

Long before any talk of climate change, I had been warned by Christians that bad weather was coming. They quoted the Bible and said things like, "As we come to the end of time, the weather will start going crazy." Of course, I thought nothing of it. They had been saying this would happen since long before I was born, but I saw no evidence of it until one evening at the gym. I still remember standing in the locker room looking up at the screen as the CNN reporters were saying, "We can't explain the changing weather patterns." This was the first time that I started to see a change. Soon others began to give the warning. On June 6, 2011, Newsweek magazine displayed the cover article, "Weather Panic. This is the New Normal." With record numbers of tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, drought, and more, people have begun to wonder, "What's up with the weather" (National Geographic, September, 2012)?

In a desperate search to explain the changing weather patterns, scientists initially came up with the global warming theory. While the term is still used, many realize that the problem goes beyond warming and have begun to refer to the condition as climate change, adopting this term to explain all the changing weather patterns and natural disasters taking place. Strangely most continue to overlook the elephant in the room. The glaring fact that has been promoted by Christians for the past two thousand years which most would like to ignore. Perhaps it's time we start to consider that, in the midst of all the talk of carbon emissions, there has been an elephant size issue which we have been ignoring. Could it be more than a coincidence that long before talk of global warming began, the Bible predicted changing weather patterns as a sign that we are nearing the end of the world? Those with an open mind need to consider this.

When Jesus was asked, "What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age," He answered, "there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places" (Matt. 24:3, 7). He added, "there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth

distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring" (Luke 21:25). Long ago, Jesus warned of weather outbreaks in the years just before He returns. Since that day, Christians have been warning of a coming weather crisis. Now that it's happening, scientists are avoiding what Christians have been warning about for nearly two thousand years, but is it really practical to bury our head in the sand and pretend that the Bible never warned about climate change?

Think about it. Long before there was any talk of climate change, the Bible addressed it, and yet when Christians tried to talk about it, science mocked them claiming, "all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation" (2 Pet. 3:4). Finally, when the weather started changing, instead of considering the Bible, the same ones who mocked warnings of climate change now bury their head in the sand and try to explain away the strange events predicted long ago in the Bible with their theories, ignoring the fact that the Bible foretold this.

The Bible predicted there would be changes in the weather patterns, and things are only going to get worse. This two thousand year old warning explains why the weather is going so crazy today. While many close their ears to God's word, scientific explanations of climate change are merely a scapegoat for eluding the sense of conviction and discomfort that comes from seeing the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Still, these false prophets of science can do nothing to stop the coming destruction, for God goes on to say, "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it" (Eze. 13:13).

In his 1750 sermon, Cause and Cure of Earthquakes, Methodist founder John Wesley said the fact that "God is himself the Author, and sin the moral cause, of earthquakes... cannot be denied by any who believe the Scriptures." This, of course, implies that God is the author of weather disasters, which He permits for the purpose of calling us to repent. Wesley goes on to ask, "What but national repentance can prevent

national destruction?" Today, many are crying, "This has nothing to do with sin or offending God. We just need to cut back on carbon dioxide emissions." While we should all encourage efforts to preserve the planet (Rev. 11:18), we cannot ignore the fact that God is calling people to repent.

Global warming is a more convenient truth than admitting that God is calling the world to repentance. As a result, scientists and atheists try to explain away the methods of God, urging that if we do not act now, climate change will ultimately bring about the end of society. Of course, the Bible tells us that this is not how the world is going to end, and yet in seeking to find a man-made solution to climate change, man will ultimately usher in the final conflict to come upon the earth. Instead of obeying and trusting God, man has always tried to fix things his way instead of God's way. The difference is, God allows free will, while man uses laws inducing force.

Many now view the issue of climate change as a moral issue, claiming that it is not only a threat to the environment but has also escalated poverty and even fueled terrorism. As a result, many are calling for legal implications. Since climate change is viewed by these as a moral issue, who better to address the issue than the one many refer to as the moral leader of the world: the pope. In an encyclical addressing climate change, the pope gave a solution. In his climate change encyclical entitled, Praised be You: On the Care of Our Common Home, section 237 states, "Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, and with others and with the world."

Catholicism appeals for a universal day of rest, claiming that this would be beneficial for the earth, not only helping the environment but also giving families more time to spend with each other. This is at times presented under the names, Family Day and Earth Day. It sounds nice except for the fact that climate change is considered a moral issue and threatens legislation. While suggesting a day off is perfectly okay, making a law enforcing a day of rest has the fearful smell of

a religious law. Ironically, the Bible predicts that a religious law will bring about the final tribulation on earth. Check it out.

In Revelation 13:15, we see a “beast... cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.” Now let’s break this down. A “beast” is a symbol of a “kingdom,” or nation in the Bible (Dan. 7:23). Since it causes, it uses force, enforcing a law. Since it “causes the earth,” it must involve an issue that affects the entire earth (Rev. 13:12). That means an influential nation will make a law over some global issue, and the entire earth will eventually follow, also setting up that law. The tragedy is that this nation causes people to “worship,” implying the enforcement of a religious law. Since this violates our constitutional rights, in order for America to make a religious law, it would have to hide it under a secular mask and yet, however you slice it, any effort to enforce a day of rest, whether you call it Earth Day, or Family Day, or a day for the environmental, it is still a religious law.

The Bible tells us that the final conflict on earth will be based on a law regarding “worship” (Rev. 13:12, 15; 14:11), implying that a day of worship will be enforced. What most don’t realize is that Sunday laws, also called “blue laws,” were imposed in early America and are still on the books in most states. While these laws are not strongly enforced right now, the Bible predicts the revival of “worship” laws under the guise of a secular law, which will usher in the final crisis. As Christians see nature running out of control, the government will try to appease God by enforcing a day of rest, and it just may be that the fear of global warming will ultimately lead to the enforcement of global worship, ushering in the final tribulation.

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