Hello,

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Join Pastor Doug as he uncovers today's latest headlines and explores whether they truly have prophetic significance for God's people

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When I first read the moving story above, I could not help but recall the words of Jesus:

“In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife” (Luke 17:31, 32).

In the event of an approaching tsunami, Japan probably has the best early warning system in the world. No doubt this alarm system saved many lives following the earthquake. But still there were thousands who did not sense the urgency, lingering … or some just did not hear the sirens and were swept away in the deluge.

Well, have you ever wondered what the world would look like just before Jesus comes? I suspect it might look very much like today: “There will be … distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring” (Luke 21:25).

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Indeed, if scary headlines alone could arrest a person’s attention and turn them to God, I think we would have had a revival by now. It takes more. People must be taught what it all means.

In the Bible prophecies, God has given us an “early warning system” to help us prepare for His Son’s return. Consider with me a few of the current signs Jesus has given.

Great Earthquakes

■ “There will be great earthquakes in various places” (Luke 21:11).

We know there have always been earthquakes. But notice here that Jesus includes the word “great.” In recent years Indonesia, Haiti, New Zealand, Chile, and Japan have been shaken to their core by terrifying seismic activity.

Unprecedented Turmoil in the Middle East

■ “The nations were angry” (Revelation 11:18).

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■ “Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many” (Matthew 24:11).

■ “But of that day and hour no one knows” (Mark 13:32).

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But in these last days, the world is still full of frightened souls searching and hungering for the truth. That's why the work of Amazing Facts is so important.

**Only Together**

Every day Amazing Facts spends thousands broadcasting, printing, and preaching the message of Jesus. For more than 45 years, this work has gone on by faith. From week to week, we never know what finances will come—but we believe this is God's work and trust He will supply.

Jesus tells us to ask, so I am asking from my heart as I see so many people perishing who need to know Him. You know we can only continue this work of proclamation and warning together with God's blessing. **So will you please send a gift while so many hearts are still open and seeking?**

We have seen through this terrible tsunami and earthquake how all a person has can be swept away in mere seconds. Likewise, someday soon the economy of the world will implode and money will be worthless. Now is the time to convert our earthly resources into heavenly treasure, before it's all washed away! You will be happy that you did.

Finally, even as we see these catastrophic natural disasters unfolding around us, we do not need to live in fear:

> "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling" (Psalms 46:1–3).

Your friend,
Pastor Doug Batchelor

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**You Made the Difference**

"I tried to kill myself by taking a bottle of pills. While I was in the hospital, I saw Amazing Facts on TV; Pastor Doug turned my thinking around, so I owe my life today to him. Thank you for giving my life new meaning." —William

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