

Luke 21:25,26: Perplexity and Distress of Nations...by: David Carr

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*Definition: **Perplexity**: - bewildered and entangled*

*Definition: **Distress**: - anguish . . . **Job 30:3 - For want and famine they were solitary: fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and wasted.***

A troubled mind is one that suffers from continual discontentment. It is pressed down, disturbed, restless, with no calm or rest... There are more troubled minds today than in any past generation. If it were possible to stand outside the theaters of everyday hustle and bustle and watch people, you would rarely see a smile on a person's face. They would pay almost anything to find a release of their burdens. That's one reason people drink, drug, and recreate so much. Many lovers of Jesus Christ are also troubled in mind as well. They lie awake at night, troubled and distressed. They go to church hoping they'll experience some kind of release from their burdens only to have the trouble to return when they leave church services. **People are troubled by the Pressures of the Times...**For decades now, the secularist have told us that **PROSPERITY** is the answer to our problems...A good education, a decent job, a nice house, money in the bank...all of this will provide dignity and peace of mind. If everyone could just have a slice of the American Dream, the experts say our crime and drug problems would be solved. **There are many CRISIS Taking Place in our World.** Natural disasters like... Tsunami's...hurricanes...war...earthquakes...tornados...droughts...

riots...terrorism...oil prices...etc.....**Luke 21:25,26** says; *There shall be distress of nations, with perplexity...the sea and the waves roaring: men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...the powers of heaven shall be shaken*... We have been viewing world chaos for sometime now... You would think men would be paying attention. ... **There is also a great CONFUSION in the land** ... for example...the credibility, sincerity and reliability of today's minister is of great concern. The Bible warns us of their behavior in these last days... **2 Timothy 4:3,4** says, "*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears (desiring to hear something pleasant) (their ears tickled) ...and shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.*" **There is a daily CHALLENGE to survive**...the Bible tells us we're **light and salt**. The Word of God (**Psalm 119:105**)... cleanses, directs and protects us during this dark time. God is light and to be light is to walk in the light! (**Matt. 5:14 – Eph. 5:8 – I Thess. 5:5 – I Peter 2:9**) ... Salt preserves (**Matt. 5:13**) and will help the next generation "to occupy" (**Luke 19:13**)...that is ...to carry on business until the Lord's Return.