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The return of the Lord will come as a surprise to everyone just as the Noah's flood caught everyone by surprise except for Noah and his family. The world is racing toward the Lord's return along with the rise of the Antichrist. This day will come as a thief in the night when no one is looking. Just look at the signs of the times and to see how close we are to the fulfillment of prophecy.

- Iran (Kings of the East) preparing for nuclear war against Israel
- The US is preparing to pull out of Iraq leaving Iraq defenseless against Iran's march toward Israel
- Wickedness is increasing
- Men are lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

Romans 1:18-32

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
- 20 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 without excuse:
- 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible

God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient:

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 2:1-29

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- 1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.
- 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.
- 3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?
- 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?
- 5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;
- 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:
- 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:
- 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,
- 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;
- 10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:
- 11 For there is no respect of persons with God.
- 12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;
- 13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.
- 14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:
- 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while

accusing or else excusing one another;)

- 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.
- 17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,
- 18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;
- 19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,
- 20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.
- 21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?
- 22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?
- 23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?
- 24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.
- 25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.
- 26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?
- 27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?
- 28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
- 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

As every day goes by the world is drawing closer and closer to both the rise of the Antichrist and the return of the Lord. The world is treasuring up for themselves wrath against the day

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of wrath. Do you think that the floods in the midwest have just been caused by nature? God is bringing a famine upon us for our wickedness. The United States has become a wicked and perverse nation. We have become a nation that loves to sin and live in debauchery.

Since World War II we have become a proud and arrogant nation that has chosen to live in sin. The television shows nothing but wickedness and debauchery. It started with the soap operas and has now progressed to prime time television. The primary theme is depicting men and women fornicating and committing adultery. This is where we are as a nation! We honor the publishers of pornography and smut. Can we fall any further? Can we plunge any further into the depths of sin without facing the judgment of God?

The downfall of Rome was their debauchery and orgies. America faces the same collapse!

Revelation 16:1-21

- 1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.
- 2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.
- 3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.
- 4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.
- 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.
- 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.
- 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

- 8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.
- 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.
- 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,
- 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.
- 12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.
- 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
- 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
- 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.
- 17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.
- 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.
- 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.
- 20 And every island fled away, and the

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mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

We have been hearing conflicting reports about global warming, but the heat mentioned in revelation pales in anything that man can bring upon himself. The oldest book in the Bible contains a reference to God's storehouse of hail reserved for the last days.

We are rapidly approaching the days of prophecy where we will see the fulfillment of everything described in the Bible. We are already seeing the beginning of the famine caused by the floods!

As Christians we need to hold fast to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Only those who hold fast to the end will be saved and redeemed. It takes perseverance and determination to hold fast to the end, for Satan and the world are doing everything to draw you away from your salvation. When you are tempted, you need to call upon the Lord Jesus Christ for his divine help and guidance. We need to cling steadfastly to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Only through clinging to our Lord do we have any hope in salvation and resurrection.

2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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