

### Is it the End? Is the Mayan Calendar Right?

<u>Ecclesiastes 3:1</u>: (NASB) There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.



Ours is a time of technology and knowledge. With the breathtaking advances of our time also come breathtaking predictions of earth shattering events of epic proportions. Such is the case for this coming week, for it has been widely publicized that the ancient Mayan calendar ends on December 21st and therefore the world ends with it. Such an end, whether by coronal mass ejection, planets colliding or magnetic pole reversals of the earth, would be a horror as only seen in sci-fi movies. Some believe, some doubt, some fear and some laugh. Should we be taking this seriously? Doesn't the Bible prophesy the end of the world? Were the Mayans right?

#### What's in a calendar?

### )) What the Mayan calendar timed, Mayan Calendar Explained, ChrisValentine.com

• The Mayan Calendar is in nine different levels. That's why all those (Mayan) pyramids are all nine levels. Each one of these levels is subdivided into 13 individual sections. There are seven periods of light (days) and six periods of dark (night) to each level of creation. Each day is a period of increase in consciousness and each night is a period of applying that consciousness.

In a way, this reminds us of the creative days. They were not 24-hour days, but were periods marked by the accomplishment of a specific task:

Genesis 1:3-5: (KJV) <sup>3</sup>And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

How is our calendar different? Ours is built solely on the measuring of physical events.

Gregorian calendar, Mayan Calendar Explained, ChrisValentine.com

• The absolute dead center of our civilization is called the Gregorian calendar. Nobody even questions it. The Gregorian calendar was the physical measurement of the earth moving around the sun; the measurement of physical objects moving through space. The absolute dead center of our civilization is focused only on physical evidence.

So what does this mean for us?

First, we need to be continually seeking the scriptural enlightenment necessary to open our understanding as wide as possible:

<u>2 Timothy 2:15-16</u>: (NASB) <sup>15</sup>Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. <sup>16</sup>But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness...

By the way, we would include all of the hype about the world ending on December 21<sup>st</sup> in the category of "empty chatter" described here.



# Second, the scriptures are very "calendar" oriented both the counting type...

Exodus 13:6: (NASB) For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.

### As well as the event type...

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:1</u>: (NASB) Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

### (Epoch = a period of time in which something happens)

The plan of God works in stages, and it seems that these early Christians were given a good sense of these stages that had already unfolded, as well as those stages yet in the future. For example, we could say that the period of 1656 years between Adam and the Flood was one stage, or period of time. We are currently in a stage during which the Gospel message has gone forth throughout the whole world, and we believe there is yet another stage after this. So whereas blocks of time, or stages, are completed, it is not the end of the world.

### Are the Mayan calendar and Bible prophecy on the same page?

### Doomsday Preppers commercial, Doomsday Preppers, National Geographic

• (Excerpts) I'm preparing my family for the total destruction of the power grid...the devastating earthquake...catastrophic terrorist attacks...a supervolcano...700 cans...41 pounds of cucumbers...this is the lifestyle that we live...

#### This becomes an obsession for a lot of people.

- (1))Solar storm interview with former Governor, Jessie Ventura, *Doomsday Prophecy* 2012, doomsday.com
  - A couple of days ago was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the greatest solar storm ever to belch out and hit the earth. Back then, it didn't do much. It made the Northern Lights sparkle plenty and made telegraph wires burn a little bit. But today, if we were hit by that same size solar storm, the entire electrical power grid would be knocked out in the United States at least. According to the National Academy of Sciences, which is the closest thing we have to the Supreme Court of scientific opinion in the world, up to 130 million people would be without electricity for months or years! We would lose basic security, emergency telecommunications, water! The pumps? Electric. We are vulnerable!
  - And you are predicting that is going to happen? At what point in time?
  - 2012!

#### Is the Bible that dramatic?

### Matthew 24 discussed, Doomsday Prophecy 2012, doomsday.com

 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, "Tell us," they said. "When will this happen and what will be the sign of your coming at the end of the age?"



• "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. But see to it you are not deceived, for such things must happen but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pangs. For then there will be great distress unequal to the beginning of the world until now and never to be again. If those days were not cut short, no one would survive."

## Now let's go over those verses and fill in the parts they left out to get the real picture:

<u>Matthew 24:1-3</u>: (KJV) <sup>1</sup>And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. <sup>3</sup>And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, (Question 1) when shall these things be? (Question 2) And what shall be the sign of thy coming, (Question 3) and of the end of the world? (world = Greek word "aion" meaning "age.")

Jesus began his great prophecy. He answered *three distinct questions*, all of which are NOT going to be happening simultaneously. We know that the literal Temple's destruction occurred in AD 70 and the "end times" would not start for over 1700 years.

<u>Matthew 24:4-8</u>: (NASB) <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, See to it that no one misleads you. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ, and will mislead many. <sup>6</sup>You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. <sup>8</sup>But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Birth pangs are certainly a symbol of a beginning, not an end! The language in this prophecy is highly symbolic! Why would Jesus use the analogy of birth pangs if there was not going to be a birth? Jesus is talking about the context of the end of an epoch, or period of time, and the birth of a new world order. That new world order is the kingdom of God.

Further on in - once the *abomination of desolation* (all things attached to creating a perceived need for a repetitive sacrifice of Jesus when clearly his one sacrifice paid the price in full) is recognized, then there will be a great splintering of Christianity. Then <u>Verses 21-22</u> come into play:

<u>Matthew 24:21-22</u>: (NASB) <sup>21</sup>For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. <sup>22</sup>Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; **but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short**.

While the Bible speaks of a very difficult end of the age based on the civil and religious actions of men, the interpretations of the Mayan calendar seem to be cosmically driven.

#### So, what happens on December 21st?

(1))Shelter construction from Hardened Structures of Colorado, Fox News, Denver

 The Hardened team specializes in the confidential planning, designing and covert construction of underground bomb shelters and survival communities.



 ...Hardened Structures of Colorado... has built dozens of sophisticated bunkers and safe rooms. Customers' reasons for wanting a shelter vary. Some of them will be into civil unrest; some will be more concerned about



the apocalypse. This is a virtual idea of what a bunker could look like, along with photos of completed projects. We can't show you the real thing because the company has a strict confidentiality policy. They are constructed very covertly. When they are done, it looks like a field.

According to the Bible, are people justified in preparing for the end of the world?

<u>Daniel 12:1</u>: (KJV) And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

(1))Does NASA agree - Doomsday Prophecy 2012, doomsday.com

• ...Incredibly, NASA's own studies are in line with ancient predictions. This is the report - it includes opinions of experts around the world. It concludes that solar storms could lead to a cascade of catastrophe.

Actually, NASA said NOTHING about 2012 or about lining up with ANY predictions. All they said was that solar storms could be very catastrophic - let's not jump to conclusions!

So could the Bible be talking about a solar storm?

Malachi 4:1-2: (KJV) <sup>1</sup>For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

That sounds horrible! But is this literal or symbolic language? So often we take the first part of this verse and see it as literal - and yet:

<sup>2</sup>But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall...

Since when does our sun have wings that heal? And are we to become like calves? It is pretty obvious that this is symbolic. When we understand that so much of the Scriptures are written in symbols, we can better see God's plan for mankind.

The Mayan calendar does not end in 2012. The Mayan "long count" of 5125 years is what is coming to an end on December 21, 2012. A new "long count" begins on December 22nd, much like our own calendar ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> and begins again on January 1. The hype over this date has created much unnecessary anxiety.



### So, is the world ending?

Yes, the world is ending, but it is not ending in the way that you might think!

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2: (NASB) ¹Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. (It seems that these early Christians were given a good sense of the stages that God's plan had gone through and would continue to go through.) ²For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. (To paraphrase - it is already obvious to you that the day of the Lord comes unexpectedly.)

Thus, signs were required to be able to recognize that which was to be hidden.

Matthew 24:3: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of your coming (presence), and of the end of the age?

If the Lord was to come as a thief in the night, what would be the sign of when he arrived, his presence?

(1) Mayan calendar's first cycle, Mayan Calendar Explained, ChrisValentine.com

• This very first cycle started 16.4 billion years ago...It is divided into 13 different sections, each one of them is 1.26 billion years long. A "day" was one and a quarter billion years. Each "night" lasted for one and a quarter billion years. Each one of these has a particular intention in creation. Action/Reaction was this whole cycle.

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:3</u>: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>While they are saying, Peace and safety! then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

Jesus explains the process and the Apostle Paul repeats it - life was going on somewhat obliviously in the face of escalating circumstances until...

<u>Luke 17:25-28</u>: (NASB) <sup>25</sup>But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup>And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup>they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup>It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;

Suddenly, it says. So how fast is "suddenly?" To us it would be an instant, but to the God of the Universe, "suddenly" could be several years. Consider that there are 86,400 seconds in a day. If the "day" of man on this earth as a creation is 6,000+ years, then 15 seconds would about equal one year. "Suddenly" could be a long period of time from God's perspective, because He is dealing with eternity.

### Troubling letters to NASA's website, David Morrison, ABC News

- I started volunteering about ten years ago to answer the questions the public sends in some of the most pivotal scientific questions of our time. We get questions about astronomy and planets and life in the universe. And that went along fine until about four years ago. Suddenly I started getting these questions about the end of the world.
- (Announcer) Doomsday! Some say the ancient Mayan calendar predicts the end of days on December 21, 2012, and Morrison's inbox is overflowing.



One touching letter was simply, "My best friend is my little dog. Please tell me when I should put her to sleep so she won't suffer in the Apocalypse."

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:3:</u> (NASB) <sup>4</sup>But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

The Scriptures give us enough information to be prepared for coming events.

<u>Luke 17:20-21</u>: (NASB) <sup>20</sup>Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed;

**Observe:** Strongs #3907 parathrhsiv parateresis par-at-ay'-ray-sis; inspection, i.e. ocular evidence:—observation.

### What about Armageddon?

### But what about the anger of God and the judgment of Armageddon?

Zephaniah 3:8: (KJV) <sup>8</sup>Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

We will look at that closer in a moment.

### (1))Coronal mass ejections, Doomsday Preppers, National Geographic

- In 2012, earth will be bombarded by a coronal mass ejection. This bombardment will knock our neighborhood and the world's electrical grid down. We'll have a couple of days' worth of water, about a week's worth of food, and in 30 days, our neighborhood is going to be total pandemonium.
- Coronal mass ejections are powerful eruptions on the sun that break free of the solar atmosphere. If these masses of plasma reach the earth, it could destroy our electrical grid, which touches every facet of modern life.

God is much bigger than just having an incredible fit of anger.

<u>Joel 2:1,2</u>: (KJV) <sup>1</sup>Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; <sup>2</sup>A day of darkness and of gloominess, **a day of clouds and of thick darkness**, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

If the power grid went down, there certainly would be a day of clouds and thick darkness!

<u>Jeremiah 10:10</u>: (KJV) But the LORD JEHOVAH is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

We need to put all of these Scriptures into context.

Mark 13:31-32: (NASB) <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

Zephaniah 3:8: (KJV) Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the



kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

It certainly sounds like the world is doomed! But we need to finish the story that shows the conclusion of the facts. It is a little like saying the Mayan calendar ends, but it is only the beginning of the next phase.

There are lots of biblical prophecies that talk about endings, but so many of them also talk about a new beginning.

<u>Zephaniah 3:9</u>: (KJV) <sup>9</sup>For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

How could the people turn to God if the previous sentence was literal and the people were all devoured by fire??

We ARE on a schedule, except no one but the Father knows the details. We are permitted to know some details, though - enough to keep us strong in faith.

### (1))Quitting December 22, David Morrison, ABC News

- What is your emotional reaction to those sorts of letters?
- (Morrison) I'm disturbed by letters from kids who are afraid. I think that is the worst part of this hoax. And it is a hoax.
- A hoax, he says, with tens of millions of views on youtube.com. One predicts a planet crashing into the earth.
- (Morrison) If there were such an object, it would be the brightest thing in the sky after the sun and moon. Anyone could see it. Planet X does not exist and does not threaten the earth.
- But the letters keep coming.
- (Morrison) I have received letters from young people who say they are contemplating suicide. I've received a few from mothers who say they are planning on killing their children and themselves.
- He answers all of them, but it takes a toll. When he wakes up on December 22, he will hand over the job of answering questions to someone else.

We do know this much - when we put context to the prophecies, there is a great relief! Don't get stuck looking only at the anger of God without seeing the glorious outcome. His anger is because He loves us and we have traveled so far off the path.

The Judgment of Armageddon is to cleanse and restore!

### So, Armageddon brings happiness?

### (1))Mayan calendar measures culture, Mayan Calendar Explained, ChrisValentine.com

• The cultural cycle: 8,000 years ago we developed agriculture, law, the industrial revolution, power. It is now a global consciousness.

While the Mayan calendar alludes to different things, we have prophecies that spell out what the future holds in great detail. They are written over



thousands of years by different authors, giving evidence to the hand of God. They harmonize with each other.

### First, a time of trouble that brings Armageddon:

<u>Daniel 12:1</u>: (NASB) ¹Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

So, at the time of great trouble, "your people" will be rescued - the followers of Christ. This is the *beginning* of the prophecy.

<sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

# Aside from and in addition to those who were written in the book, these others are resurrected, just as Jesus spoke of:

<u>John 5:28-29</u>: (KJV) <sup>28</sup>Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, <sup>29</sup>And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. (judgment)

So, it can't be all bad if there is a resurrection, can it?

<u>Daniel 12:3</u>: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and **those who lead the many to righteousness**, like the stars forever and ever.

Those who lead = the followers of Jesus
The many = the "everybody else"

### Again, two distinct classes here, just as in Romans:

Romans 5:18-19: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. <sup>19</sup>For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

This concept is repeated over and over throughout Romans 5. Adam's transgression put us all in a disadvantaged place. Through the man Jesus, however, the justification of life came to all man. That is an incredible justice. We did not decide to be born in sin. We had no choice. We are the descendants of Adam. The end result is pain, sorrow, misery, grief, woe and eventually death. Our world is sinful. But the righteousness of one made the ability to be made right back to all mankind. Everybody under the condemnation of Adam, therefore, according to justice, is under the justification of Jesus. That gives a whole different kind of ending to the process.

### No Planet Nibiru, NASA

• There is no planet Nibiru, no planet X and nothing is hurdling toward us. But there have been claims on the internet that there is a planet Nibiru four times the size of earth that is going to come close to the earth or smack it on December 22, 2012. But there is no telescopic evidence, there's no evidence that it has perturbed any of the inner planets or the outer planets, which it would have to do if it were in that orbit around the sun. And so there is no



evidence of any kind. As Carl Sagan pointed out many times, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence," and there is no evidence whatsoever of Nibiru.

<u>Daniel 12:4</u>: (NASB) <sup>4</sup>But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

The fact that there is a statement of knowledge increasing indicates it is a great increase. The fact that the scripture speaks of *many* going "to and fro" is a testament to our present day. That's exciting! This is the end of the world as we know it, but the beginning of something better and permanent that will finally bring lasting happiness.

<u>Daniel 2:44-45</u>: (NASB) <sup>44</sup>In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. <sup>45</sup>Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.

There will be a God-oriented kingdom in heaven and on earth that will take over the world! God's philosophy will guide us in pure righteousness.

So is it THE END? Were the Mayans right?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions,
Think about it...!

# And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!

Once again, the end of this "world," - this present age - is a necessary *transition* to a new world order. How does it end? With great difficulty...

### The Day of Vengeance:

<u>Isaiah 63:4</u>: (KJV) For **the day of vengeance** is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

<u>Isaiah 34:8</u>: (KJV) For it is **the day of the LORD'S (JEHOVAH's) vengeance**, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

Malachi 4:1: (KJV) For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

#### The Day of the LORD:

<u>Joel 2:1,2</u>: (KJV) <sup>1</sup>Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; **2A** day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

Amos 5:20: (KJV) Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark,



#### The earth shall tremble:

<u>Jeremiah 10:10</u>: (KJV) But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: **at his wrath the earth shall tremble**, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

### A controversy with the nations:

Jeremiah 25:31-33: (KJV) <sup>31</sup>A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. <sup>32</sup>Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. <sup>33</sup>And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

### God's strange work:

<u>Isaiah 28:21</u>: (KJV) For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, **that he may do his work**, **his strange work**; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

### What does this difficult end bring?

### The earth is NOT destroyed:

<u>Ecclesiastes 1:4</u>: (KJV) One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

### The Judgment of Armageddon is to cleanse and restore!

Zephaniah 3:8,9: (KJV) \*Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

### Not all heathen destroyed!

Ezekiel 36:36: (KJV) Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate, I the LORD have spoken it. and I will do it.

<u>Isaiah 66:15-19</u>: (KJV) <sup>15</sup>For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. <sup>16</sup>For by fire and by his sword will **the LORD plead with all flesh**: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. <sup>17</sup>They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD. <sup>18</sup>For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, **that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory**. <sup>19</sup>And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

### All creation to be delivered:

Romans 8:20,21: (KJV) <sup>20</sup>For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, <sup>2</sup> Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.



#### All nations to be drawn to the LORD:

<u>Isaiah 60:1-5</u>: (KJV) <sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. <sup>2</sup>For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. <sup>3</sup>And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. <sup>5</sup>Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

#### Lies to be destroyed:

<u>Isaiah 28:17</u>: (KJV) Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Remember, the context of the prophecies of death and destruction cannot be ignored - don't forget to read the next verse!!!

Micah 4:1-5: (KJV) ¹But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁴But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. ⁵For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.