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Answering a Question from the Bible

Are all human beings God's children ?

I have heard so-called knowledgeable people make statements like: "Well, we are all God's children." Is this true?

It is true that the Lord created man and woman with the capability to reproduce. So, from a physical standpoint, we could accurately say we are all **GOD'S CREATION**. However, we are not all God's children.

Once Jesus was contending with the religious Jews, and he said:

*"Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of **YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL**, and the desires of your father you want to do..."* (from John 8:43-44 NKJV).

By contrast, the Apostle John wrote these words about Jesus:

*"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own (the nation of Israel), and His own did not receive Him. But **AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM**, to them He gave the right to become **CHILDREN OF GOD**, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* (John 1:10-13 NKJV).

Only those who have **RECEIVED JESUS** have been given the right to become God's children. Being more specific...

- ⇒ Those who believe in the name of Jesus Christ, because salvation is not available through any other name (see Acts 4:12).
- ⇒ Those who trust in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and his shed blood for the remission of sins (see Ephesians 1:7).
- ⇒ These are the **CHILDREN OF GOD**.

My teaching series on: **Signs of the End Times** continues on the reverse ➔

Signs of the End Times

FAMINES

*“And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and **FAMINES** and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.”* (Luke 21:11 NKJV).

World health organizations tell us there is no shortage of food in the earth. The problem is with food distribution. Certain areas of the world have an abundance, and waste tons of food every year. Other areas of the world have a shortage of food, and people are starving.

The Scriptures actually confirm the fact that there should never be a shortage of food in the earth. When Noah and his family exited the Ark, God gave them this promise:

*“While the earth remains, **SEEDTIME AND HARVEST**, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”* (Genesis 8:22 NKJV).

Despite God’s promise, because of the mismanagement of man, we have famines in the earth; and Jesus told us **FAMINES** would be a sign of the End Times.

Those who put their faith in the Lord should not become victims of famine. In addition to the above promise of seedtime and harvest, listen to these other promises:

*“Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and **TO KEEP THEM ALIVE IN FAMINE.**”* (Psalm 33:18-19 NKJV).

*“The LORD knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and **IN THE DAYS OF FAMINE THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED.**”* (Psalm 37:18-19 NKJV).

My favorite Bible Promise on this subject of deliverance from famine also comes from Psalm 37. Listen again to the words of David:

“I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.” (Psalm 37:25 NIV).

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Signs of the End Times

PESTILENCES

*“And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and **PESTILENCES**; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.”* (Luke 21:11 NKJV).

The word, **PESTILENCES**, refers to deadly, infectious diseases, the severity of which is likely to increase in the End Times. Despite millions upon millions (even billions) of dollars raised for research, and despite the tireless efforts of scientists to eradicate diseases, there are still numerous diseases for which there is no cure.

Again, however, God has provided protection for his people, who put their faith in him during these End Times. Listen to these powerful promises from Psalm 91, verse 3, and verses 5-7:

*“Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the **PERILOUS PESTILENCE** ... You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of **THE PESTILENCE THAT WALKS IN DARKNESS**, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.”* (NKJV).

Notice the words, **PERILOUS PESTILENCE** in the above Scriptures. One of the meanings of the word, **PERILOUS** is: *“An Engulfing Ruin.”* Already, we are seeing such devastating diseases. An acquaintance of mine – who is a Missionary Doctor in Africa – told me about entire villages where there are no parents; only children and grandparents. The parents have all been wiped out by **AIDS**.

Also notice (above **↑**): The pestilence that **WALKS IN DARKNESS**, which is to say: *“Goes about in Obscurity.”* This is likely referring to diseases of unknown origin, and for which there is no known cure!

Regardless, the Lord has provided protection (and, healing if needed) for those who are determined to put their faith in his promises. Listen again to the last part of the above verses: *“A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; **BUT IT SHALL NOT COME NEAR YOU.**”*

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Signs of the End Times

FEARFUL SIGHTS AND GREAT SIGNS FROM HEAVEN

From Luke 21:11 (which appears twice, earlier in this Teaching Letter), Jesus said: "...there will be **FEARFUL SIGHTS** and **GREAT SIGNS FROM HEAVEN**."

I believe Jesus was speaking about **ONE** subject, not **TWO** subjects, and I believe this relates to Acts 2:19-20, and also Matthew 24:29 (below ↓):

"I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord." (NKJV).

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (NKJV). (Also see Mark 13:24-25 & Luke 21:25-26).

For these particular signs, we actually have a specified time period. Notice the words at the beginning of the above Scripture: **"IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION..."**

There are Christians, who believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, and therefore believe The Church will not be here to witness these signs. I am sorry, but I cannot find a Pre-Tribulation Rapture in the Bible. Now, I can find such an event in many books at the Christian Bookstore. However, in the **MAIN BOOK** - The Bible - I cannot find a Pre-Tribulation Rapture!

Jesus taught a lot about the End Times, and his Second Coming, but he never mentioned a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Better be prepared to live by faith right up until the **END**. In fact, Jesus said:

"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." (Mark 13:13 NKJV).

In conclusion: Taking into consideration all the **FEARFUL SIGHTS** and **GREAT SIGNS FROM HEAVEN**, if I was an unbeliever, and I saw such terrifying signs, I would fall on my knees, and seriously call out to God. But, very likely - if there is time - scientists will probably come up with an explanation, and people will continue to harden their hearts, and continue to reject God's great gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.