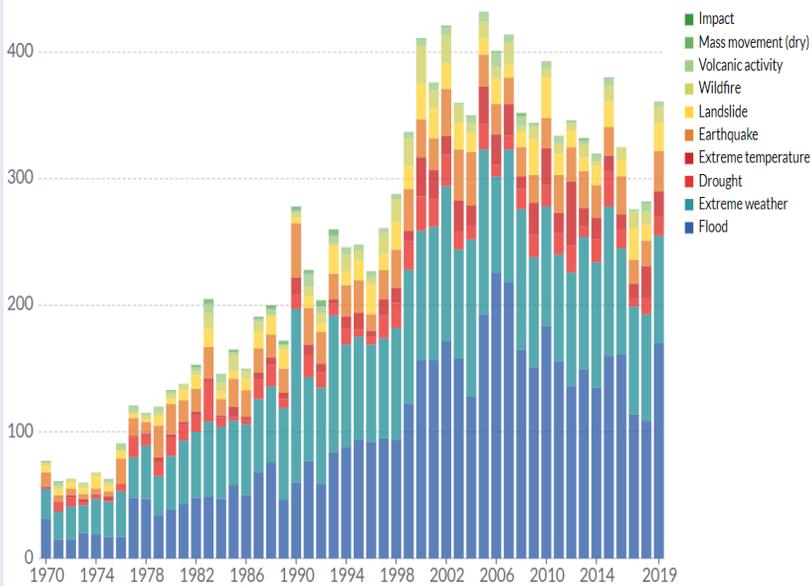


The world is in turmoil but we trust our Saviour - Tony Pearce

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Global reported natural disasters by type, 1970 to 2019

The annual reported number of natural disasters, categorised by type. This includes both weather and non-weather related disasters.



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There are so many things taking place which are causing us to recognize the dangers of the present state of the world.

Also, all kinds of things happening in the natural world. I found an article by Michael Snyder from America. He speaks of seven plagues which are taking place on the earth at this present time. It says: "Right now, in Australia, a plague of rats is being reported with millions upon millions of rodents infecting peoples' homes, businesses, and neighborhood streets. From Queensland to New South Wales, mice are destroying food farms and lives. Some farmers have lost entire grain harvests to the rampaging mice. Hotels have had to close as they can't keep the critters out of the rooms."

Also, there have been many large earthquakes reported all around the world that exceed the norms in terms of frequency and severity. Earthquakes over seven or greater in magnitude have taken place. I think 15 earthquakes magnitude 7 or greater have taken place in the last few months. Volcanoes are also going off, droughts, floods in various places, swarms of locusts in Africa, and even a new strain of Bird Flu is coming out of Russia which could cause the next problem facing us.

There are all kinds of things which are taking place around the world which are showing that there's danger afoot. We see rogue states armed with dangerous missiles, even the possibility of war with Russia and China.



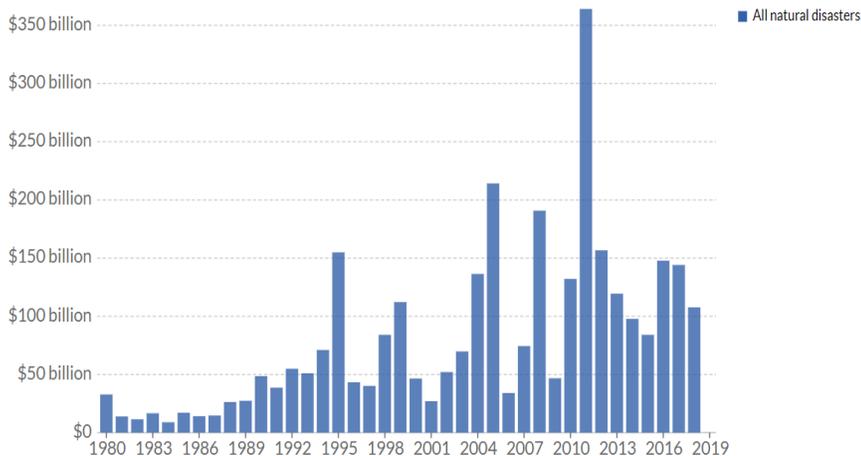
China over Taiwan, actual wars taking place Yemen, Syria, Libya. Now Ethiopia is a grey area. The Islamist massacre of people in Mozambique, the Myanmar situation in which the government is now fighting its own people. We have got a low-level conflict between Israel and Iran also involving now Saudi Arabia over Yemen.

Global damage costs from natural disasters, All natural disasters, 1980 to 2019

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Total economic cost of damages as a result of global natural disasters in any given year, measured in current US\$. Includes those from drought, floods, extreme weather, extreme temperature, landslides, dry mass movements, wildfires, volcanic activity and earthquakes.

Change disaster category



Also **do what we can to get the message of the Gospel out**, knowing that the time is short. Try and keep the unity of the Spirit as well.

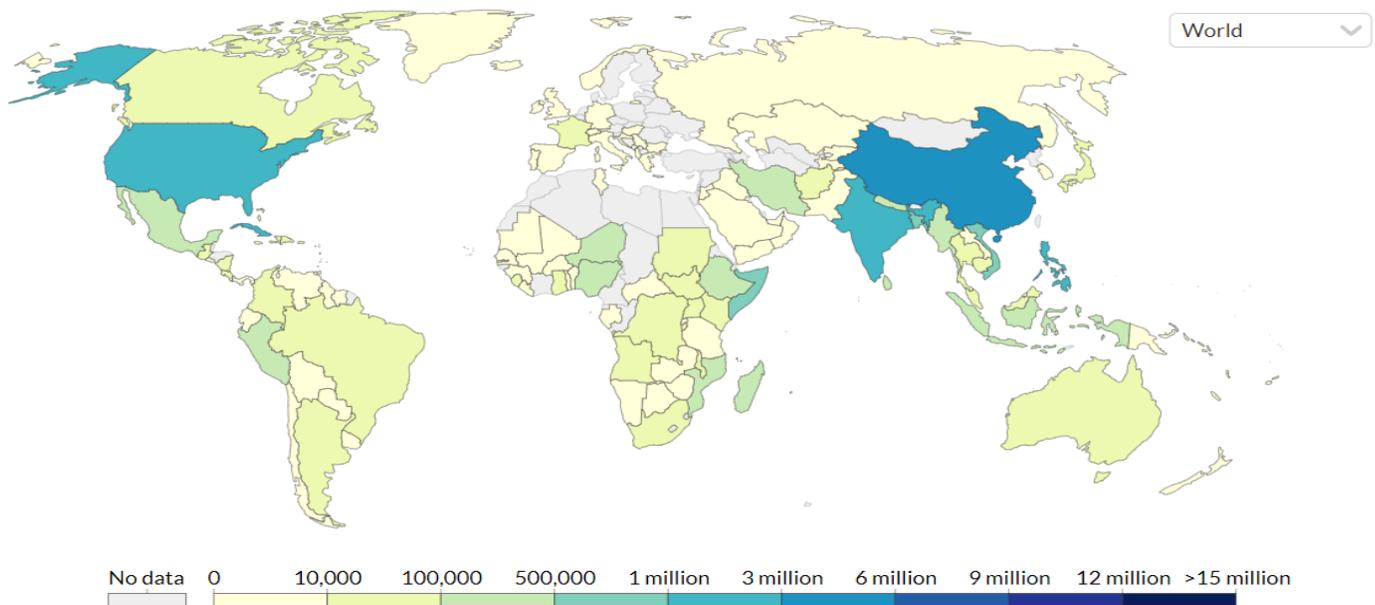
Sometimes people have disagreements about the vaxx and the masks and all that stuff and they end up falling out with each other. Disagreements about the timing of the Rapture, and they end up disagreeing and falling out, and breaking fellowship.

Actually, it's inevitable that Christians will have some difference of opinions. We have to face that, we're all human. But **we need to be united in our faith in Jesus as the one answer to what's taking place, and make sure that we have an understanding of the central truths of the Gospel and of the Truth of the Bible**, because there's a huge amount of stuff out there which is moving the Church away from the centrality of the Gospel and the Truth of the Bible.

Internally displaced persons from natural disasters, 2017

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Internally displaced persons are defined as people or groups of people who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, as a result of natural or human-made disasters and who have not crossed an international border.



And remember that Jesus said these things are going to happen, times of trouble in **Revelation 12**. He tells us we're going to overcome by the Blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, as we love not our lives unto the death.

So, **we have Jesus on our side. We believe in Him. We believe in His Blood that was shed for us.** And we testify, we give testimony to the fact that we believe in Jesus. And, if we're ready even to give our lives for the Lord, then we're going to overcome the powers of darkness and all the evil around us.

We also have the blessed hope of Jesus coming back as it says in Titus:

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

LETTER TO TITUS Chapter 2 verses 11-14

Praise the Lord! Jesus is coming!

We have a blessed hope in Jesus. Let's look to Him and trust in Him, and use the time that remains to serve Him. Amen.

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