

Isaiah 64:1-2 – “Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at your presence.” This is a prayer for God to come down as a judge. Revelation 1 pictures the glorified Christ ready to judge the church. Revelation 2 & 3 reveal His indictments on the churches in Asia Minor. The last two of those churches are worth mentioning. The church at Philadelphia received commendations with no criticism. The church at Laodicea received criticisms with no commendation. Philadelphia represents the revival church of the last days. Laodicea represents the apostate church of the last days. Christ was on the outside, knocking to get in. That pictures the split condition of the church prior to the rapture. After the church goes up, judgment will come down. We live in a world that will be judged by Christ. If you haven't figured it out, our blessed country is on the verge of disaster. We are under judgment, but not Tribulation judgment. Do you think the Almighty is unable to do anything about the pandemic? How about the riots and breakdowns in law enforcement? How about the failure of our educational system, or the lack of integrity in our judicial system? God could change it all. He's done it before. Revivals have led to great awakenings. The problem is not with God. The problem is with people who don't want Him. Except for a remnant, the church is apostate. How do we know the land of the free and the home of the brave is under judgment? History tells us when a people forget God, He forgets them. “Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful...therefore God gave also them up... And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things that are not fitting” (Rom. 1:21, 23, 28). The worst judgment is when God gives people up to their sins. There is no salvation for a reprobate mind. Judgment must begin with the people of God. “When we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world” (I Cor. 11:32). Repentance leads to revival. That is our hope, our only hope until Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout. HA