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Man's Fingerprints on the Last Days

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20 NASB).

While God's attributes are obvious in the created nature all around us, for the first time in human history since the Flood, man is putting his lawless fingerprints on creation, and the earth is becoming “corrupted” again. We know creation was inherently corrupted by the Fall, but man could not take an active part in further corrupting its nature until the Flood, for *“then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* (Genesis 6:5), and *“the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth”* (Genesis 6:11-12). Man exercised lawless force (violence) to obtain the desires of his sinful heart in the earth, adulterating God's creation until the Flood put a stop to it.

After this “reset,” creation again reminded Believers that though cursed by sin, *“the earth is the Lord's, and all it contains”* (Psalm 24:1a). Man could not get his hands on the nature of creation. As God's Ambassadors, it is an encouragement to see the unadulterated commerce of His Kingdom delivered to the sin-stained world where we are posted: pure sunlight, fresh rain, natural food, unadulterated sunsets, unpolluted waters, etc.

But in these Last Days, man has returned as an active, energetic agent of corruption, for *“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it*

be in the days of the Son of Man” (Luke 17:26 ESV). Man's labors of force and lawlessness in these End Times are drawing our eyes away from God's *“invisible attributes, His eternal power, and divine nature”* (Romans 1:20a) as seen in His creation to instead be transfixed by displays of man's attributes, power, and nature in what he has done, is doing, and intends to do in creation. Whether the pervasive contrails man leaves in the sky as he goes *“to and fro”* (Daniel 12:4b), the lawless genetic engineering of nature, human transformation, or pervasively corrupt media, man is increasingly on our minds by what *he* is doing in the earth.

As Ambassadors living in the Last Days, we are witnessing man's build-up to confrontation with God, for mankind plots to cast off God's restraint of their violent ways in the earth: *“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, ‘Let us burst Their bonds apart and cast away Their cords from us’”* (Psalm 2:1-3 ESV).

This should not discourage us, but spur us on in our mission of preaching reconciliation to God, just like Noah (2 Peter 2:5). We know the time is short, for soon *“the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction”* (2 Thessalonians 2:3), and *“the nations were enraged, and [God's] wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to **destroy those who destroy the earth**”* (Revelation 11:18). May we hold fast and say with Job, *“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth”* (Job 19:25) to bring *“the period of restoration of all things”* (Acts 3:21b) by His righteous reign. Come, King Jesus! Amen.