

JCBC 7 PM Bible Study – 5/20/2026

**MATTHEW 24:4 – And Jesus answered and said unto them,
Take heed that no man deceive you.**



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Watch and Pray

2026



JCBC PURPOSE STATEMENT

To lead people to Jesus Christ and conversion, develop their commitment to Christ and equip them to comfort others in His name, as a valued member of a community of believers who celebrate God and his goodness.

“Watch and Pray 2026” Objectives

- ***To examine how Jesus’ warnings about future troubled times relate to our times***
- ***To be spiritually alert and aware instead of alarmed and afraid of changes and events***
- ***To recognize and resist spiritual deception***
- ***To develop a deeper understanding of Bible passages that warn us about end times***
- ***To cultivate stronger faith that can withstand tests, temptations, and trials***
- ***To be prepared to successfully endure test and trials in the future***
- ***To be able to share God’s Word about the future with others***

"Watch out!"

- Luke 21:34-36 NLT -



Watch and Pray 2026

For the next ten weeks, we will study the New Testament's relevant spiritual warnings in the following passages.

- **MATTHEW 24:1-51**
- **LUKE 21:5-38**
- **MARK 13:1-37**
- **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13 – 5:28**
- **2 THESSALONIANS 2**
- **1 TIMOTHY 4:1-8**
- **2 TIMOTHY 3:1-17**
- **2 PETER 2**
- **1 JOHN 4:1-21**
- **JUDE**

Previous Examples of God's Warnings

Here are other examples or scriptural references of God's warnings before bad consequences or judgment occurred.

- ❖ Abimelech >> GENESIS 20:1-18
- ❖ King David >> 2 SAMUEL 11 and 12:1-19
- ❖ Rahab >> JOSHUA 2 and 6:12-25
- ❖ Hezekiah >> 2 KINGS 20
- ❖ Belshazzar >> DANIEL 5

THE PARABLE



Jesus' warnings in the parable of the seed and the sower

OF THE SOWER



LUKE 8:13 [NKJV]

But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in the time of temptation fall away.

[Mark 4:16-17, Matthew 13:20-21]

LUKE 8:14 [NKJV]

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. [Mark

4:18-19, Matthew 13:22]

LUKE 8:15 [NKJV]

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. [Mark 4:20, Matthew

13:23]

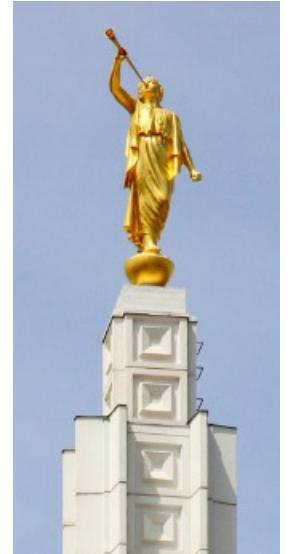
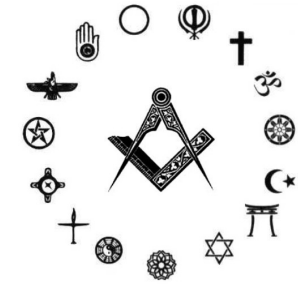
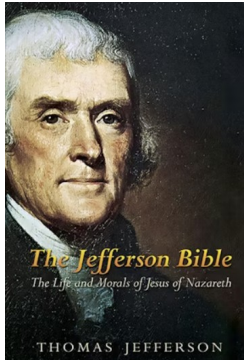
What is the difference between a religious person and a righteous person?

MATTHEW 24:1-3 And Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, **Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**
[NKJV]



Jerusalem 70 AD: Not One Stone Left upon Another

MATTHEW 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said to them, Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. [NKJV]

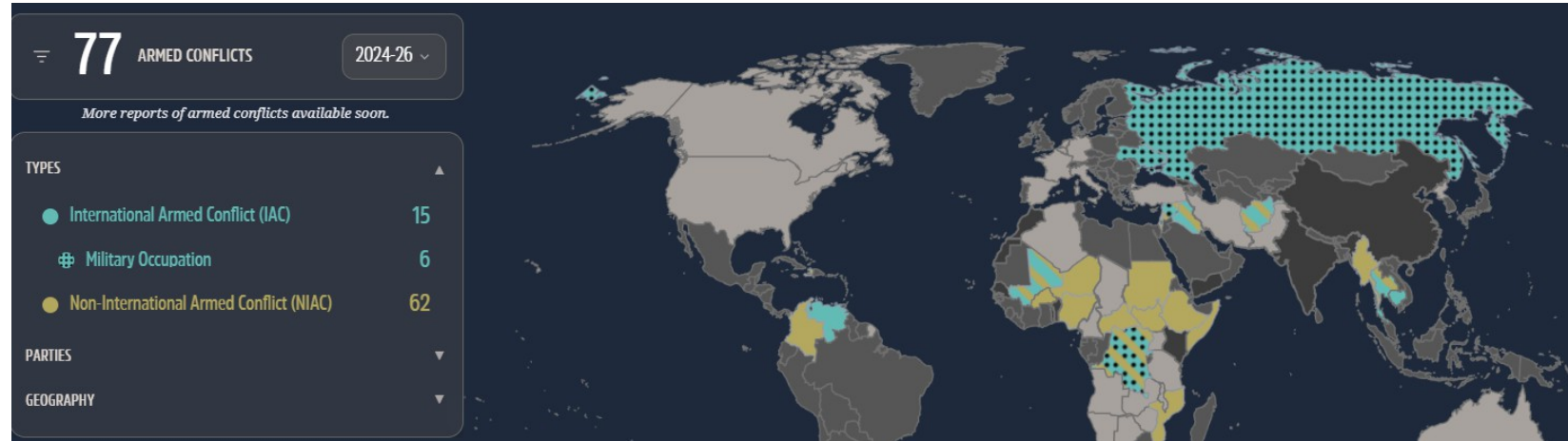


2 CORINTHIANS 11:13-15 [NKJV]

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.



MATTHEW 24:6-8 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these this must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

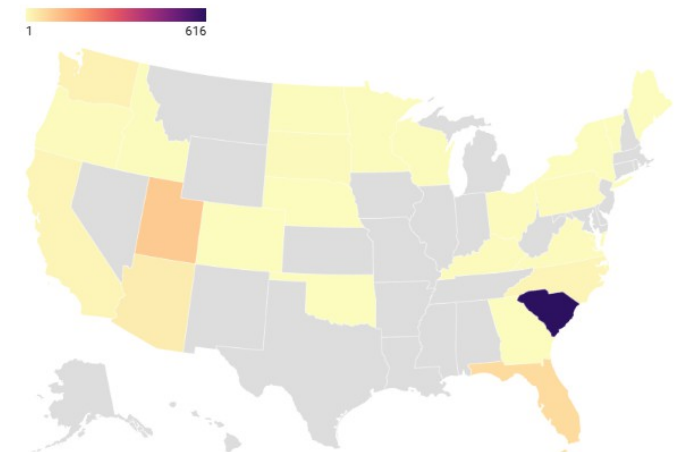


For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

All these are the beginning of sorrows. [NKJV]

Measles cases in the U.S. in 2026

Less than two full months into the year, there have been 5 new measles outbreaks and 910 new cases.

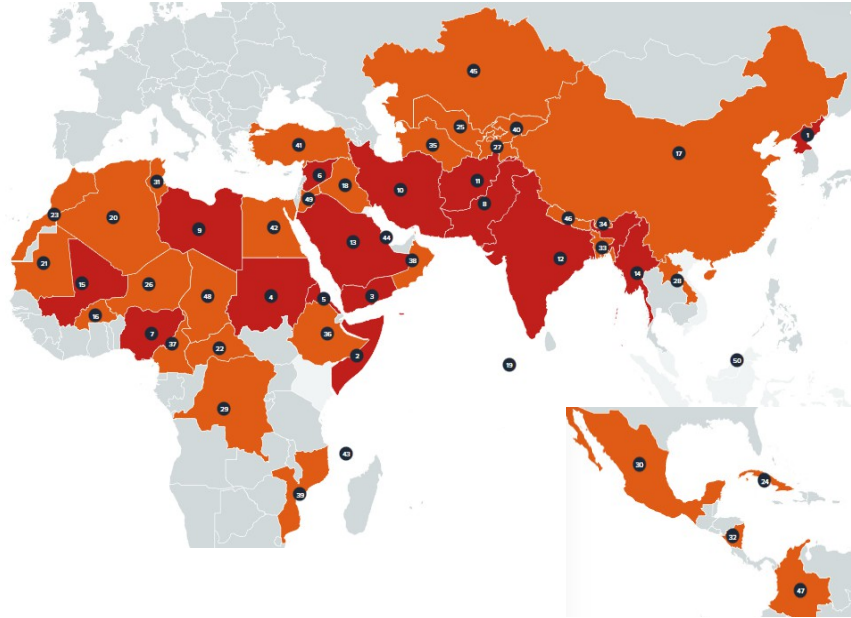


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MATTHEW 24:9-10 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, and will betray one another, and will hate one another. [NKJV]



2025 World Watch List & Persecution Trends



VIOLENCE IN NUMBERS

- 4,849** Christians murdered
- 4,712** Christians detained
- 3,632** Churches and Christian properties attacked



1 in 7 Christians are persecuted worldwide



1 in 5 Christians are persecuted in Africa



2 in 5 Christians are persecuted in Asia

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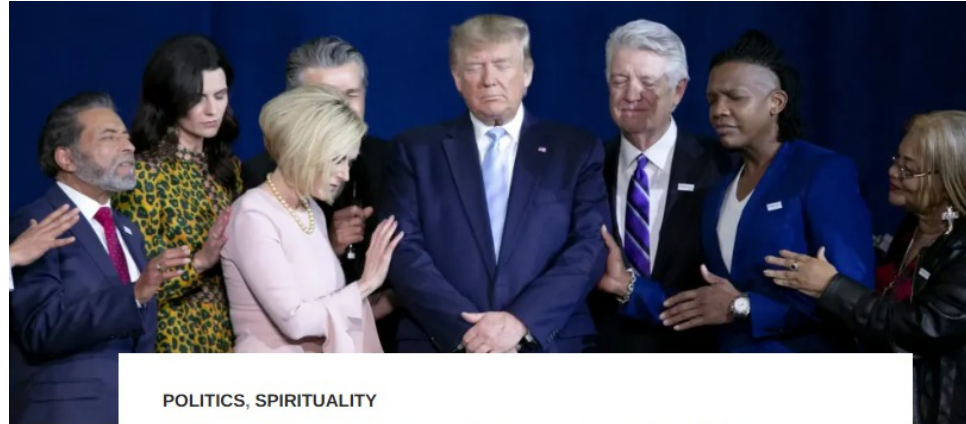
2026 World Watch List

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| 1 | North Korea | 6 | Syria |
| 2 | Somalia | 7 | Nigeria |
| 3 | Yemen | 8 | Pakistan |
| 4 | Sudan | 9 | Libya |
| 5 | Eritrea | 10 | Iran |



<https://www.persecution.com/>

MATTHEW 24:11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. [NKJV]



POLITICS, SPIRITUALITY

**THE TRUMP PROPHETS WHO
REFUSE TO APOLOGIZE FOR
THEIR FALSE PREDICTIONS**

MATTHEW 24:12-13 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

MATTHEW 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. [NKJV]



- *What were the primary means of sharing information during Jesus' time, when he said this to the disciples? How did people travel and communicate?*
- *Did Jesus mean or imply that the gospel would be preached in all the world during the disciples lifetime?*
- *Or was Jesus referring to a future period of time?*

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- *Is it possible to reach the entire world today with the message of Christ?*
- *How is the gospel being preached across the world in our time?*



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MATTHEW 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. [NKJV]

- *Do we play a part in Matthew 24:14, helping the gospel reach across the world?*
- *What is our personal responsibility in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ?*
- *How can we fulfill that responsibility?*

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

[NKJV]

*Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen. [NKJV]*

*Romans 1:16 For I am **not ashamed of the gospel of Christ**, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. [NKJV]*

*1 Peter 3:15 But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts**: and be ready always to **give an answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

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

[NKJV]

HOMEWORK

Prepare your 3-5 minute testimony about your salvation experience, in order to be ready when someone asks a reason for the hope within you.

- *Describe your life or circumstances before you decided to follow Jesus Christ. Describe the turning point or decision to invite Christ into your heart. Describe the changes in your life and the results of God's work in your heart.*
- *Be alert to the opportunities God will provide for you to tell others about Jesus and to communicate the gospel.*
- *If you shared your testimony and the gospel of Jesus Christ, tell the group about the experience. What lessons-learned can you provide about sharing Christ?*

MATTHEW 24:15-20 Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. [NKJV]

- Daniel 9:27
- Daniel 11:31
- Daniel 12:11



This abomination was a warning that an idolatrous image would be set up in the temple.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Israelites often embraced idolatry and violated Exodus 20:4-6.

- ❖ *Exodus 32:1-6 – Aaron made the first idol, a golden calf*
- ❖ *1 Kings 11 – Solomon & his 700 idolatrous wives*
- ❖ *1 Kings 11-12, 14 - After the nation split into 2 kingdoms, both new leaders continued promoting religious idolatry.*

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. [NKJV]

Can you name historical figures or current leaders associated with an idolatrous degree of self-promotion, veneration, or cult of personality?



Before he died, Stalin had 6,000 statues of himself through USSR and Eastern Europe.



North Koreans must have state photos of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il in their homes.

1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

- *How would you define an idol, or the practice of idolatry?*
- *What, in your observations, could be categorized as an idol in our society or time?*



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Revelation 13:11-18

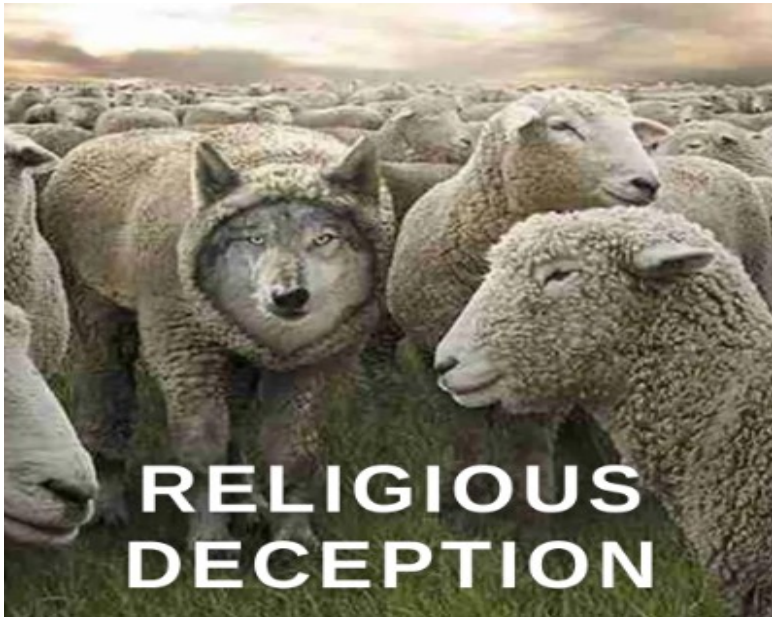
- A future political or religious leader will compel others to pay homage (worship) to a previous leader. (13:12)
- This new leader will use signs and miracles in order to deceive people into believing he is divinely inspired. (13:13-14)
- This leader will create an image of the previous leader and compel others to honor it, or else face death. (13:14-15)
- This leader will implement a new biometric financial payment system, where users will be required to receive a reader device in their right hands or foreheads. (13:16-17)

MATTHEW 24:21-22 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. [NKJV]



- Matthew 13:21 >> *tribulation will cause those with shallow faith to fall away or quit on Christ. Those who remain faithful may have to suffer for it.*
- Revelation 7:9-17 >> *God gives a heavenly preview the faithful saints in eternity who endured persecution and tribulation instead of giving up or giving in.*
- *How can we support and encourage each other to go through trials and tribulations?*
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- *How have others helped you stay strong enough to endure past trials and tribulations?*

MATTHEW 24:23-28 Then if anyone says to you, “Look, here is the Christ!” or “There!” do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, “Look, He is in the desert!” do not go out; or “Look, He is in the inner rooms!” do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the son of man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. [NKJV]



- *Have you ever been exposed to or part of a spiritual environment that drifted into religious deception or false teaching?*
- *What lessons or warnings from your experience can you share to help others?*

MATTHEW 24:29 Immediately after the the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [NKJV]



Warning signs and signals of the end times will be demonstrated in nature, the climate, and the heavens.

- Revelation 6:12-17
- Revelation 8:6-12
- Revelation 11:15-19
- Revelation 16:17-21

What environmental changes in nature, climate, and the heavens do you already see matching the predictions in scripture?

MATTHEW 24:30-31 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. [NKJV]



- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

HOMEWORK

- *Find other scripture passages that reference Jesus' second coming.*
- *What is each passage trying to tell us about Jesus' return?*

MATTHEW 24:32-36 Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. [NKJV]

HOMEWORK



Jesus said no one can know beforehand the day nor hour of His second coming.

- Which different religious groups or denominations so far have tried to prove Him wrong?*

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People, Groups, or Churches that Predicted the Second Coming of Jesus Christ but Were Wrong:

Jehovah's Witnesses — In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Charles Taze Russell, the founder of what became Jehovah's Witnesses, predicted that Christ would return in 1914.

The Watchtower Society (Jehovah's Witnesses) — In 1925, the Jehovah's Witnesses predicted that the return of Christ would occur, and that the faithful would be resurrected.

Sun Myung Moon (Unification Church) — Moon claimed in the 1970s that the Second Coming had already occurred through his own role as the Messiah.

The Jesus Movement (1960s-1970s) — Many in this countercultural Christian movement believed that Christ would return by the end of the 20th century.

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William Miller (and the Millerite movement) — In the early 19th century, William Miller predicted that Jesus would return in 1843–1844.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church — Following the Millerite movement, the Seventh-day Adventist Church (which emerged from it) initially embraced Miller's prediction.

The Christadelphians — This Christian sect has made several predictions about the return of Christ, including the early 20th century

The Branch Davidians — Led by David Koresh, this sect believed that the Second Coming of Christ was imminent. Koresh claimed it would occur during the 1990s. In the compound fire 80 people died and 9 escaped.

Harold Camping — A Christian radio broadcaster, Camping predicted the Rapture would occur on May 21, 2011, and that the world would end shortly thereafter. When the event did not happen, he revised his prediction to October 21, 2011, which also failed.

MATTHEW 24:38-39 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. [NKJV]



Name some routine events and activities in life that provide that sense of normalcy and stability.

One day that seems like “business as usual” turns out to be the day that irreversibly changes life as we know it.

Can you recall some days like that and the events that followed?



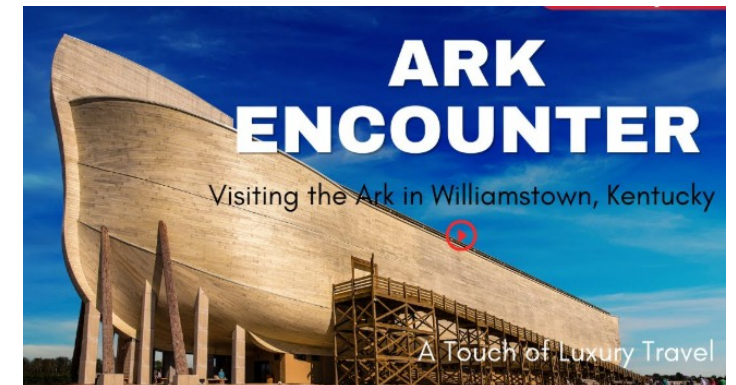
This formation has interested experts for decades due to its ship-like shape and dimensions, similar to the biblical description of Noah's Ark and Mount Ararat's mention in religious texts. Picture: NoahsArkScans/Facebook

God's Warning to Noah

- A new natural phenomenon that had never occurred before – rain & flooding
- Total devastation of the environment
- Massive loss of life
- Divine judgment

The Ark

- Actual ark believed to have landed in Turkey
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Noah's Faith & Faithfulness



- He believed God with consistent, obedient, persevering faith.
- He endured rejection or ridicule from extended family, friends, and community.
- He resisted the temptation to normalize with his surrounding community.
- He preached about God's righteousness and warned others of judgment (2 Peter 2:5).
- He accepted the sad reality that other family members, friends, neighbors, and others who didn't believe him and remained outside the ark would drown and perish in the flood.

God's Will Is Not Standing Still!

2 Peter 3:3-7 [NLT]

Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.” They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. Then he used water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.



1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 [NKJV]

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

2 Peter 3:9-10 [NKJV]

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.



MATTHEW 24:40-41 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. [NKJV]

“Christ’s second coming will be swift and sudden. There will be no opportunity for afterthought, last-minute repentance, or bargaining. The choice we have already made will determine our eternal destiny. Jesus’ purpose in telling about his return is...to warn us to be prepared. Will you be ready? The only safety is to obey him today.” Life Application Study Bible



MATTHEW 24:42-44 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. [NKJV]

Have you ever been caught off guard by an unexpected, unplanned event?

Have you ever had regrets about not preparing for something or completing a planned task in time?



MATTHEW 24:45-47 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. [NKJV]

How would you describe the attitude or mindset of a faithful employee?

Faithfulness is doing what we need to do...regardless of *feelings, moods, or desires.*



How about an unfaithful employee?

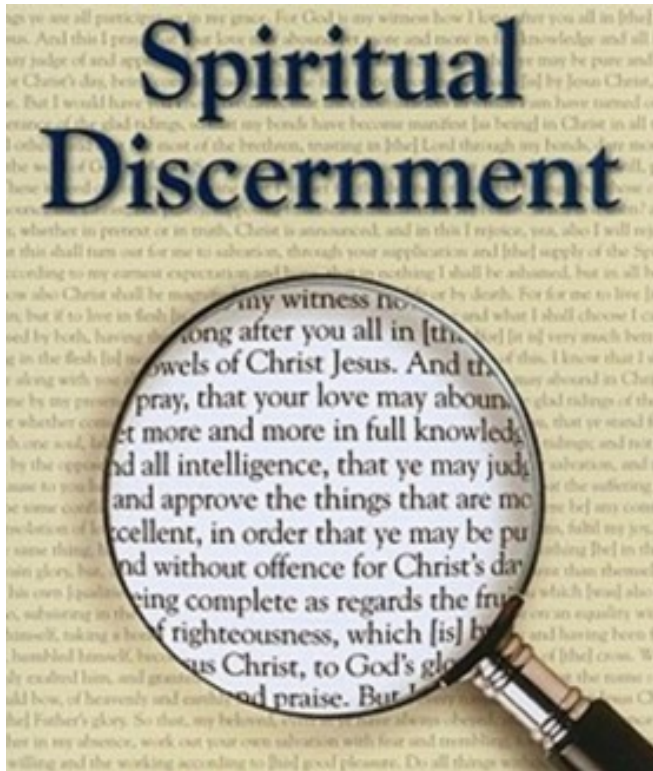
MATTHEW 24:48-51 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming, and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [NKJV]



Watch and Pray 2026 – CLASS PROJECT

After studying the assigned New Testament scripture passages related to our Watch and Pray theme, please be ready to present your answers to these 2 questions.

1. Pick out the spiritual warnings to the church from your scripture passage.
2. Describe how these warnings relate to our day and time, and our spiritual environment.



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LUKE 21:5-38 – Ezette Sullivan (4/15/2026)

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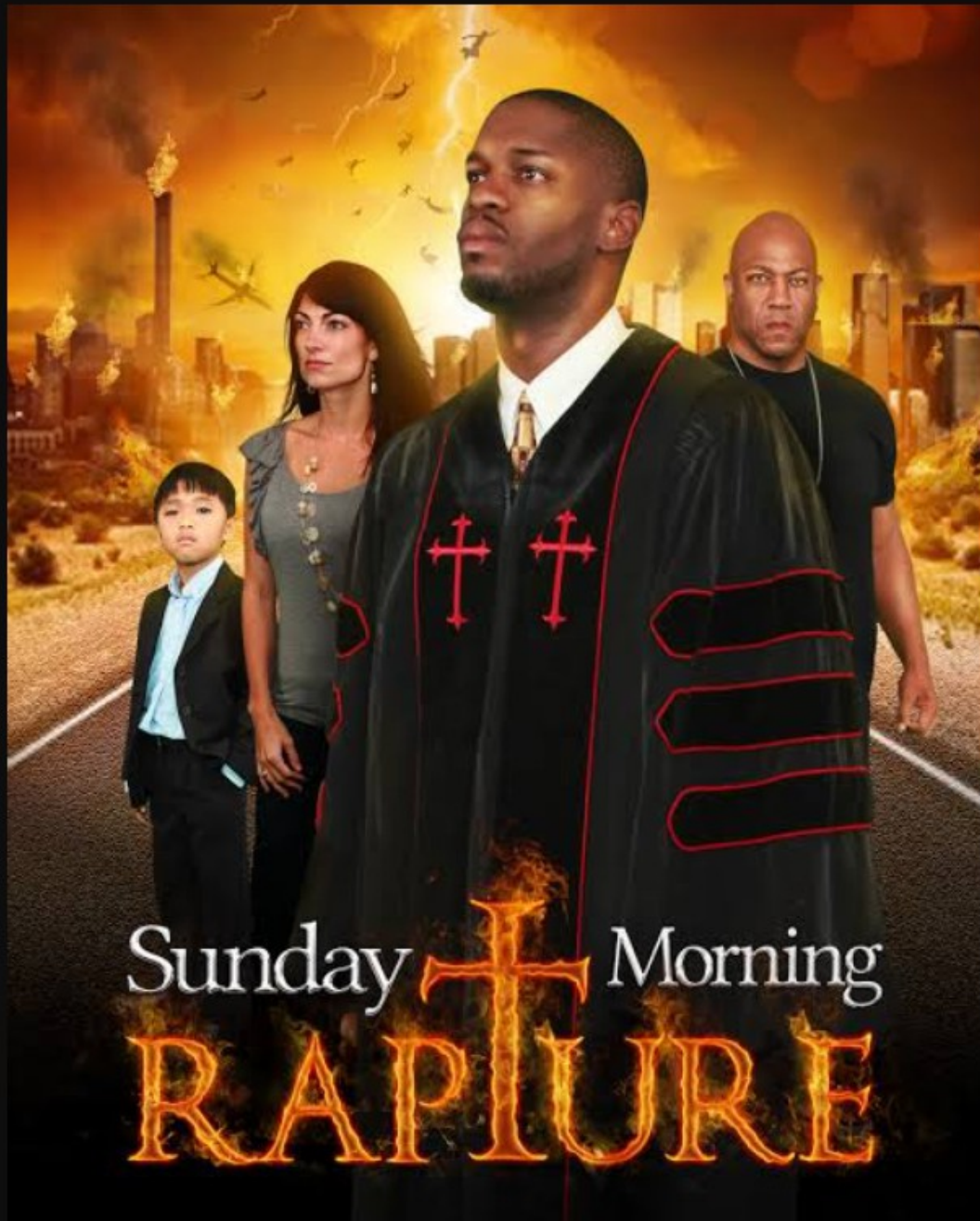
2 PETER 2 – Theresa Maloy (5/27/2026)

1 JOHN 4:1-21 – Deena Curry (6/3/2026)

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MATTHEW 7:15-27 – Wilhelmina (6/17/2026)





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June 24, 2026
7:00 PM

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Questions

1. Pick out the spiritual warnings to the church from your scripture passage.
2. Describe how these warnings relate to our day and time, and our spiritual environment.

After each presentation, the class will discuss how to respond to these warnings and apply them in daily life.

Lessons from Luke 21:5-38

This passage calls us to stay ready, not fearfully or anxiously, but in a faithful and alert way.

- Live each day with purpose, to stay spiritually awake, and to keep our hearts focused on Jesus.
- Here are some spiritual realities and true readiness:
 - Noise and uncertainty can distract from the truth.
 - Fear can shape decisions instead of faith.
 - Trust is often placed in unstable things (systems, people, circumstances).
 - Trust in God, not circumstances.
 - Stay faithful in daily life.
 - Remain spiritually alert and grounded in your daily walk.

Lessons from Mark 13:1-33

Mark 13:3-4” Tell us when this will be, and what will be the sign that all of these things are about to be accomplished?”

Jesus’ Prophetic Warnings

- Of the rise of deceivers (**Mark 13: 5,6, 21-23**)
- Of the wars of the nations (**Mark 7-8**)
- Of the persecutions of Christians (**Mark 9-13**)
- Of the destruction of Jerusalem (**Mark 14-20**)
- Of the end of the world (**Mark 24-27**)
- Some general intimations concerning the time of them (**Mark 28-32**)



Lessons from Mark 13:1-33

Warnings for This Day & Time, and Spiritual Environment

- Take heed and do not be deceived by seducers and impostors (Lest , having found the true Messiah, you lose him again in the crowds of pretenders. Jesus is the Christ (Many shall come in my name, claiming the which only Jesus is entitled to)
- Take heed not to be disturbed at the noise of wars. (Don't be troubled by it)
- Take heed not to be drawn away from Christ and your duty to him
- Your own relatives or close allies might betray you if they worship other gods
- Church rulers shall inflict their censures upon you (Resist)
- Governors and kings can use their powers against you (Resist)
- Continue to preach the gospel to all nations
- Perseverance gains the crown. It is an everlasting blessing
- "You must be on guard."

Lessons from Mark 13:1-33

Scriptures that give us courage

- **Mark 13:11** “ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say what ever is given to you at the time, for it is not you speaking , but the Holy Spirit.”
- **Mark 13:13** “Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”
- **Mark 13:23** “ So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.”
- **Mark 13:30-31** “ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away , but my words will never pass away.”
- **Mark 13:33:** “Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.”

Lessons from 2 Thessalonians 2

- Stand firm in the truth
- Do not be easily shaken
- Recognize the deception of the lawless one
- The power of God's restraining Hand
- The importance of love for the truth
- The consequence of rejecting truth
- The assurance of salvation
- The call to glory
- Encouragement through eternal comfort
- Strength for every good work

WATCH & PRAY

2 THESSALONIANS 2

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Lessons from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:28

The hope of Christ's resurrection – Paul assured the believers that Christ is coming back. Believers who died would be raised from the dead, and those who are still alive will be lifted up. Paul encouraged the Christians not to worry – all the believers would be with Christ again.

No one knows the day nor the time of Christ's return, so we should always be ready. We should always be prepared. It will happen suddenly and unexpectedly.

We who follow Christ are light and not of the darkness. The Apostle Paul tells how to prepare for the second coming: comfort and build up each other; warn the idle (lazy); comfort the frightened; care for the weak; be patient with everyone; do good to each other; be joyful always; pray continuously; be thankful.

We should test spiritual teaching, not believe everything we hear. Stay away evil.

The resurrection gives us hope for tomorrow & power for today. God raised the Lord & will also raise us up by His Power. (see 1 Corinthians 6:14)

Lessons from 1 Timothy 4:1-8

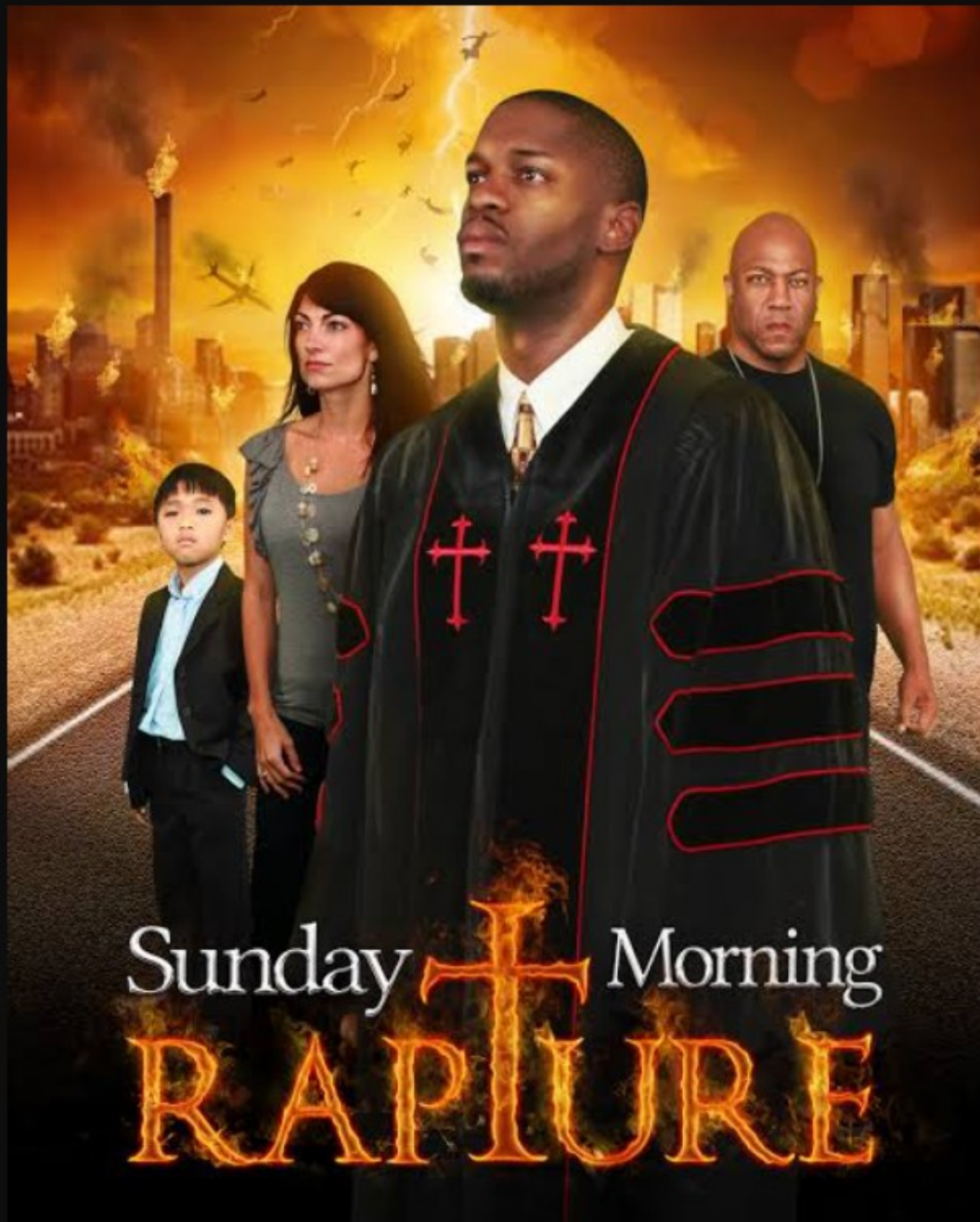
1 Timothy 4:1–8 remains highly relevant because the “latter times” are not a distant future but a present reality.

1. Warning about apostasy and false teaching - The Spirit “expressly” states that some will depart from the faith and follow deceitful spirits & teachings of demons.
2. Paul gives specific examples of false teaching: Prohibiting marriage and abstaining from certain foods.
3. Theological foundation - Paul affirms that all creation is good and nothing created by God should be rejected if received with thanksgiving
4. Call to godliness - The warning is followed by an exhortation: “Train yourself for godliness” (1 Timothy 4:7).
5. The “Latter Times” Are Ongoing - Paul refers to the broad era between Christ’s ascension and His return. The same spiritual warfare and moral decline he described are active today.

Lessons from 1 Timothy 4:1-8

6. False Teachers - The warning that “some will depart from the faith” and abandon the essential truths of Christianity, promote unbiblical doctrines, use persuasive but deceptive messages, exploit spiritual confusion to lead people away from Christ.
7. Deceitful Spirits and Doctrines of Demons - Deceitful spirits are demonic influences that lead people away from truth, deny the authority of Scripture, promote moral codes and piety rather than obedience to Christ.
8. Spiritual Warfare and Discernment - Believers are to be “constantly nourished” on the Word of God and to discipline themselves in godliness (4:7), regularly reading, meditating, and applying Scripture, testing all teachings against Scripture, and using prayer, fasting, worship to resist temptation & demonic influence.
9. Application for Today - Stay grounded in Scripture. Guard against false teaching and doctrines that contradict core Christian beliefs. Pray for discernment.

Lessons from 2 Timothy 3:1-17



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