

Are We Experiencing 'The Beginning of Sorrows'?

In a discussion with His disciples on the Mount of Olives, Jesus Christ foretold a time of great trouble. He listed events which He said were the 'beginning of sorrows.' Is it possible that this part of the prophecy is coming to pass now?

During the past decade, Britain has experienced a number of severe weather events, from the deluge that swamped the Cornish fishing village of Boscastle in 2004, through severe snowstorms in the spring of 2013, to the recent procession of storms, high tides and heavy rains that have wreaked havoc along coastlines and inundated low-lying areas such as the Somerset Levels.

Worldwide weather upsets

In the same period, the rest of the world has suffered massive earthquakes and tsunamis. On 26 December 2004, more than a quarter of a million people died when a magnitude 9.3 earthquake in the Indian Ocean created an equally massive tsunami. A magnitude 9 earthquake off the coast of Japan in April 2011 also caused a tsunami that took around 16,000 lives.

During November 2013, the Philippines were struck by cyclone Haiyan (Yolanda), which left more than 6,000 people dead and affected at least 11 million. Other

extreme weather events have hit the United States of America, with hurricane Sandy wreaking havoc in October 2012, and a polar vortex, which also affected Canada, bringing record low temperatures during January 2014. In recent days a major mudslide north of Seattle in Washington state has led to loss of life.

Christ's Olivet Prophecy

Adding to that the increasing number of conflicts, ethnic violence, and aggressive uprisings against unsavoury governments, we should all take a close look at the warning words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 24.

When His disciples asked Him in verse 3, 'When will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?', Jesus Christ replied, 'Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places' (Matthew 24:4-7).

The word translated 'earthquakes'

is rendered 'tempest' or 'storm' in Matthew 8:24, and the word for 'nation' implies family or ethnic groups, suggesting a rise in internal or civil wars as well as strife between 'kingdoms.'

Jesus concluded this first section of His response in verse 8 with the chilling words, 'All these are the beginning of sorrows' (emphasis added throughout).



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He then continues with what will follow as mankind becomes more and more lawless (verse 12). This will be a time of ‘great tribulation’ (verse 21). Although first aimed at Christ’s followers – those who uphold the law of God and have built a relationship with Him – it will reach such a crisis that, if God did not intervene, no living thing would be left alive (verse 22).

Sin brings punishment

While major geopolitical events and concerns often dominate the daily news reports, these are often simply reflecting the actions of individual people. While God in His Word often addresses whole nations, in the end it is the sum of all the people of those nations who are being addressed. In this sense it is personal: wickedness in nations reflects wickedness in individuals.

When God does intervene, it is first of all to punish the wicked.

The nature of the lawlessness at the time of the end is described elsewhere in the Scriptures. Ephesians 5:5-7 states, ‘For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God . . . for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. *Therefore do not be partakers with them.*’

A similar thought is reflected in Colossians 3:5-7, which in the Common English Bible reads: ‘So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things.’

Real repentance needed

Even God’s severe punishments will fail to move some people.

‘The rest of humankind, who weren’t killed by these plagues, didn’t



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change their hearts and lives and turn from their handiwork. They didn’t stop worshipping demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood – idols that can’t see or hear or walk. They didn’t turn away from their murders, their spells and drugs, their sexual immorality, or their stealing’ (Revelation 9:20-21, Common English Bible).

So many today worship their possessions – the works of their hands.

God will not stand by and watch any longer. Time will be up for mankind’s wicked ways.

Many follow religious practices that are actually worshipping pagan gods, while others fill their minds with occult and horror movies – all satanically inspired. We see human lives devalued with suicide bombers around the globe murdering the innocent. Others die from neglect, abuse and in the case of too many unborn children, what is euphemistically called ‘choice.’

Sexual immorality is rife and ‘sorceries’ (or ‘enchancements using drugs’ – the use of mind-altering substances) is out of control. Finally, ‘thefts’ would involve many economic factors in today’s world, including the greed of the financial and banking institutions, passing off horse and other flesh as beef as we have seen recently in Britain, together with stealing, or looting from people who are already suffering from the effects of natural disasters.

Armageddon arrives

In the end, God will stand by and watch no longer – time will be up for mankind’s wicked ways and there will be no more delay (Revelation 10:6). Man’s rule will finally come to an end, and Jesus Christ

will return to rule righteously. The armies of the world will gather for battle at Armageddon and join forces against the returning Jesus Christ, attacking Him at Jerusalem. Needless to say, they will fail (Revelation 16:12-16; Zechariah 14:12-13; Revelation 19:6, 11-16). (For more information, please request our reprint *Armageddon: The End of the World?*)

Following all this, Christ will establish a world of peace, prosperity and harmony (Isaiah 11:1-9; Zechariah 14:9).

Even for Christ’s followers there will be difficult times in this ‘*beginning of sorrows.*’ However, for those who wish to be in God’s kingdom, the New Testament proclaims the same message today as it has always done: ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’ (Acts 2:38).

For more information on what salvation involves, please request our free reprints about real repentance and true Christianity along with our free booklet *The Road to Eternal Life*. To study further into the events of the end time, please request or download *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*, *The Gospel of the Kingdom*, and *Are We Living in the Time of the End?*

David and Barbara Fenney

Countering Bible Ignorance

A failure to teach biblical accounts accurately is leading to a knowledge gap regarding what were traditionally the best-known Bible stories.

In Scotland recently, there were calls for a ‘symbolic change’ to the description of religious assemblies in some schools. This proposal was put forward by the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Humanist Society, who told MSPs that the title ‘religious observance’ in non-denominational schools was outdated (www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-25921394). They suggested that changing the legal definition to ‘time for reflection’ would remove the current focus on ‘religion,’ and claimed it would give more pupils the chance to explore various faiths.

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With this on the backburner, it was not surprising to read a recent news report stating that almost one in three Britons did not know where the story of the birth of Jesus could be found (www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2553576/The-Bible-ignorant-youngsters).

Bible stories set aside

In many schools Bible stories are bottom of the list of priorities, and stockpiles of children’s Bibles are often dumped in storeroom clearouts! The recent report conducted by the Bible Society referred to youngsters as being ‘Bible-ignorant,’ with a third of children not knowing that the ‘nativity story,’ as it was called, came from the Holy Book.

Increased pressures to include all ‘faiths’ have seen schools search for

alternatives to the traditional nativity story. The biblical account of Jesus’ birth is now often viewed as old fashioned or outdated, so teachers opt for more modern, watered-down or softer alternatives.

Biblical warnings against apostasy

This move away from the true biblical account is reminiscent of Paul’s warning to the Corinthians, cautioning them of the subtlety of Satan’s deception, which was leading them away from their love for Christ. Paul wrote,

‘But I am frightened, fearing that in some way you will be led away from your pure and simple devotion to our Lord, just as Eve was deceived by Satan in the Garden of

Eden. You seem so gullible: *you believe whatever anyone tells you even if he is preaching about another Jesus than the one we preach, or a different spirit than the Holy Spirit you received*, or shows you a different way to be saved. You swallow it all’ (2 Corinthians 11:3-4, Living Bible Translation, emphasis added).

‘Bible ignorance’ as the research study suggests, is a real concern in the UK. The Bible Society survey of 5,700 adults and 804 children found a quarter of children had never heard of Noah’s Ark, two-fifths were completely unaware of Adam and Eve and the account of Christ’s crucifixion. Two-thirds had not come across the Creation story, three-quarters had never been told about Daniel in the lion’s den, and more than nine in ten didn’t know about King Solomon. Further research revealed that 54 percent of children

were never read a Bible story by an adult.

For those of us alarmed at these results or trying to teach children about God’s way of life, or who someday hope to – we really do need to accept full responsibility to ensure that our own biblical education and that of our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews is both sound and secure. Proverbs 22:6 advises us of the benefits in doing so.

Develop Bible knowledge

Parents cannot confidently rely on schools to explore and teach biblical stories and to undo any misconceptions caused by their watered-down approach.

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Recommended Reading

To live ‘by every word of God’, as Christ stated in Matthew 4:4, implies a deep knowledge of those words. Sadly, today, many have never read what were once considered essential Bible stories, much less the rest of the Book. As a result, some learning establishments are finding that classic English literature, much of which includes proverbs and idioms direct from Scripture, is incomprehensible to modern students with no biblical knowledge. Expressions such as ‘Job’s comforter’ are meaningless if the student has no idea who Job was. A similar issue arises in the study of art.

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'Known Only To God'

Given enough time, those departed in death tend to fade into obscurity (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Only the most famous or most notorious tend to be remembered. But has God ever forgotten even one person?

In the mid 1980s I had the good fortune to visit Jerusalem with Terence Prittie, for many years the post-war foreign correspondent in Bonn, West Germany, for *The Manchester Guardian*. But I did not receive his suggestion to visit the British War Cemetery near Hebrew University with much enthusiasm. He reacted by strongly urging me to go. I went.

This particular war cemetery was filled with the graves of 2,515 soldiers from all over the British Commonwealth of Nations who had died in Middle Eastern battles during the First World War (1914-1918). The headstones often exhibited incomplete names, dates and places of birth.

At least 100 headstones just stated: 'Known only to God' or 'Known unto God'. When the men were buried, having died serving their country during warfare some 100 years ago, no one knew their names. King Solomon wrote: 'But the dead know nothing . . . the memory of them is forgotten' (Ecclesiastes 9:5, emphasis added throughout).

In addition, the British War Cemetery contains the Jerusalem Memorial to 3,300 Commonwealth service personnel who died in World War I operations in Egypt and Palestine, but with no known graves.

As a journalist, I immediately saw this unusual experience as the basis for a possible magazine article and began to take extensive notes. But while I was pausing at each grave site and writing information from the headstones of soldiers from all over the British Commonwealth, it became so emotionally overwhelming that I broke down

and cried for what seemed a long while. Somehow the notes were lost and I was in no condition to continue the visit.

Nearly every soldier remembered

Virtually every city, town and village in Britain has a war memorial with the names of soldiers who died in both



'A Soldier of the Great War
Durham Light Infantry
Known Unto God'

The Great War and the Second World War (1939-1945) which followed all too soon. While a sad reminder of war's terrible toll, it's to our credit that we determine not to forget those who have gone before.

God forgets no one. His mind power is so much greater than ours that we cannot properly grasp its limitless breadth. *He counts the number of*

stars; He calls them all by name' (Psalm 147:4). 'Lift up your eyes, and see who has created these things, who has brought out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power' (Isaiah 40:26).

Undoubtedly many soldiers who served in these major wars are missing from war memorials due to varying circumstances. Many of them are largely forgotten. But God knows every human, past and present, by name!

God will not forget

The Bible says: 'Israel was holiness to the LORD, the firstfruits of His increase' (Jeremiah 2:3). Many other peoples would follow in due course. God's Word also states: 'Remember these, O Jacob, and Israel, you are My servant, I have formed you, O Israel, *You will not be forgotten by Me'* (Isaiah 44:21).

Israel in these two passages means much more than just the peoples of the Jewish community. Paul, in Romans 11:26, tells us: 'All Israel will be saved.' This would include the Jewish people and additionally all those descendants of the other tribes of Israel, who, over the centuries, lost the knowledge of who they were.

However he also wrote that God 'desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth' (1 Timothy 2:4), 'but each one in his own order' (1 Corinthians 15:23). This is not the only day of salvation. Not everyone has been called to salvation during this age of man. For now, 'It is as many as the Lord our God will call' (Acts 2:39).

Jesus Christ said: 'For He [the Father] is not the God of the dead but of the living, *for all live unto Him*' (Luke 20:38). Tie in the apostle Paul's declaration to the Church at Rome: 'God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did' (Romans 4:17).

More than one resurrection

The book of Revelation distinguishes between a first resurrection of God's firstfruits to eternal life and a later second resurrection to physical life of all humankind not called to salvation during this present age (Revelation 20:4-6; 11-13). Ezekiel 37:1-11 corresponds with the great resurrection to physical life of Revelation 20:11-13. This Hebrew prophet pictures in advance the 'whole House of Israel' being resurrected to mortal life, offered the Holy Spirit and being given an opportunity for eternal spirit life in the Kingdom of God.

The apostle John, who wrote the book of Revelation, saw that this prophecy was to include all the dead. Jesus Christ will resurrect all human beings, not just the House of Israel (John 5:25, 28).

Every human being is known to God by name. Every person is important to God. At some point in time, He will provide everyone with a real opportunity for salvation – living forever as a transformed spirit being in the glorious Kingdom of God.

John Ross Schroeder

Recommended Reading

The story of salvation remains immensely broad-based and intriguing. One magazine article cannot impart the whole picture. Request in print or download our free booklets *What Happens After Death?* and *What Is Your Destiny?*

War and Peace

Journalist Roger Cohen summed up World War I in this way: 'It was made possible by miscalculation, and ended with the collapse of several empires. The world of yesterday, demolished in an unimaginable bloodbath whose unsettled scores would soon produce another cataclysm' – World War II (*International New York Times*, 25 Feb).

Most disturbing is the multiple numbers of young men who tragically lost their lives both in and out of the trenches. This Jewish journalist visited the Belgian war cemetery at St Symphorien. It was in Belgium that the first British soldier was killed. Buried here at St Symphorien are nearly 300 German soldiers and well over 200 Commonwealth soldiers.

One tomb was inscribed with the words: 'Thy Will Be Done,' from the Lord's Prayer. Another said: 'A Soldier of the Great War, Known Only Unto God.'

Some 16,000 Jewish soldiers saw active service in the Great War. One of their prayers included this sentence: 'Fill our hearts with courage and steadfastness that we may perform our duty to our King and country for the honour of Israel and the [British] Empire.'

One British army chaplain con-

cluded in the summer of 1918, 'All this colossal upheaval will have been in vain unless civilised mankind resolves once and for all that every effort should be made that war shall cease henceforth.' Alas warfare became one of the main themes of the Twentieth Century, and this plague upon mankind continues well into Century 21. It began again with 9/11 and the war on terror that followed the two tragic terrorist strikes in New York City and Washington DC.

Roger Cohen wisely observed: 'The Great War offers an eternal warning to those inclined to take peace for granted. Peace is hard work. Its alternative is never far beneath the surface.'

The Bible simply states in both the Old and New Testaments: 'The way of peace they have not known' (Romans 3:17), quoted from Isaiah 59:8. Ezekiel adds: 'Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying "Peace!" – when there is no peace' (chapter 13:10). Peace will not come during this age of man. In fact we may now be entering 'the beginning of sorrows.' (Please see the lead article in this issue.)

World peace will only come when Jesus reigns on earth for 1,000 years and more (Revelation 20:1-3).

Countering Bible Ignorance

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With all the challenges teachers face, Bible literacy is certainly not top of their agenda. However, it should be top of ours!

Paul expresses the danger of our minds being 'corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.' Furthermore, God warns us that we should not fall prey to '... the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting' (Ephesians 4:14).

So, how can we ensure that we are not prone to this subtle deception? How can we be sure that we are not being gullible and swallowing it all? Surely, we need to develop our own level of Bible awareness? This requires devoting regular time to read and study the Scriptures to develop biblical knowledge, and with God's help gain an understanding of His Word.

Mandy Preston

The Olympics: A Measure of Our Lives

Every two years the Olympics and Paralympics take place, Summer Games alternating with Winter Games. As in the case of the recent 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, they are watched by many millions, mostly on television. The idea of an athlete pursuing excellence and achieving sports fame for his or her country is as appealing as the David versus Goliath struggle, especially where the athlete is, in addition, battling a disability.

In general, these are good-natured battles fought on rinks, tracks, and ski slopes, perhaps a place to release some of the international and intranational pressures that lead to real wars.

Spiritual lessons from the games

The apostle Paul often used athletic training, self-control, and determination as analogies for the spiritual challenges facing those who are called to live God's way of life. Scripture and history show that various races and other athletic games were common in the cultures of Paul's time (see Hebrews 12:1; 2 Timothy 4:7, etc).

The Greeks and Romans worshipped the human form and human achievement. The ancient athletic events that inspired the modern Olympics were a form of religious worship. Each game was dedicated to a



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god or several gods of the Greek, and later the Roman, pantheon.

However, Paul highlighted the useful lessons from these events, without

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condoning the pagan elements: 'Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the

prize is temperate in all things. *Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown*' (1 Corinthians 9:24-25, emphasis added).

Games concepts such as going the distance (enduring unto the end) and proper training bring to mind invaluable spiritual lessons related to our own quest for salvation.

Other important messages

The Olympics serve another purpose. Coming cyclically they give students of godly character an opportunity to assess the state of the society around us measured against God's biblical standards. The advertising and marketing machine around these games makes for an interesting picture of the true intentions of our nations.

This year, international tensions between Russia on one side and the United States and Europe on the other have been underscored by major differences such as the current conflict in the Ukraine.

Likewise of interest are the messages that individual athletes exhibit through behaviour, attitudes, and the media attention they receive. Even the choice of music, imagery and messages of advertisements that various business sponsors project are a means of discerning the direction in which our societies are headed.

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In Memoriam

John Ross Schroeder, Senior Writer for *The Good News* and pastor of the United Church of God's Northern Ireland and East Sussex congregations, died in hospital in Oxford on 8 March 2014, following a cardiac arrest which occurred four days earlier at Northwood station on the way home from a Foreign Press Association event in London. He was 77.

As a member of the Foreign Press Association, Mr Schroeder travelled widely in Europe as an accredited journalist. He was in Berlin on both the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome in 2007 and the 20th anniversary of the unification of Germany three years later.

Over the years he wrote articles on various subjects as senior writer for *The Good News*. He was also editor of this British & European Supplement to *The Good News*, for which he wrote numerous articles and answers to biblical questions sent in by readers. Through his long writing career on behalf of the Church John will have impacted the lives of millions who have read his articles. He was a prolific writer and it is hoped to continue to include some of his so-far-unpublished items in future



issues of the Supplement.

Beyond his immediate family, his wife, three grown-up children, daughter-in-law, two grandchildren and his elder brother, John will be greatly missed by his extended family in the Church of God, for which he gave much time and effort in service.



Q Don't we receive eternal life while we are alive here on earth? I thought a person received eternal life when he or she believed in Jesus Christ. I would appreciate your comments along with supplementary scriptures.

Reader from Middlesex

A In one very important sense we do have the promise of eternal life at the time when we are truly converted, accept Christ's atoning sacrifice, and receive God's

Holy Spirit. 'He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life' (1 John 5:12).

Yet several passages in the New Testament show there is still a possibility that we could lose the Holy Spirit if we neglect to continue in the faith and fail to persist in prayer, Bible study, and overcoming sin. The apostle Paul stated: 'I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified' (1 Corinthians 9:27; compare Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-27, emphasis added throughout).

Paul emphasises this point in Romans 8:12-14: 'Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live [eternally]. For as many as are led by the Spirit of

God, these are the sons of God.'

As an Old Testament example, in King David's prayer of repentance after having committed both adultery and murder, he said to God: 'Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me' (Psalm 51:11). When David displayed real repentance, God forgave him. 'The Lord has put away your sin . . .' (2 Samuel 12:13).

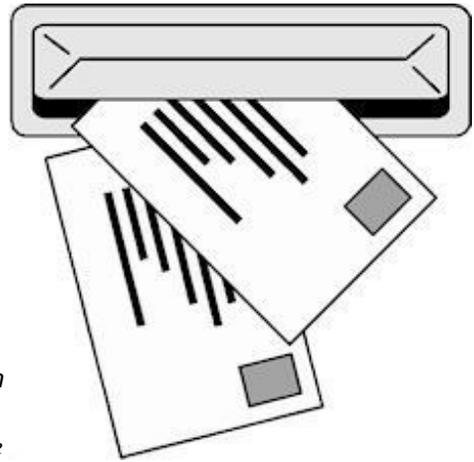
Several more passages in the New Testament show that receiving the Holy Spirit now in this physical life constitutes a down payment, or deposit or earnest money (to use an earthly comparison). Then at the time of the first resurrection to eternal, everlasting life, the converted Christian will receive a new spirit body like that of Christ's (Philippians 3:20-21).

Paul wrote: 'Now He [the Father] who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God [the Father], who has also sealed us and given us the Spirit as a deposit [earnest, KJV]' (2 Corinthians 1:22; compare Ephesians

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P D, Port Talbot

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1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:5).

God has committed Himself, with all the resources of the whole universe at His command, to help us gain eternal life. But we have our part in this spiritual process in that we have to endure once we are truly converted and have received God's Holy Spirit. 'But he who endures to the end shall be saved' (Matthew 24:13). Jesus Christ also spoke of 'those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead' (Luke 20:35).

For more understanding, please request or download our free booklets, *The Road to Eternal Life* and *Transforming Your Life: The Process of Conversion*.

haven't got around to them all yet, but I intend to. Do you have anything on the rapture and Noah's Ark?

R B, Craigavon

• *Our reprint article on the Rapture is in the post. For more on Noah's Ark, please see the book of Genesis in the United Church of God Bible Commentary online at <http://bible.ucg.org/bible-commentary/default.aspx>. Our e-booklet, Answers from Genesis, contains information on the extent of the Flood. Please download it from <http://www.ucg.org/ebooklet/answers-genesis/>.*

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R F, Birmingham

Revelation and the 'Cross'

I have been receiving *The Good News* and reading the articles on Europe. With the Government and the Church turning their backs on God,

what can we expect in the future? Do you have anything printed on Revelation, please?

D C, Felixstowe

• *We do indeed. Our booklet The Book of Revelation Unveiled is in the post!*

I really enjoy reading the articles and especially enjoyed the Q&A on the cross [Supplement January/February 2014], whether it is a symbol of Christianity or not.

S S, Peterborough

Dark days and turmoil

Your magazine always cheers me up when I am despairing of everything. It is a light in the darkness and reminds me that our Lord is with us during these dark times.

P A, Barnsley

What can I say that has not already been said? Were we not told what to expect by the greatest Teacher ever to be here on Earth? (Matthew 24). Let us be alert through the world's turmoil and await Jesus' coming.

A C, Stamford

It seems that human society has made great advances in technology, e.g., computers, mobile phones and the like. But as this develops, there seem to be more problems – pointless wars, people drinking too much alcohol and using drugs. There seems to be no sense of shame, or respect for society or God.

R C, Portsmouth