

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### The Subject: Signs of the End of Time

Jeremiah 25:6,7-- (God speaking to Israel by the prophet) -- *go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger; and I will do you no hurt -- yet ye have not hearkened unto me saith the Lord.*

Jeremiah 29:17,19-- *Thus saith the Lord -- I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence -- Because they have not hearkened to my words.*

Malachi 3:6 -- (The prophet speaks concerning God's judgment) *I am the Lord, I change not.*

change - Hebrew: shana - to fold or duplicate; transmute; alter

Colossians 3:5 -- *covetousness is idolatry*

covetousness - Greek: pleonexia - fraudulent practice; greed from pleonektes - desiring more; eager for gain

God's judgments never change, says Malachi. God said that he would bring four judgments upon his people when they went worshiping other Gods (Ezek. 14:21). Sword, famine, pestilence, and the beast are the judgments of God upon idol worship. Some will say, "I don't worship idols". Paul said if a man is covetous, wanting more, and so eager for gain that he will scheme and practice deception in order to get gain, then he is involved in idolatry (self-worship). God's never changing judgments will come down on that man or nation. America (and the world) has polluted itself with this idolatry. Famine and pestilence were always the first two judgments. God always brought judgment for which there was no cure (Prov. 29:1; II Chron. 36:16). AIDS is only one of the incurable judgments of God upon a rebellious people. We have approximately 38 sexually transmitted diseases running rampant. New strains of tuberculosis and lyme disease are being found, as well as record numbers of stress related diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, MS, etc. Blyte (white flies in California, corn crops in Nebraska, melon crops in Alabama, etc.) is destroying crops with no effective insecticide. The depletion of the ozone layer is causing upheaval in nature and weather, producing the highest rate of skin cancer ever. The ecosystems of the world are becoming destabilized. The six hottest years recorded were in the 1980's with 1991 as the hottest up to the time of this writing (As of Dec, 2007, the 11 warmest years on record were in the previous 13 years). The fourth vial of God's judgment will be poured out upon the earth (Rev. 16:8,9) and men will curse God because of the heat coming on the earth. The economy (famine) is teetering on the state of collapse. More hurricanes and tropical storms (with greater intensity) have been recorded in the past three decades than anytime in history. Earthquakes, droughts and natural disasters are at an all time high. Wars and rumors of wars (the sword) are out of control (Matt. 24:6). Jesus said that at the time of the end the seas and the waves would be roaring and that there would be distress of nations with perplexity (Luke 21:25). The word perplexity is the Greek word Aporia meaning "in a quandary" with no way out (without an answer). The last judgment was the world beast system (Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Greece, Rome) that destroyed and carried God's people captive. The beast system (world order) will at last persecute the people of God. There is no answer for God's incurable judgment except repentance.

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