

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1223: Does the Bible Tell Us How the World Will End?

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SHOW NOTES

1. Psalm 46 is written from whose viewpoint? What comfort does this psalm bring to the faithful? How is this psalm like a “comfort sandwich”? How do we know it is not literal? (See Psalms 46:1-11)
2. Define what “earth,” “mountains” and “sea” symbolize. What does Psalm 46:2 tell us will happen to the governments on the earth? What is the state of conflict in the world today? Is humanity, in general, content? Are governments, in general, stable? Explain. (See Psalm 66:4, Micah 4:1, Isaiah 57:20)
3. Describe the shift in government (the social structure of mankind) in the last 200 years. How do “the mountains slip into the heart of the sea”? In what way is this a “leveling” of society? (See Psalms 46:2-3, Luke 21:25-26)
4. Describe the general types of government listed. How do the restless masses “roar”? How do we see this happening especially after World War I and World War II? How do the perceived rights of the masses drive these changes? Are the masses correct in demanding changes? What happens as the common people gain power - does this help conditions in the world? (See Psalms 46:3, 2:1-3)
5. We know these events are necessary to bring about God’s kingdom, but how do we rejoice over these upheavals when our hearts cry for those caught in them? What do these evil deeds expose? How can God use this to educate us for the coming kingdom? (See Daniel 12:1)
6. How does Psalms 46:4-5 calm us? Who is the “city of God”? What are four pieces of comfort offered in these verses? Despite the turmoil, what are we promised here? (See Isaiah 60:14, Hebrews 12:22)
7. In what way does “melting” fittingly describe what happens to the earth prior to God’s kingdom? Why does God laugh? Why is this “leveling out” of society a necessary step? What will replace the evil and ineffectual governments of this world? (See Psalms 46:6-7, 2:4-6, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Isaiah 40:3-5)
8. How should we be acting in crises or while observing crises? What are the most important things to you? If everything else alters and falls, what do you want to hold onto and why? How can you reflect the light of hope from above? (See 2 Peter 3:11)
9. How does God wreak desolation in the earth? Why are the changes in earth’s governments good? Why have changes not always created better conditions for the common man? How does Jesus use the chaos caused by the restless masses for good? (See Psalms 46:8-11, 2:7-12)
10. What kind of government will God’s everlasting kingdom be? Is this a good thing? What happens to “the humble of the earth” in this kingdom? Why will the people welcome this kingdom? Do all of the scriptures we have looked at describe the end of the world? Explain. (See Psalms 76:8-10, Isaiah 2:2-4)