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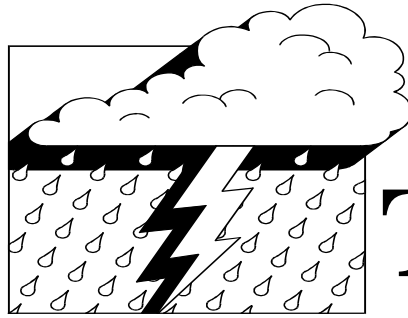
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Jesus also said that preceding His return, there would be an increase in frequency and intensity of wars, racial strife, hunger, disease, earthquakes and yes, bad weather.⁵ There are other Bible prophecies addressing the state of world politics, technology, society, and institutional Christendom prior to the Lord’s return. Before you dismiss the idea that the coming of Jesus is near, it would be to your advantage to recognize that this prevailing view is in itself a sign that we’re “*in the last days.*”⁶

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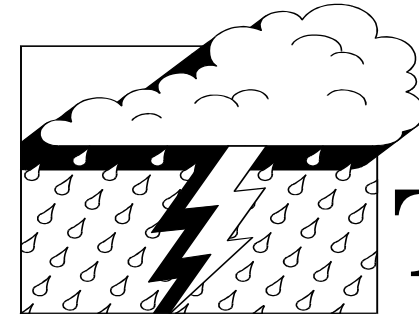
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If you can see past the world's politically correct view that mankind is making things better and sense that all the signs point to time running out to make a decision about Jesus Christ, you are under conviction of the Holy Spirit. You should address this issue with urgency because when Jesus returns, He is coming back "to execute judgment on all."¹¹

You can be free from ever having to worry about what the future will bring. Just pray right now, where ever you're at for Jesus to save you. "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."¹²

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