

I. Know: Know what God says to all generations through His word, and specifically to this last generation as they go through terrible times.

A. "Heaven and earth shall pass away...": This is a fantastic statement. Everything we know in the physical world is through our senses (sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell). To say that all this will be destroyed is beyond our understanding. But we need to know how to "...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2. Note it does not say "...things in heaven..." but "...things above..." meaning beyond the physical sky and universe.

God's Word endures forever

B. "...but my <Jesus's> words shall not pass away.": The Apostle Paul said, "...the things which are seen are temporal <temporary, of this life>; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18. When we lose something we have a small amount of grief. When a loved one dies, we grieve much. But to know they are in the presence of Jesus, and to know we will be together in an eternal state is comforting.

2 Cor 4:18

II. Watch (take heed): Be Aware

A. Watch over your own behavior. "...lest your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting..." meaning anything you do to excess. Overeating would certainly be included, but also any hobby, or working too many hours or many other issues of this life. Jesus says to look at your HEART. "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things <food, drink, clothing, self-care, the future> will be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

surfeit excessive, over indulgence

B. Watch that you don't try to cope with life by self-medicating, "...drunkenness, and cares of this life..." Alcohol in any amount is directly mentioned here, but any form of artificial escape (drugs) is included in this statement.

C. Watch around you. "...as a snare <spring-trap> shall it come..." The whole world has access to Bibles, but most people choose to avoid or ignore God's wisdom. Jesus is warning us, and He wants us to warn others. A fish does not examine a morsel of food to see if there is a hook hidden inside, and the last experience of his life will be fighting against that hook.

anything can be a trap snare when in excess

III. Be Different: Don't conform to this world. We all need to live in this world, the saved and the unsaved, but people need to know we serve a different master. See Matthew 13:24-30 and Luke 3:17. Note that the wheat is always gathered to Jesus' barn (protected), but the chaff/weeds are burned. - transformed by renewing your mind (Rom 12:2)

Rom 12:2

A. Noah was different from his neighbors.

1. Noah built the ark for 100 years. During his times, people were:
 - a. Making short-term plans: eating and drinking
 - b. Making long-term plans: marrying and giving in marriage
2. "...until the day that Noah entered into the ark..."

wheat - desired grain
chaff - dead plant material
see Mt 3:12, Lk 3:17

B. We should be different from the unsaved world.

1. The people going about their lives, one is taken, the other left. Read Luke 17:34
2. People caring for the things God has given them. "Who then is that faithful and wise steward...?"

Different?
- with hope
- with doing good
- with love to neighbor

C. Pray while we're watching. Remember that Jesus asked His disciples to do that in the Garden of Gethsemane. He asks us to do the same. Will we fall asleep, too?

- See Rom 13:11 wake up. Stop sleeping
* 1 Thess 5:1, 5-6 Don't sleep. Watch & live

- Watch & Pray. Mk 14:38, Lk 21:36
* Mt 26:41, Mk 13:33, Lk 21:36, Col 4:2, 1 Pet 4:7

| Matthew 24 (Jewish perspective) | Mark 13 (Jewish perspective) | Luke 21 (Gentile perspective) |
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| <p>³⁵Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.</p> | <p>³¹Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.</p> | <p>³³Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my <i><Jesus'></i> words shall not pass away.</p> |
| <p>³⁶But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only</p> | <p>³²But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. ³³Take ye heed, Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. ³³Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.</p> | <p>³⁴And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting <i><overeating></i>, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares <i><suddenly></i>. ³⁵For as a snare <i><spring-trap></i> shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.</p> |
| <p>³⁷But as the days of Noe <i><Noah></i> were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe <i><Noah></i> entered into the ark, ³⁹And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.</p> | | <p>^{17:26}And as it was in the days of Noe <i><Noah></i>, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe <i><Noah></i> entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.</p> |
| <p>⁴⁰Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ⁴¹Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> | | <p>^{17:34}I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. ³⁵Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ³⁶Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> |

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| <p>⁴²Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. ⁴³But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch <time> the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered <allowed> his house to be broken up <robbed>. ⁴⁴Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.</p> | | <p>³⁶Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.</p> |
| <p>⁴⁵Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ⁴⁷Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; ⁴⁹And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; ⁵⁰The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.</p> | <p>³⁴For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to Watch. ³⁵Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: ³⁶Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. ³⁷And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.</p> | <p>^{12:42}And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? ⁴³Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ⁴⁴Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. ⁴⁵But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; ⁴⁶The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.</p> |

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Lk 12

Luke 21:37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode <stayed> in the mount that is called the mount of Olives. ³⁸And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him...