection of His way is almost upon us. So, God has given us a clearer understanding of the events leading up to what the Bible calls the ‘Great Tribulation’, in order that we might ‘wash our robes’ by turning from our sins and accepting Christ’s sacrifice for our forgiveness, Matthew 24:21, *‘For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.’* Revelation 7:14, *‘I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’* Isaiah 24:6, *‘Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men are left.’*

Its only by recognizing that our time is short that we might have the spur to increase our zeal and overcome, Revelation 3:10, *‘Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.’* It is for that reason that this ministry has concentrated upon the ‘End Time’ - on linking together and expounding the scriptures which tell us what we need to be doing if we hope to make it through the Great Tribulation and live on into the Kingdom of God after Christ’s return.

It is scripture such as Leviticus chapter 26 and Deuteronomy 28 which you need to read and study so that you understand that the troubles we see around us and which were mentioned at the beginning, are not accidental, not caused by global warming, but are the *automatic* results of mankind’s sins, our rejection of the way of life God has revealed to us in His instruction book, the Bible, which if followed lead to happiness and prosperity.

Once that is understood, and if repentance and baptism follows, then, with the laying on of hands you may receive the Holy Spirit, which begets you into the very family of God, Acts 2:38, *‘And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the*

*forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’ Romans 8:29, ‘For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.’ You are then automatically a member of the Church of God, and linked to all others who have experienced the same process, as members of the true vine, John 15:5, ‘I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, **he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**’*

There is no organisation to which you must belong. No man you need to follow, which is why no name is attached to this website except Jesus Christ’s. Be aware that Jesus Christ brought you to this understanding. He has chosen you to participate in the spreading of this vital knowledge which leads those whom God is calling to be His servants and bring forth fruit for His Kingdom, John 15:16, ‘*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you **that you should go and bear fruit** and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*’

How you can do this by participating in God’s end time work and following His instructions, without sending anything to this website, we would be pleased to share with you if you use the ‘Contact Us’ tab. Nothing could please God more than that you should help bring forth fruit for His harvest, Revelation 14:14-16, ‘*Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, **for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.**” So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.*’

Many have searched widely and long for that which they knew was missing in their lives, rejecting many false solutions and religions of men, but we persevere, and God answers our need with that which is beyond price, that which only He can provide, to those who diligently seek to become His servants, and truly follow Him.

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