

## **A Forecast To Prepare For**

If we consider the weather forecasts, thanks to the satellites in the heaven above us, we can stay informed hourly of tomorrow's weather with remarkable precision. Nonetheless, even this stunning precision of the technology wanes proportionally with time and the longer the term the more imprecise it gets. But there is one source of forecast inversely precise, that is to say the short term is imprecise but the long term is fixed and very sure.

### **The Short Term**

According to the Bible in Matthew 16 (see verses 2 & 3), the sky predicts tomorrow's weather as we are experiencing so precisely these days. But the Bible also tells us that, as to the circumstances of our lives, we do not know what tomorrow will bring (see James 4:14). Thus our tomorrow is never sure; tomorrow does not belong to us; sickness, accidents, pandemics or other uncontrollable events can adversely affect our agendas. However in the medium term, sure events appear now on the horizon although none can say when they will actually occur. But we are called *to discern the signs of the times* (Matthew 16:3) which predict what will come to pass any day now.

### **The Medium Term**

When the events appearing on the horizon come to pass, their course will be very precise.; all is detailed symbolically in the book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. It will be a time of great tribulation with widespread troubles and trials to last seven years followed by an outcome already determined. You would be wise to pay attention to what is happening now on our planet and that it is the true omen of...

### **...The Long Term**

The Word of God also informs us with firm specifics for the long term. It foretells of the thousand-year reign of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. He died on the cross and rose again and is soon to return (in the short term we believe). He must then appear in glory and power at the end of the great tribulation mentioned above and take complete possession of the earth. He, being the Creator and Sustainer of all things, will establish a reign of peace and righteousness for a period of a 1000 years. This is part one of the long term. Then, following a final useless revolt, the heavens and the earth that we know now shall be entirely destroyed (2 Peter 3:10) and God will introduce new heavens and a new earth where righteousness will dwell forever (2 Pierre 3:13), that is the very very long term!

## **The Coming Day...**

*"As in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking... until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away" (Matthew 24:38-39).* These people had not taken heed to Noah's warning. Do not make the same tragic mistake. Our planet is going through unforeseen and uncontrollable times. The Word of God exhorts us *to discern the signs of the times*. Be attentive to what the Bible foretells. Jesus said : *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"* (Matthew 24:35). His words will come to pass exactly as He said, and our forecast is, that it will be very soon! To escape, there is no refuge available to us like in Noah's days, but there is one in the Saviour Who, by his death on the cross and his shed blood paid for the sins of those who put their trust in Him. To these He has promised eternal salvation and a part with Him in his Kingdom. *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Timothy 1:15). *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"* (Acts 16:31). There is no surer forecast!

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