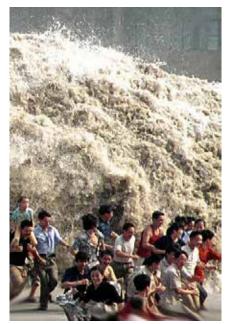
"And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, Because They Have Sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the Day of the LORD'S Wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His Jealousy: for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land." Zephaniah 1:17-18 KJV

Disasters are not usually immediately thought of as God's Judgment. Even believers have fallen into the mind set of "It's only natural circumstance," forgetting that every Law including nature is Divine Law spoken into being at Creation. The Almighty Sovereign who controls men, the earth, and the universe gets little notice: neither is thanks given for sunny weather nor the gentle rain. Scripture plainly indicates what marks the end of time. "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers (different) places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." You need only browse the news to see



confirmation of this. The coming referred to is the return of Christ to Mt. Olivet. "His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east." The angels told His disciples "while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He (Christ) went up, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.' Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey." A great multitude claims to believe, but most churches today are nothing more than big social clubs! Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. Love one another; as I have loved you." Men make pretense of good to obtain favor with their peers or salve their own condemning conscience, but their heart is far from God! The KING is coming! The wicked will perish as His Wrath descends! If you don't get busy and warn your loved ones and friends, you may have to leave them behind as you depart for eternity. Do you strain at grains of Truth while swallowing boulders of Satanic lies? Do you follow Christ with childlike faith or do you allow whispers of doubt and worldly wisdom to blind you to obvious Truth? The blindfold is worry, doubt, and unbelief. "The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT." Obedience is the acid test of faith. "And hereby we do know that we know Him, IF we keep (obey) His Commandments (God's Word). Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT SEEN." True faith allows you to see and know God. Do you really know God? "Now, is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the Day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the Armour of Light."

> Because of sin God's Judgment rained, Upon His Son with writhing pain, The next His Wrath will fall on men, Who still refuse to leave their sin. ~CGP

We often affirm God's Judgment of the wicked but forget "the time is come that Judgment must begin at the House of God. Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the Temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the Temple of God is Holy, which Temple ye are." Spurgeon said, "Visit many good books, but live in the Bible." Make God's Word your life!

"But whoso looketh into the perfect Law of Liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be Blessed in his deed." James 1:25 KJV