These Perilous Times

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**“Harbingers of End-time Events”**

 “I have told you this now that before it happens, so when it does happen, you will believe.” John 14:29 TEV

“…Deception…” (Matt. 24:3). “…Wars and rumors of wars, nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom… “(Matt. 24:6). “…Famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places…” (Matt. 24:7). “These are the beginning of labor pangs…” (Matt. 24:8). “… they will kill you and you will be hated by all nations for My names sake…” (Matt. 24:9). “… Betrayal of one another… “(Matt 24:10). “…Many false prophets will arise deceiving many… (Matt. 24: 11, 24). “…Learn a parable from the fig tree, when its branch is yet tender…” (Matt. 24:32). “…When you see all these things…” Matt. 24:24:33). “No one knows the hour of Jesus’s coming, except the Father.” (Matt. 24:36). “…As in the days of Noah, and Lot were…” (Matt 24: 37-39; Luke 17:28, 29). “… Watch therefore for you don’t know what hour your Lord is coming….” (Matt. 24:42). “… Be therefore also ready because you don’t know what hour your Lord will come…” (Matt. 24:44). Written over two millennia ago, but sounds like the condition of our world today!

**What does this mean for Us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

**Recent disasters**

 Just recently a Libyan flood took the lives of thousands-warning of a cracked dam fell on deaf ears! The potential of a dam failure went unheeded. Earthquake in Morocco, on Sept 8. 2023 kills hundreds, Wild fires this year in Maui destroyed billions of dollars worth of valuable real estate…

 In 1971 Paul Williams wrote a politically provocative hit tune for the pop-rock group “Three Dog Night,” titled, “The Family of Man.”

Here are the lyrics:

“This tired city was somebody’s dream, billboard horizons as black as they seem, four level highways across the land building a home for the family of man.

One man to lead us with so much to say, moving the mountains that got in their way, prayer books and meetings to find a plan, deciding the fate of the family of man.

And its so hard whatever, are we coming to, yes, it’s so hard with so little time and so much to do, memories replacing the lives that we lost, burning our bridges as soon as they’re crossed, factories built where the rivers ran, and time running out for the family of man.”

 I find it absolutely, astonishing that over 50 years ago a secular musician saw where the world was headed, and yet many professed Christians still cannot see end-time prophecies being fulfilled. In a recent issue of TPT, I wrote an article entitled, “Expect the Unexpected.” However, Jesus makes it plain in John 14:29 “I’ve told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass you might believe…” We have no excuses for being caught off guard. What is our role as God’s people concerning Jesus’ end-time prophecies”

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness, to all the nations, then the end will come.” Matt. 24:14 NKJV

Our Mission Statement is: “Making disciples by the Proclamation of the Three Angels’ Messages.”

Our Vision Statement is: “To be a Transforming influence in Our Community.”

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

 “In the last scenes of this earth’s history war will rage. There will be pestilence, plague, and famine. The waters of the deep will overflow their boundaries, Property and life will be destroyed by fire and flood. We should be preparing for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for them that love Him. “ [[1]](#footnote-1) “Prophecy is fast fulfilling. More, much more should be said about these tremendously important subjects. The day is at hand when the destiny of souls will be fixed forever… great pains should be taken to keep this subject before the people. The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord, will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. ***Let no one’s interpretation rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of events which show that this great event* (Christ’s second coming) *is at hand*** ” [[2]](#footnote-2) (Emphasis supplied).

“Therefore, **be ye also ready**: for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man cometh.” Matt. 24:44 KJV (Emphasis supplied)



1. E. G. White. Last Day Events, p.24. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ibid., pp. 17, 17. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)