## Who is YOUR King?!?

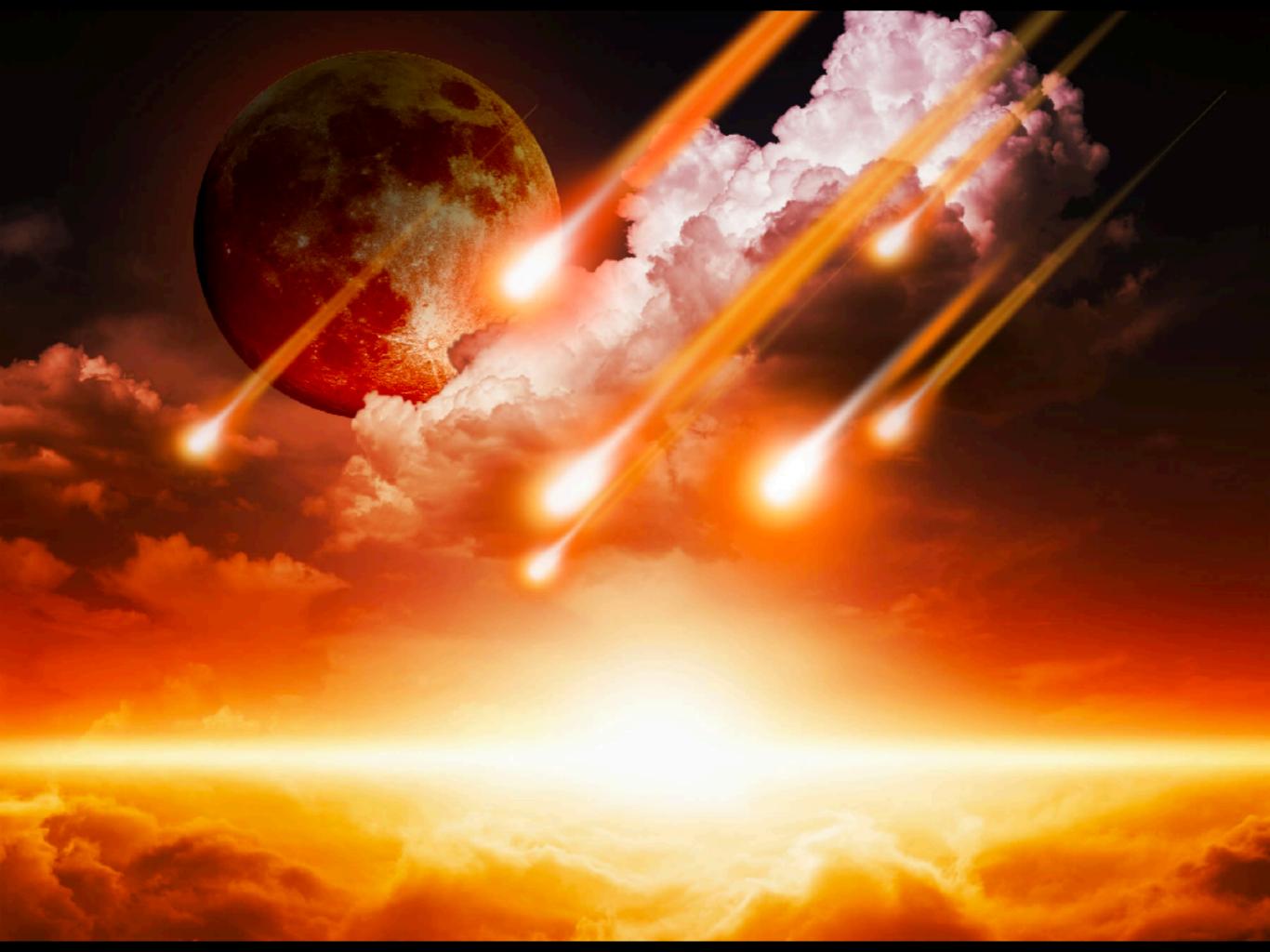
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And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

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.

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.



Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24:11-12

But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:13-14

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For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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24:36 - But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 24:42 - Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 24:44 - Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 25:13 - Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

#### Acts 1:6b-8

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Who can be against us? for Jesus is our Defender He is Lord and He has overcome So strongholds must surrender For the Lord our God has overcome And He shall reign forever

### Ready for His Return

### Ready or not Photos back - Jesus

Matthew 23:29-24:14

### Who is YOUR King?!?

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