Understanding the Signs of the Times – Week 1



"But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior... Micah 7:7

"I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure' . . . Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it' **Isaiah 46:9–11**

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh". *Luke 21:28*

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

Class Overview

- 21st Century Worldview Post-Modernism
- Current Events

God's Timeline

- <u>Creation</u>: God creates of all things
- The Fall of Man: Sometime shortly after creation man chose to disobey God and fell from innocence into sin. Death, disease, and human misery resulted. We are seeing these results daily.
- <u>The Flood</u>: Man's iniquity reached such depths that God destroyed all but eight people in the world's greatest disaster, the Flood.
- <u>The Life of Christ</u>: Jesus Christ came to die as a divine sacrifice for man's sin, to lift the curse on man and to prepare man for a future state of bliss where he could enjoy the unlimited blessings originally intended for him by his Creator.
- <u>The Second Coming of Christ</u>; The next major event in God's plan for man.

GOD told the serpent: "Because you've done this, you're cursed, cursed beyond all cattle and wild animals, Cursed to slink on your belly and eat dirt all your life. I'm declaring war between you and the Woman, between your offspring and her (seed). He (Christ) will wound your head, you will bruise his heel." *Genesis 3:14-15*

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." *John 14:2-3*