

## ***The End of the World! (Luke 21:5-28)***

Introduction: *Many life events can serve as reminders of the end of the world...*

- I. THE LAST DAYS JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT WERE PREDICTED BY THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS
  - A. Joel (3:14-21), Amos (5:18-20, Obadiah (15) pointed to “the day of the LORD” as a day of judgment.
  - B. Jeremiah (9:25) and Amos (4:2; 8:11) spoke of “the days are coming” as days of God’s wrath.
  - C. According to Daniel (7:13-14), One “like the Son Of Man” would go into the presence of “the Ancient Of Days” and share His majesty, power & glory.
- II. JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT THE LAST DAYS
  - A. There will be wars & great upheaval (Luke 21)
  - B. There will be natural disasters (Luke 21)
  - C. There will be false teachers & persecution (Luke 21)
- III. JESUS SAID THE SON OF MAN (Jesus) WILL RETURN
  - A. This is tied to the prophecy of Daniel 7
  - B. This is tied to Jesus’ crucifixion, resurrection, and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
- IV. CHRISTIANS ANTICIPATE JESUS’ SECOND COMING & THE END OF THE WORLD
  - A. This is not just judgment, but also deliverance (1 Thess.5:9; 4:13-18)
  - B. Instead of judgment, we get mercy!

Conclusion: **The movie:** *A Christmas Story – judgment day cancelled!*