

It Might Be Today

Doomsday Preppers

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

2012 is upon us and there is a lot of talk that we are nearing 'the end of the world.' Scenarios suggested for the end of the world include the arrival of the next solar maximum, or Earth's collision with a black hole, a passing asteroid, or a planet called "Niburu." There is also a possibility of the reversal of the earth's magnetic field. Remember, too, we are living in the age of nuclear weapons and biological warfare.

How are people responding to the various doomsday scenarios? Some are preparing for the worst. National Geographic has a new reality show called *Doomsday Preppers* which profiles Americans who have taken extreme measures to plan for a forthcoming apocalypse - whether natural disaster, nuclear war or economic crisis.

Here are a few quotes from the USA Today article about the show:

For some people, the end of the world as we know it is upon us, and there is no better time than now to start preparing.

Each episode will feature a few individuals from the prepping subculture, and the effectiveness of their preparations will be assessed by experts. In the series premiere, viewers meet a retired couple who have 50,000 pounds of food stored in their doomsday-proof home built of steel shipping containers, an urban survivalist in Los Angeles prepping for a severe earthquake and a young, outgoing Texan ready to bug out when an oil crisis creates havoc.

"It's not a hobby," prepper Gloria Haswell tells National Geographic, "it's a lifestyle." Haswell and her husband spend 50 hours a week preparing for a shift in the North and South poles, which could cause severe climate change.

Prepper Tim Ralston of Arizona views destruction of the electrical grid caused by an electromagnetic pulse weapon or solar flares as his worst-case scenario. To prepare, he

regularly conducts a dry run to an underground bunker with his kids. Practicing allows him to sleep better at night, Ralston says.

"People invest so much money in life insurance," Ralston says. "This is life assurance."

What's interesting to me is not that so many people think things could get bad. **It's that they don't realize just how bad things are going to get!**

If we look ahead, past the resurrection and rapture of the church, to the Great Tribulation, preppers won't be able to hide. For example we read in Revelation 6:15-17,

Revelation 6:15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

Revelation 6:16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Revelation 6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

There will be no place safe, no place to hide, no doomsday survival.

I'm not saying that you shouldn't prepare for a natural or economic disaster, or stock up on some food. That's up to you.

I'm simply pointing out that people seem to really believe in one or more doomsday scenarios but, instead of turning to the Lord, they are trusting in underground bunkers and meals-ready-to-eat.

What everyone needs to be prepared to face is the wrath of God against their sin. The prepping for that is easy: **It is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ!**

After that, if you want to say, "Praise the Lord! And pass the ammunition," that's your business. But we need to encourage *eternal* survival.

And it's not 'doomsday' we are headed towards. It's the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to establish a glorious thousand-year kingdom on the earth.

Are you ready for the return of Jesus? Nothing needs to occur before Jesus can return to resurrect and rapture the church. He's coming for us prior to the Great Tribulation, to rescue us from the trouble that will come

upon the whole world. His coming for the church age believers is always presented as imminent - meaning it could occur any moment.

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***