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THE CATCHING UP

We would like to share a series of articles over the next few weeks that deal with the conditions that Jesus Christ said would exist just prior to His return to gather His Fathers' children (1st Corinthians 15:20-25).

God tells us in 2nd Timothy 3:16 that all of the divinely inspired scriptures are important and profitable for doctrine (*instruction*), for reproof (*proof that brings conviction*), for correction (*to restore a thing to its proper place*) and for instruction (*education or training*) in righteous so that we may be completely prepared to fit in as an instrument in God's service. The divinely inspired scriptures will equip us fully so that we can do the work God has called us to do.

All of God's divinely inspired scriptures are important to His servants but the scriptures that deal with Enoch or Henoch (Genesis 5:21-24) and Noah or Noe (Genesis 6:1-22) should rank among some of the most valuable. Jesus Christ equated the society that Enoch and Noah lived in to the conditions that would exist just prior to His approaching return. At that time He will gather His Fathers' children and bring them to the Third Heaven for seven years so they will not have to experience what is called "The Great Tribulation". God's Divine Word gives us a view of the catching up and of the "Great Tribulation" in Matthew chapter 24 as well as other scriptures.

³⁶*No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.* ³⁷*As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.* ³⁸*For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;* ³⁹*and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."* (Matthew 24:36-39 New International Version)