



# Did God See It Coming?

**Tragedies such as "9-11"** get many people to thinking about God. Some question whether God 'saw this one coming.' Others wonder why God didn't stop it if He did see it coming.

**People who ordinarily don't give** much thought of God, all of a sudden become experts on His character! They begin to question His ability...His love...His awareness...His compassion...His motives.

**But what does the Bible,** God's Word, have to say about God? What has God already revealed in the Scriptures that removes the guesswork about His character, and perhaps the events of "9-11?"

**First of all, the Bible reveals** that God's character is a mixture of lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness. Thus, everything He does falls under any one or more of these attributes.

"But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I [am] the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these [things] I delight, saith the LORD" — Jeremiah 9:24

**Secondly, God knows** all things—including the future.

"Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world." — Acts 15:18

"For his eyes [are] upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings" — Job 34:21

**His Son, Jesus,** Who could see the future said that terrible things like "9-11" would happen and that such events were to be merely the *beginning* of sorrows. Jesus also said that although these things must come first to pass, still, the end is not yet (Matthew 24:6-8). "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and

earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are] the beginning of sorrows."

**It stands to reason** that if Jesus' prophecy was to happen, then God would have needed at some point in time to kick into motion all of these events according to His own timetable. Ours is not to question God, but rather our job is to be ready for when these events occur! Friend, these events are occurring NOW — are you ready for what all else may come?

**Jesus also foretold** that when such evil began to increase in the earth, it was an indication that His return was drawing nearer (Luke 21:28). "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh"

God will send His Son back to the earth to rule the nations with a rod of iron, "taking vengeance on those who do not know Him and on those who do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:8). God knows if we are serving Him...are you serving Him today? Have you TRUSTED Christ for your salvation? "The LORD [is] good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him" — Nahum 1:7