

Are Current Economic Distresses Pointing to End Times?

The U.S. July jobs report has been released. It is not encouraging.

Although 114,000 jobs were added during this hot summer month, employment missed the 175,000 new jobs the Department of Labor had projected by more than 60,000. This pushed the unemployment rate up, while continued inflation and recessionary fears stoked a stock market meltdown on Aug. 2.

Prophetic Pains, Pangs and Problems

In Matthew 24:1-31, Jesus warned his disciples prophetically of future physical pains, international pangs and economic problems at the end of this age. The Jewish prophet Jeremiah spoke of this coming time of terror and persecution for his people, Israel, as “Jacob’s troubles” (Jer. 30:7b, NKJV). Daniel referred to this end-time distress as a time of “anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence” (Dan. 12:1; NLT).

Jesus, the Jewish Messiah and the Gentiles’ Savior, emphasized that the generation of His disciples who endured the constant and increasing distress, anguish and persecution until the end of this age would be rescued (saved/delivered). (See Matt. 24:13, 34; Rom. 11:25-27.)

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Financial Distress Is Often Due to Our 'Cheating God'

Just as the New Testament warned about the financial distresses we can expect in these last days, the Old Testament tells of financial blessings intended for end-time believers that are so abundant there will not be "room enough to contain it."

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