

THINGS TO COME

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While God is eager to tell us of things to come... the human race is trying to shape their current world without learning from the mistakes of their past. God has already told us they we are doomed to failure... but who listens?

God tells us that real truth is beyond the reach of humanity.

2TIM 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Some quotes from those who understand human failings.

***Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.** H G Wells.

Every great civilization and empire has eventually perished... none survive in the long run.

***We learn from History That Men Never Learn From History!** Friedrich Hegel

***Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.** George Santayana

The world we live in is not getting better... economic disasters and wars are nearer than ever.

Knowledge is increasing, but it is not able to be effectively applied.

DAN 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall** be increased.

Many study their past and revel in their understanding... but fail to learn the lessons from it.

ROM 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. *God says that none will ever be able to correct humanities failings... for they all have failed.*

Excavations of past civilizations are being studied daily... but the lessons are never learned.

We can learn from history, but we live for the secure future of the coming kingdom of God.

ROM 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. *Mankind never learns from human history.*

God is willing to reveal the future... not just the past.

ISA 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

ISA 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Never remove landmarks... mankind is always changing the moral and legal landmarks that give us stability.

PRO 22:28 Remove not the ancient **landmark**, which thy fathers have set. *Short term plans and gains always fail in the long term. Nearly all laws of right and wrong are being continually changed or weakened.*

Paul encourages us to plan for the future... not to dig nor glory in the past.

PHI 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

How shall we escape what is coming if we also ignore God's record?

HEB 2:3 **How shall we escape**, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

God has the solutions that the human race lacks.

2PET 2:9 The Lord **knoweth how** to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Repent, be baptized, receive the Holy Spirit and walk in it... that is the only workable solution for mankind.