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**1 Corinthians 15:50-55 (NKJV)** 50 Now this I say, brethren, that

flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption

inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep,

but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at

the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised

incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on

incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 54 So when this

corruptible has put onincorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality,

then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:*"Death is swallowed*

*up in victory."* 55 *"O Death, where is your sting?* *O* *Hades, where is your*

*victory?"*

**Matthew 24:1-3 (NLT2)** 1 As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. 2 But he responded, “Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!” 3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?”

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**Matthew 24:4-8 (NKJV)** 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.”

**Matthew 24:15-25 (NKJV)** 15 "Therefore when you see the *'abomination of desolation,'* spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it.* 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand.

**Matthew 24:26-27 (NKJV)** 26 Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; *or* 'Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!' do not believe *it.* 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**Matthew 24:30-31 (NKJV)** 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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**Matthew 24:38-39 (NKJV)** 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**Matthew 24:40-42 (NKJV)** 40 Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.41 Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42  Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

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