"Last Days?"

Well, our country has just experienced another, unprecedented, devastating and catastrophic event in Kerr County, Texas. I just cannot wrap my head around how a river can rise 30 feet in just an hour or so, causing so many deaths and so much destruction and devastation! Remember what happened to western North Carolins when Hurricane Helene dumped unprecedented amounts of rain in a short amount of time, causing catastrophic destruction? Many folks (who aren't necessarily Christians) have described these natural disasters as being "of biblical proportions."

And what about the devastating wildfires that have broken out in various states the past few years, again bringing unprecedented total devastation to many areas. I heard several people in news clips describing these events as being an Armageddon type of destruction of biblical proportions. There has also been a sharp increase of mass shootings, once again bringing about unprecedented, catastrophic and devastating results. Is God sending us warnings to repent? You might not agree with me, but I think so!

Here's what Matthew 24:3-8 says: "As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains." I believe Jesus is in the "birth canal," ready to return!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 says: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the <u>last days</u>. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people." Are these not the days we are living in! YES they are!!

I firmly believe we are living in the last days, and many hopeless, frightened and angry people are looking for answers, and demanding something be done, but here's the problem - there is no person, no party, nor any program that is going to stop all of this madness - it's just not possible! ONLY when we turn to the Lord in humble repentance will we find peace.

One glorious day soon, Jesus is returning for His bride, but are we ready? We who have been born again, covered by Jesus' blood, will witness His long awaited return, but we need to be about our Father's business, telling everyone we can about God's plan of salvation - it's a matter of eternal life or death! This is one unprecedented event we can prepare for! Amen!