



## GRACE MISSION CHURCH - CENTURION SERMON NOTES BY PASTOR EDGAR NELUVHALANI

### **SIGNS OF THE END TIMES: Will the world ever be the same again?**

- There are 318 verses in the New Testament on the end times. The end times is a major topic of the New Testament
- Every crisis reveals who you are - it is a moment of decision
- We must live our lives in the fear of God rather than the fear of crisis
- Stop reacting to life and start responding to life
- Focus much on Bible prophecy rather than an individual's prophecy. Prophecy is not meant to glorify man but to glorify God. It is not meant to prove who is the greatest prophet but who is the greatest God!
- God will never just leave us to our own means in understanding what's happening in the world, He has already given us the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truths, **John 16:13 (NKJV)** 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



## Matthew 24:3-8 (NKJV)

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

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

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

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. (Word for birth pains - contractions)

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## 2 Timothy 3:1

In this verse, Paul prophesied, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times will come." This word "perilous" is the Greek word *chalepos*, which means dangerous or difficult. It is translated in Matthew 8:28 as "exceedingly fierce." So when Paul prophesied by the Spirit that the last days would be "perilous," he was saying that the end times would be dangerous, difficult, dark and exceedingly fierce.

## 1 Chronicles 12:32 (NKJV Strong's)

32 of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

Three Primary Voices on the second coming of Jesus

1. Jesus Himself speaking about his second coming
2. Paul wrote to dispel the myth that Jesus had already returned - Thessalonians
3. John in the book of Revelations

Signs - the word for road signs

Give you directions, peace, where you're

END - end of the age. Consummation of time

The world is getting ready to give birth to the next age which will be the tribulation and the church will already be out of here



The coming of Christ will not be in a crisis time. It will happen when life is very normal - marrying and getting married! **Matt 24:37-42**. Live every day like Christ is coming back anytime. Don't just live in reaction to a crisis!!

### **Matthew 24:35-44 (NKJV)**

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 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,

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

43 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.

44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect



## A SUMMARY OF THE SIGNS IF HIS RETURN

- For many will come in my name saying I am the Christ, Matt 24:4-5, 1 Tim 4:1-5.
- Wars and rumors of wars Matt 24:6-7
- Famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places, Matt 24:7
- Tribulation for the believer and martyrdom, Matt 24:9
- Hated of all nations for my Name's sake, Matt 24:9
- Hatred of brethren within the church, Matt 24:9
- False prophets arise and deception, Matt 24:11, 4
- The love of many believers grow cold, Matt, 24:12
- The Gospel of the Kingdom preached throughout the whole world, Matt 24:14
- Signs in sun, moon, and stars, Matt 24:29
- Distress of nations with perplexity, Luke 21:25
- The sea and the waves roaring (tidal waves), Luke 21:25
- Man's heart failing them for fear, Luke 21:26
- The powers of heaven shall be shaken, Luke 21:26
- The fig tree (represents Israel) is back in their land, Luke 21:29-33

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NKJV)

The Comfort of Christ's Coming

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

“But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.”



## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (NKJV)

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

## JESUS'S INSTRUCTION TO BELIEVERS ALIVE IN THE END TIMES

### 1. Matthew 24:6 (NKJV)

6 And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. - A PEACEFUL & FEARLESS HEART

### 2. Matthew 24:13 (NKJV)

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. - PATIENCE & ENDURANCE

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5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. - STAY AWAKE AND ALERT

### 4. Matthew 24:10 (NKJV)

10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. - TAKE NO OFFENSE

### 5. Matthew 24:4 (NKJV)

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

Matthew 24:24-25 (NKJV)

24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 See, I have told you beforehand. - DO NOT BE DECEIVED



### **Luke 21:25-28 (NKJV)**

The Coming of the Son of Man  
(Matt. 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27)

25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

### **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJV)**

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

### **Exodus 8:23-24 (NKJV)**

23 I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be."'''

24 And the LORD did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV)**

Perilous Times and Perilous Men

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



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## Matthew 24:11-14 (NKJV)

11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

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.



## The experience of COVID-19 and the lockdowns will enable the acceleration in the preaching of the gospel through all forms of media platforms

### Luke 17:26-30 (NKJV)

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

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### Luke 21:25-28 (NLT)

25 "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides.

26 People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.

28 So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"





### 1 Corinthians 10:32 (KJV)

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

### Luke 17:24 (NKJV)

24 For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.

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