

"It's a Trap!"



“Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.”

Jesus Christ | Luke 21:10-11 (NLT)

Wars, COVID 19, climate change, famines, gender identity crisis... is there any doubt that the world is broken and rapidly worsening? Are these the signs of the end times Jesus spoke of? Many say, “absolutely!” and they could well be right. Others, more pragmatic, say, “not yet!” My friend and advisor says, “Well, we are one day closer than

we were yesterday.” What do you say?

Interestingly, Jesus didn’t know the timing of these things. In fact, he was a huge promoter of not worrying about the future. So why did he spend valuable time teaching on this? We could spend countless hours studying the scripture trying to understand the end times and swamping ourselves with the woes of the world... to what end?

Reflect: How does knowing about the end times affect what I do today?

One quality I admire most when Jesus speaks is his ability, in a few words, to cut to the heart of the matter. After his lengthy discourse, he asserts:

*“Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.”
Jesus Christ (Luke 21:33)*

In other words, “focus on me and my enduring priorities, not the inevitable demise of a broken world.” Once again, Jesus emphasizes that Kingdom priorities trump worldly ones! He reiterates his top priority clearly...

*“But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to **tell them about me.**” Jesus Christ (Luke 21:12-13)*

... and closes with this warning:

*“Watch out! **Don’t let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life.** Don’t let that day catch you unaware, like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. **Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.**”*
Jesus Christ (Luke 21:34-36)

Will you take heed?

Consider: I live behind enemy lines; the coming end times is making the battle more ferocious.

Well aware that his clock is ticking, the Boxer heightens his deceit...
“Why risk persecution? It’s easier just to deny Jesus.” “Everything’s better when numbed by drink, drug, or pleasure... indulge!” “Why bother pursuing God’s Mission for your life... too risky!” And he inflames our worries knowing how distraction consumes our Kingdom potential.
“The world is crumbling, run and hide!” Why would he not leverage the chaos of the times?

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith.” Jesus Christ (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Jesus shouts back, “It’s a trap! Stand firm and stay on Mission!”

Imagine: The coming end times has upped my ferocity to advance my Mission.

As the Boxer heightens his deception, so must you up your ferocity in carrying out your Mission. Why should you not also leverage the chaos of the times?

Does your urgency seem lethargic? Perhaps you are hindered by the enemy's trap already? (Honestly, we all are to some extent.) Test yourself. Your answer lies in how you answer this question: "How might my life change if today was it – the last day for me, the last day for those I serve?"

Has fear paralyzed you? Are you absorbed in the endless sensationalism of the media? Do you find your heart for others dulled by a spiraling cycle of escapism? Jesus says, "Watch out! Stay alert! Don't be surprised..."

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What is it that is preventing me from upping my ferocity to advance my Mission?
- How can I engage Jesus in a fresh way so he can lead me out of the Boxer's trap?
- What steps can I take to ready myself for a Jump to advance my Mission?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Focus on Finishing My Mission

"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."

The Apostle Paul | Acts 20:24 (NLT)



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