

Study Guide #6
“Get Ready” for the End-Time ‘Birth Pains’

1. Jn 14:26, RH 3/22/1887 –Is the way _____ so the Holy Spirit can teach us?
2. Lk 21:29-31 –When trees start to bud, what do we know? — _____ is coming. Why?
 - a. Gen 8:22 –The recurring seasons are both a promise, and a _____
 - b. 2 Pet 1:16-19 –The prophetic word is even more sure than _____ experience!
 - c. Can have same level of assurance in ___ prophecies, we have in ‘summer’s coming’
3. Matt 24:6-8 –Wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes are the “beginning of _____”
 - a. 1 Thess 5:3 –Greek word translated “sorrows”/“travail” —refers to _____
 - So these _____ are the “beginning” of the end-time ‘birth pains’
4. This tells us 3 important things:
 - (1) –What’s listed is just the “beginning,” in other words, there will be _____ disasters
 - a. Isa 19:2 –“Kingdom against kingdom” = _____ unrest: riots, shootings, civil war
 - b. Lk 17:26-30 –The end-times will be like Noah’s and Lot’s time
 - Gen 6:11 –In Noah’s day the earth was filled with _____
 - In Noah’s time the ‘big disaster’ was a _____
 - In Lot’s time the ‘big disaster’ was _____
 - c. So, in addition to ‘wars, famines, diseases, and earthquakes,’ we can _____ there will also be: civil unrest, riots, shootings, civil wars, an increase in violent crimes, fires, and floods —and probably other types of disasters as well!
 - d. CL 7 –In these disasters God is showing what will come upon the _____
 - (2) ‘Birth pains’ become more _____ and more _____ until birth
 - a. So things are only going to get _____ until Jesus comes
 - b. Let’s not be deceived by our strong human tendency toward ‘Normalcy Bias’

‘Normalcy Bias’ is the inclination of the way we humans mentally process information that leads us to disbelieve or minimize threat warnings. It causes us to *underestimate*:

- (a) The likelihood of disasters —‘It’s *not really* going happen to *us*’
 - (b) When a disaster might affect us —‘It’s not going to happen *now*’
 - (c) the potential adverse effects of a disaster —‘It won’t be *that bad*’
 - and therefore (d) It causes us to not adequately prepare
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- c. COL 411-412 –‘Foolish’ virgins yield to Normalcy Bias and “dream not of _____
- d. Matt 24:6, PK 278 –We should and not be “ _____ ” or “ _____ ”
 - If we’re not going to be “troubled” by these disasters, then we must be _____
 - Ms 142 1906, Ms 233 1902 –Be prepared to _____
- e. Matt 7:24-27 –The ‘foolish’ builder must have had _____ to build on the sand
 - But none of that matters, because we know the ‘ _____ of the story’

- From the perspective of the 'end of the story,' 'wise' and 'foolish' are _____
- In the prophecies, Jesus has told us the 'end of the story' so we can be _____ and not make 'foolish' mistakes

(3) Are these disasters becoming more frequent and intense? _____

a. If so, *then the end-time 'birth pains' HAVE ALREADY* _____ !!!

- 1 Pet 1:19 –This “more sure word of prophecy” gives us more _____ Jesus *IS* coming *SOON* than speculating about current events

b. This means it is time to take some definite _____

- It is no longer time for _____ as _____
- There isn't going to be a better time to “ _____ ” than right now

5. Noah's 3-Point End-Time _____ Plan –Heb 11:7

(1) Be deliberate & intentional about our _____ with God. –Gen 6:9, Jn 15:4-5

(2) Let the Holy Spirit to work through us to benefit and bless _____ –Jn 15:1-8

(3) Be serious about preparing _____ for what we've been divinely warned about

When there us a:	Where would the obvious foolish place to live be?	Where would the obvious 'wisest' place to be living be?
War		
Famine		
Pestilence		
Earthquake		
Riot		
Fire		
Flood		

1. *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887

There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out his Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. ... When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come.

2. *Country Living*, page 7, (also on 7T 83)

The ungodly cities of our world are to be swept away by the besom of destruction. In the calamities that are now befalling immense buildings and large portions of cities, God is showing us what will come upon the whole earth.

3. *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 411-412

This is the class that in time of peril are found crying, Peace and safety. They lull their hearts into security, and dream not of danger.

4. *Prophets and Kings*, page 278

God's message for the inhabitants of earth today is, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44. The conditions prevailing in society, and especially in the great cities of the nations, proclaim in thunder tones that the hour of God's judgment is come and that the end of all things earthly is at hand. We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. We are not to be surprised at this time by events both great and decisive; for the angel of mercy cannot remain much longer to shelter the impenitent.

5. *Manuscript 142 1906*

Here before us is one of the fulfillments of prophecy [the 1906 San Francisco earthquake], that before the day of the Lord should come, there should be earthquakes in divers place, and that there should be wars and rumors of wars. And that when these things shall take place, wherever you are, if you are at the top of the house, do not go down through the house, that you may get your luggage and carry it out. That time is right ahead of us. It is only a little way that you are to flee to the mountains, just as fast as you can go. You will not have a chance to pack up your goods at all. So do not accumulate a great amount. It will not pay. The judgments of God are in our world.

6. *Letters and Manuscripts —Vol. 17*, Manuscript 233, 1902

The wrath of God will come upon all cities, upon dwellings, upon large buildings, so suddenly that they who have the slightest intimation have no safety in dallying at all. They are to flee at once.

We are living amid the perils of the last days. The wrath of God is preparing to come upon all the cities—not all at once but one after another. And if the terrible punishment in one city does not cause the inhabitants of other cities to be afraid and seek repentance, their time will come. When the Lord ariseth to shake terribly the earth, He will not cease until His work in punishment is done. The destruction will begin in certain places, and the destruction of life will be sudden and but few will escape. There is not to be given an encouraging thought that the gospel of Jesus Christ will be accepted by the large majority of men prior to His coming again the second time with power and great glory. I am instructed by revelation to say that most solemn and overwhelming judgments are determined upon all people who have the light before them in the Word of God, [but who do not follow it].