

PPT Stability in Changing Times

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated all scriptures are taken from the NKJV

Biblical Signs of the Times

Luke 17:26-30

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

What was going on in the days of Noah and Lot?

1. The human race was infiltrated by from the kingdom of Satan by evil angels
2. Every thought of man's heart was evil
3. The earth was filled with violence
4. There was blatant, aggressive, sexual perversion

"What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Matthew 24:6-8 – "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains".

Vs 9-11 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Vs 12-14 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

- Endurance = G5278 – to stay under, remain, to undergo, i.e. bear trials, have fortitude, persevere, suffer.

You Can Be Certain of This

2 Tim 3:1-5 "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

Perilous – G5467 – Through the idea of reducing the strength: difficult, dangerous, furious, fierce, grievous times, hard to bear times.

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A. Take charge of your thought life.

1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

B. Take hold of the unchanging reality of God.

Stability does not mean lack of change but moving with God in every circumstance.

Isaiah 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Mark 13:31 - Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will remain forever. [NLT]

Three elements of the unchanging reality of God

1. The promises of God - Joshua 1:3 – “I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.”

2. The presence of God – Joshua 1:5 – “No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

3. The principles of God – Joshua 1:7-8 – “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

C. Remind yourself that this world is not your home.

1 Peter 2:11 “Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.” (MSG)

Philippians 3:20 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

D. Stay focused on Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior

Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

The Lord is My Rock!

Psalms 18:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliver; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.