

"The apocalyptic can function as a reminder that not all can bear to live in the world as it is. It offers the assurance that God is still on the throne, that our endurance will be rewarded, and that justice will prevail. It not only guarantees a final judgment, it insists that this judgment is to be carried out by God, not by human action." Amy-Jill Levine



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The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Merry Christmas! Apocalyptic literature reveals a heavenly perspective on earthly circumstances most often, situations of crisis and catastrophe.

Heavenly Perspective



"...our great hope is founded not in human history, not in any human development, but in something else, another power, Some One Else, whose reality and sovereign power is independent of human history and is shaping it to the divine purpose in spite of all appearances to the contrary." -Fleming Rutledge, *Advent*

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SUMMARY

- 1. Christ comes to us in our crisis and catastrophes (v24)
- 1. Christ comes with power and purpose (v26)
- 1. Christ comes to hold us near (v27)



Because Christ comes...

We name, share, and grieve our troubles.



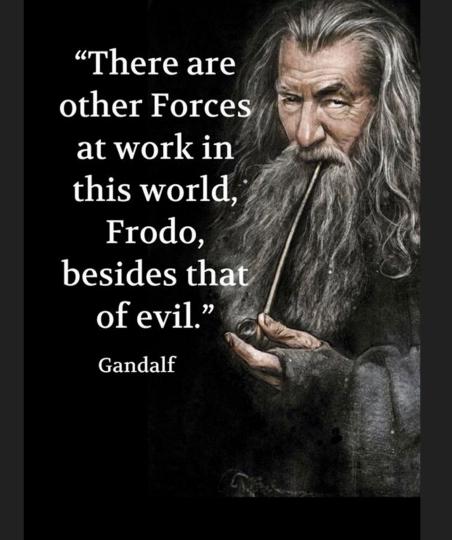
Because Christ comes... We persist in doing good.



"What I say to you, I say to all: Keep awake." Mark 13:37









Loving Savior, into ______Come, Lord Jesus, and be my/our hope.

Lord, in Your mercy. Everyone: **Amen.**

