

# Empowered Significant & Secure, pt2

John 1:44-50 (NIV)

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

<sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. **You shall see greater things than that.**"

## I. Systems of the World

### A. Deteriorating

#### 1. Human character/condition

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

<sup>2</sup> People will be **lovers of themselves, lovers of money**, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

<sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

<sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--**

<sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

#### 2. Historical Parallels

Luke 17:26-30 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> **"Just as it was in the days of Noah**, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> **"It was the same in the days of Lot.** People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

John 17:15-16 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

#### 3. Last Days?

Jeremiah 30:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their forefathers to possess,' says the LORD."

Matthew 24:3 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, **when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"**

Matthew 24:8-14 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> "But all these things are *merely* **the beginning of birth pangs.** <sup>9</sup> "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. <sup>10</sup> "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. <sup>12</sup> "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. <sup>14</sup> **"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.**

## B. Significance & Stability Attainable

### 1. Your Source

Psalm 1:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man **who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked** or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. <sup>2</sup> But **his delight is in the law of the LORD**, and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. <sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

### 2. Prepared for "next"

2 Peter 3:10-11 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. <sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be?** You ought to live holy and godly lives

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I need a savior. I believe Jesus is your son. I believe he died on a cross for my sin. I believe You raised him to life for my justification. Jesus be Lord of my life, forgive my sin. I forgive any who have sinned against me. I choose to yield to the Lordship of Jesus of Nazareth, to serve him with all that I am. Amen.