

Ep. 990: Are Natural Disasters Sending Us a Message?

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See: CQ Rewind SHOW NOTES

- 1. What are some of the natural wonders that God has revealed to us in the Bible?

 What are some of the benefits that come from God's love? Do these blessings only come to the righteous?

 In what way did God use rain in the Old Testament to bless his people? Has God always used rain in a positive way? (See Job 36:26-29, Matthew 5:43-45, Deuteronomy 11:10-14)
- 2. When God wanted to bless the Israelites when they came out of the land of Egypt, what description of the land did He give them? How did God use rain in the Bible with Elijah? What is one reason we have natural disasters? How do scriptures describe the unfinished earth? How did Adam and Eve's work on the earth change after their disobedience? (See Deuteronomy 11:10-14; 1 Kings 17:1, James 5:17-18, Genesis 3:17-19)
- 3. What did God command Noah to build to survive the coming flood? What was the structure made from? How are the people who died in the flood described? What can we learn from God's word about obeying His commands, as shown in the story of Noah and the Flood? (See Genesis 6:5-8,14, 7:17-18, 2 Peter 2:4-5)
- 4. Is it possible that Satan could be behind many of these natural disasters like the storm on the Sea of Galilee that caused the Apostles to panic? Did Jesus have any power over the elements of the earth? How is the word "rebuke" used in the Bible? Do natural disasters come from God because we are in an unfinished world? (See Ephesians 2:2, Matthew 8:23-27, 17:18, Mark 4:39)
- 5. Has God *ever* used natural disasters in the Bible on purpose? What 3 things can we learn from God's use of an earthquake in the case of Korah, Dathan and Abiram? How has God used wind to fulfill His purposes? Did God *ever* use the elements and weather against people in the New Testament? How did Jesus respond when he was asked to use the elements against people? Why? (See Numbers 16:1-32, Exodus 14:21-22, Luke 9:52-56)
- 6. How did God use wind twice to get Jonah's attention? What did the wind accomplish? Who did God use wind against in Jeremiah 23? (See Jonah 1:1-4,8, Jeremiah 23:19-21)
- 7. Is the description in 2 Peter 3:10 of the earth being burned up "in the day of the LORD" to be taken symbolically or literally? How do we know? How did God use fire on Sodom and Gomorrah? Did these people know about God and righteousness? What did Jesus say their future would be? (See Genesis 14:10-23, 18:20-21, 19:24-25, 2 Peter 2:6-7, Matthew 11:23-24)
- 8. What will be the outcome after all the disasters and sin are removed? Will obedience be required in God's earthly kingdom? What is the vision of this future in Revelation? (See Zechariah 14:17-19, Revelation 21:1-7, 22:3)

