

Prophecy in Motion

Lesson 3: Sights and Sounds of the End Times

Hollywood has produced movies about mega earthquakes, catastrophic volcano eruptions, storms and floods that are so chilling that movie goers pack theaters to see them. Science fiction disaster films are a big draw because they are exciting to watch. But theatrical-like catastrophes are actually happening around the world, and are in our future, to be more numerous and more extreme than ever. In 2004, an underwater earthquake took place in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Indonesia, that produced a massive tsunami. This tsunami resulted in over 230,000 deaths across 14 countries, making it one of the deadliest natural disasters in history. It's not just at the movies. It's happening just like Jesus said it would.

Matthew 24:7 AMP - For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place.

Luke 21:11 AMP - There will be mighty and violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues: malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases which are deadly and devastating); and there will be sights of terror and great signs from heaven.

A. The Earth Will Shake

1. The Greek word is *seismos*, which means a shaking, a tempest, or a commotion. We get the word *seismic* from this word, relating to earthquakes and other vibrations of the earth.
2. Jesus prophesied a time of prolific seismic activity that would shake the earth at the end of the age.
3. About 20,000 earthquakes happen each year around the world. It's been noted that this number could be much higher than that, because many small earthquakes happen every year, that go undetected.

4. The shaking of the earth announces God's presence. God repeatedly shook the earth to announce His presence and to declare His power.

Acts 16:26 NKJV - Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

Nahum 1:5 AMP - The mountains tremble and quake before Him and the hills melt away, and the earth is upheaved at His presence—yes, the world and all that dwell in it.

Matthew 28:1-4 NKJV - Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5. God declares a shaking in the Last Days. Prior to the coming of the Lord, the earth will begin to convulse in preparation for the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 12:26-28 AMP - Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens. Now this expression, Yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken—that is, of that which has been created—in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue. Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe.

Notice it says, “that which has been created; will be shaken.” Again, the earth moves at the presence of God.

Psalm 46:1-6 NKJV - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

6. Creation is groaning, waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God.

Romans 8:22 NKJV - For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

Because of sin, all of creation was subjected to a curse. The curse of sin brought sickness and death, and the world itself is full of calamities. Paul declares that the whole universe is awaiting the day when Christ is revealed and the curse of sin is lifted. The word *groaning* reflects a state of pain and disorder. But a future Glory is coming.

Psalm 24:7-10 NKJV - Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

The Divine Presence of God will fill the earth with the Glory of God.

The shaking of the earth is birth pains that will one day soon, give birth to the next age of God's majesty and power.

B. There Will Be Fearful Sights and Signs

Luke 21:11 NKJV - And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

1. “Fearful sights” is translated as something terribly frightening. The question is - what? Could it be a demonic manifestation through some sort of AI? Could it be something extraterrestrial?

There is a possibility that it could be a horrific technological development. There is already much concern about the potential dangers of AI. Could it be human genetic engineering? Have we reached the threshold of having designer babies and we are about to cross over?

2. The Antichrist will act as God.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV - Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The Antichrist will put himself in the position of God, to act as if he is God. The Antichrist will most definitely use technology to advance his agenda. He will control the world through financial power.

Revelation 13:16-17 NKJV - He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

These verses prophesy about the digital age that we have now entered. Computer technology will produce what John saw in his vision before the word *computer* was even known. The word *computer* dates back to 1613. The first time the word *computer* was used to describe a machine was in 1897. Amazing, the accuracy of the Bible.

Think of how computers are controlling our everyday lives now. And the best is yet to come. Or is it, the worst is yet to come?

3. The system of the beast could be AI.

Will the Antichrist use AI to take control of the world's population?

We are already interacting with AI without knowing it. Is there a sinister power behind it?

“With AI, we are summoning the demon.”

~Elon Musk

“The development of AI could spell the end of the human race.”

~Stephen Hawking

There is a fear of a dystopian future in which humans are no longer the dominant species. Are we seeing the Rise of the Machine?

It seems that we are at a tipping point of knowledge and technology, and the world doesn't know where it's leading.

4. Daniel prophesied about knowledge and technology.

Daniel 12:4 NKJV - “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

We are living in the midst of the prophecy right now. Knowledge and technology are exploding around the world.

- In the 1950s, knowledge doubled every 20-30 years.
Today, it's doubling every 15 months.
- Smart phones use more tech than the first space shuttle.
- Daily news has more information than the average person in the 17th century would come across in their lifetime.

This knowledge explosion will pave the way for the coming Antichrist to dominate and control the world with great deception.

5. The image of the beast will speak.

Revelation 13:15 NKJV - He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

This end-time leader will give life to an image in some sort of digital technology. Could it be a technological device that is AI generated, that becomes demon possessed? This is mind-boggling stuff to think about. No question, we are entering a new frontier.

Are you ready?

C. Time to Look Up

Luke 21:26-28 NKJV - “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. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Our redemption is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:37-38 NKJV - “For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”