

Chapter 11 History's great climax

Terrorists are confirming Bible prophecy about the end times. God's Word uses graphic words which describe events now happening before our eyes - "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21.26.

But since human wickedness isn't God's will, why does he allow it? Well, let's not overlook how hard it is for God to capture our attention. What will it take before people are driven into God's arms with one great desire - to live their lives as he intended? We can nevertheless be encouraged by three wonderful truths -

First, in the end times "all the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord." Psalm 22.27.

Second, this means that today's lawlessness will cease! God's ultimate plan is to "bring in everlasting righteousness." Daniel 9.24. That is, all world affairs will be characterised by righteousness.

Third, God will accomplish this through the Man of his choice, Jesus, when he returns to this earth in great power to establish his kingdom. Matthew 24.30.

But why is God taking so long about it? Well, he has a question too: why are we taking so long to believe in him?

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"We should think about the way we are living, and turn back to the Lord."

- Lamentations 3.40 (Bible for Today).