

1 TRAGIC TIMES

- Is the World Prepared?

2 Destruction in Haiti

- On January 12th a catastrophic 7.0 earthquake struck the country of Haiti.
- The devastation is rated at biblical proportions.
- The whole infrastructure of the country is in shambles.
- Official death toll now has reached 111,481, with 609,000 displaced.

3 GALLERY

4 CONTEXT

- Of the top 10 earthquakes since 1900,
 - Where does the Haitian earthquake rank? (It doesn't)
 - In what country was the largest earthquake? (Chile, 9.5 resulting in 1,655 deaths with 2 million displaced)
 - Highest Death toll? (2004 Sumatra, 9.1 resulting in 227,898 deaths with 1.7 million displaced)
 - What country has the 2nd, 6th, and 9th ranked earthquakes? (United States with all three in Alaska)
 - How many people have lost their lives in the United States due to these 3 Alaskan earthquakes? (15 from the earthquakes, 114 deaths from the tsunami)

5 REASONS

- Scientists – It was caused by the movement of tectonics plates deep inside the earth.
- Pat Robertson – Speculated that it may have something to do with Haiti's pact with the devil.
- Danny Glover – Believes it was because Mother Nature was angry that nothing was done about Global Warming in Copenhagen.
- Paul Prather (Lexington Herald-Leader) – Is sure it is not because of any spiritual problems with the Haitians but no one really knows for sure.

6 Consequences

- If you ever forget the LORD your God . . . you will surely be destroyed. (Deuteronomy 8:19 NIV)
- But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; . . . Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will be swept away." (1 Samuel 12:24-25 NIV)

7 Consequences

- Speculating the Guilt of the Unfortunate.

- Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. (Luke 13:2–3)
- Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” (Luke 13:4–5 NIV)
- Jesus is not saying that these people were just unlucky, but those who were sitting in judgment of them were just as guilty as they were and needed to repent.

8 Consequences

- Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:7 NIV)
- What about Job?
 - A good man who experiences great tragedy.
 - Some believe Job’s problems were due to unconfessed sin.
 - There was a higher purpose.
 - God was showing off Job’s faith.
 - Job’s faith wasn’t based on circumstances.
 - Satan’s accusation that God blesses those who don’t deserve it is unfounded.
 - God is righteous in all that He does.

9 Perfect Storm

10 Key Points

- The reason why a time of chastisement (divine discipline) is coming to the earth is because the church is no longer influencing society.
- Our lack of “righteous living” has given Satan an open door to legally afflict us and rule over us using leaders who don’t know the ways of God.
- The basic principle is this: “Sin separates us from God.”

11 Key Points

- When there is a distancing between us and God, it gives the enemy—the rulers and powers of the air to take up residence among us.
- The longer these powers of darkness reside in the area, people lose their ability to discern right and wrong.
- When what is right and wrong become blurred, spiritual blindness sets in.
- So God must then intervene with divine discipline to wake people up.

12 The Perfect Storms

- The Five Elements of the Storm
 - Religion

- Politics
- Economics
- War
- Geo-physical

13 The Perfect Storms

- Geo-physical Events
 - Large storms that last for weeks.
 - Year 2012 will be particularly bad.
 - Major Earthquake in the Midwest of USA.
 - A dormant volcano will erupt in USA.
 - Tornadoes in unusual places.
 - Hurricanes as large as 500 miles across.
 - Severe drought in some areas making water as costly as oil.
 - Crop blights.
 - Pandemic illnesses.
 - Strange problems with the earth's magnetic field.

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- War
 - A dirty bomb will explode in a port city.
 - Israel will experience new and more devastation—fiscal nuclear material being released.
 - Russia will invade the Ukraine causing an great international crisis.
 - Both Egypt and Pakistan will experience destabilization from muslim extremists.
 - US will lose it's military supremacy and bring many troops home.

15 The Perfect Storms

- Economic
 - A bubble of economic hope will be shorted lived.
 - The dollar will lose much of its value and a new currency will be created.
 - More reports of financial corruption by greedy businessmen and politicians.
 - Waves of Deflation, Stagflation, Inflation, and Hyperinflation.
 - God guide and use those investors He can trust.

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- Politics
 - Pray for President Obama's protection. There is a plan to try to take his life. This is the worst thing that could happen.
 - Islam wants to start a race riots as a means to destabilize our attention and activities.

- Worst riots in history coming.
- More reports of political corruption.
- Terrorist activity will hit America.
- Rural land will become very valuable as people leave the city for security.

17 The Perfect Storms

- Religion
 - Islam will grow in its influence in the United States.
 - Many large churches will file bankruptcy.
 - Large ministries will disband because of financial difficulties.
 - House churches will grow in number.
 - Two Church Patriarchs will pass away signaling a new and sad era of the church.

18 Weathering the Storm

- According to John Paul Jackson there are four things we must remember.
 - Tough times are not about what happens to us, they're about what we do with what happens to us.
 - Tough times are about influence. How we handle things has a great influence on people around us.
 - Tough times are a part of life. Great battles produce great victories and the result is great champions.
 - Hoarding and thinking of ourselves is the worst thing we could do.

19 Conclusion

- They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God. (Psalms 18:18-21 NIV)
- He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalms 91:1-2 NIV)
- The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. . . . Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me(Psalms 23:1 NIV)

20 This will be our finest hour!