



THE COMING FAMINES (HOW TO THRIVE)

(PASTOR JOEY FAUST, 7-25-21)



TEXT: Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

2 Kings 6:25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

"Gloom: 88% fear higher inflation under Biden..."

(Washington Examiner)

"Inflation Pushes Consumer-Goods Giant Unilever to Accelerate Price Increases..."

(Wall Street Journal)

*Shrinkflation' strikes shoppers
across the country: Companies
faced with rising costs are
downsizing packages*

*"Google co-founder Larry Page
'has been living off-grid and
hiding out on isolated Fijian
island for most of the
pandemic'"*

"As the coronavirus spread rapidly around the world last year, the United Nations warned that the economic disruption of the pandemic could result in famines of 'biblical proportions'...."

Matthew 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be **taken, and the other left.**

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God **took him.**

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until **he be taken out of the way.**

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed...

Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and **famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.**

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends...

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Genesis 12:10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

2 Kings 8:1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and **sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn**: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

Psalms 105:16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

Genesis 41:36 And that **food shall be for store** to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses...

2 Samuel 21:1 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

Jeremiah 14:13 Then said I, Ah,
Lord GOD! behold, the prophets
say unto them, Ye shall not see the
sword, **neither shall ye have**
famine; but I will give you assured
peace in this place.

1 Kings 8:37 If there be **in the land famine**, if there be pestilence...whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;
38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man...and spread forth his hands toward this house:
39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways...

1 Kings 18:2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

Psalms 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Matthew 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, **What shall we eat?** or, **What shall we drink?** or, **Wherewithal shall we be clothed?**
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;** and all these things shall be added unto you.

Isaiah 33:15 He **that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly**; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: **bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.**

Proverbs 10:3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

Psalms 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the **days of famine they shall be satisfied.**

**"Calamities will come, but
deliverances will come also...Their
barrel of meal and cruse of oil shall
last out the day of distress..."**

(Spurgeon)

Luke 4:25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when **great famine was throughout all the land;**

26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

1 Kings 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

2 Kings 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

**Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD
with thy substance, and with the
firstfruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with
plenty...**

Haggai 1:6...he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

**11 And I called for a drought
upon the land...and upon that
which the ground bringeth
forth, and upon men, and upon
cattle, and upon all the labour
of the hands.**

Malachi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse...

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes...

12 And all nations shall call you blessed...

**Psalms 25:14 The secret of
the LORD is with them that
fear him...**

**Genesis 18:17 And the LORD said,
Shall I hide from Abraham that thing
which I do...**

**19 For I know him, that he will
command his children and his
household after him, and they shall
keep the way of the LORD...**

Job 5:20 In **famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.**

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At **destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.**

23 For thou **shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be **at peace** with thee.**

*"Do YOUR children prefer city living? Youngsters who rarely get out in nature are more likely to have emotional and behavioural problems, study warns...Experts find a link between low exposure to **green space** and health problems...They assessed more than 3,000 children...Those who were closer to woodlands had better cognitive development and a lower risk of emotional and behavioural problems..."*

(DM, July 19, 2021)

History.com, April 16, 2019:

'How Joseph Stalin Starved Millions in the Ukrainian Famine...Cruel efforts under Stalin to impose collectivism and tamp down Ukrainian nationalism left an estimated 3.9 million dead...Unlike other famines in history caused by blight or drought, this was caused when a dictator wanted both to replace Ukraine's small farms with state-run collectives and punish independence-minded Ukrainians who posed a threat to his totalitarian authority...

History.com, April 16, 2019:

In 1929, as part of his plan to rapidly create a totally communist economy, Stalin had imposed collectivization, which replaced individually owned and operated farms with big state-run collectives. Ukraine's small, mostly subsistence farmers resisted giving up their land and livelihoods...In response, the Soviet regime derided the resisters as kulaks - well-to-do peasants, who in Soviet ideology were considered enemies of the state. Soviet officials drove these peasants off their farms by force and Stalin's secret police further made plans to deport 50,000 Ukrainian farm families to Siberia...Peasants accused of being food hoarders typically were sent off to prison...

History.com, April 16, 2019:

Two boys who were caught hiding fish...they'd caught, for example, were...beaten, and then dragged into a field with their hands tied and mouths and noses gagged, where they were left to suffocate...As the famine worsened, many tried to flee in search of places with more food. Some died by the roadside, while others were thwarted by the secret police and the regime's system of internal passports. Ukrainian peasants resorted to desperate methods in an effort to stay alive, according to the Congressional commission's report. They killed and ate pets, **and consumed flowers, leaves, tree bark and roots..."**

Vaclav Smil:

"China's great famine...China was in the middle of the world's largest famine: between the spring of 1959 and the end of 1961 some 30 million Chinese starved to death [unpublished Chinese materials hint at totals closer to 40 million]...and about the same number of births were lost or postponed...The largest famine in human history took place in China during 1959-61.

Although drought was a contributory factor, this was largely a manmade catastrophe for which Mao...bears the greatest responsibility...We will never know the precise number of casualties, but the best demographic reconstructions indicate about 30 million dead...The origins of the famine can be traced to Mao Zedong's decision, supported by the leadership of China's communist party, to launch the Great Leap Forward...Mao, beholden to Stalinist ideology that stressed the key role of heavy industry, made steel production the centrepiece of this deluded effort. Instead of working in the fields, tens of millions of peasants were ordered to mine local deposits of iron ore and limestone, to cut trees for charcoal, to build simple clay furnaces, and to smelt metal.

Peasants were forced to abandon all private food production...At the same time, fabricated reports of record grain harvests were issued to demonstrate the superiority of communal farming..In reality, grain harvest plummeted..Taking away all means of private food production (in some places even cooking utensils), forcing peasants into mismanaged communes...were the worst acts...Beyond a narrow circle of China experts, the famine has also been virtually ignored by Western scholars and politicians..."

Joey Faust, *Kingdom Alert*, Oct. 1998:

"*Y2K's Big Brother*... While many are so in love with this world that they have their heads stuck deep in its sand, many alert Christians have wondered how they should be preparing to respond to the so-called Y2K crisis. I believe these alert Christians should be wondering how to respond to the 'perilous times' of these last days in general... As we approach the year 2000 and beyond, calamities and perils will continue to increase at an alarming rate.

Joey Faust, *Kingdom Alert*, Oct. 1998:

Christians must therefore know how to prepare and respond to these perilous times in general...The Bible predicted an increase in infectious diseases (i.e., real bugs!) famines, hurricanes and tidal waves, wars, riots...Such things as junk food (i.e., good food that has been refined into junk and drenched with harmful chemicals, poisons, etc.) are certainly not good for us. Nutrition books are filled with medical problems that come from not eating and drinking responsibly. Is it really reasonable to go all out to 'prepare' for Y2K, yet not eat as healthy as possible in order to build up one's immune system?..

Joey Faust, *Kingdom Alert*, Oct. 1998:

It is certainly inconsistent to spend time trying to make one's outer house immune to 'computer bugs' yet refuse to spend the time and effort to make one's other house (physical body) as immune to real bugs as possible! And what about the inward soul and spirit?...I would suggest temperance, moderation, creative, diligent industry (from here on out simply called 'holy frugality') as the best mundane preparation for Y2K or any other calamities in the future...Many haven't paid much attention to how dependent they are on Krogers, Winn-Dixie (i.e., their local grocery store). They have not thought about the fact that if such stores closed for a few weeks they would literally starve to death!

Joey Faust, *Kingdom Alert*, Oct. 1998:

Things have certainly changed. With one pull of a light switch almost a whole nation can be rendered incapable of feeding itself...Wild food foraging is one of the most profitable skills all around. To start with, such foods are absolutely free! One might steal your supply of grain or even your garden, yet no one can steal your wisdom of how to survive by foraging. Wild plants are some of the healthiest most nutritious foods in the world. Most could eat twice as healthy as they presently do right in their own backyard. Many of the early pioneers survived off the bark and leaves of such trees as the Cottonwood. PFAF Database tells us: 'The leaves are rich in protein and have a greater amino-acid content than wheat, corn, rice and barley...A concentrate made from them is as nourishing as meat, but can be produced faster and more cheaply. Some people believe that this will become a major food source for humans'.

Joey Faust, *Kingdom Alert*, Oct. 1998:

Such foods as...cactus, acorns, wild garlic, Mesquite beans and dandelions, etc. are foods that many Indians and early Pioneers lived off of as their main staples. I have personally eaten acorn pancakes and found them to very rich and tasty. Dandelions and other wild foods are now a regular part of my diet. And I thoroughly enjoy cactus in eggs. I do this for nutrition and to save money for godly purposes (not to mention that it is fun!), yet I know that it is also a great preparation for perilous times ahead..."

Joey Faust, *Kingdom Alert*, Oct. 1998:

"[Cottonwood leaf] Sap - used for food. [And] buds...The leaves are rich in protein and have a greater amino-acid content than wheat, corn, rice and barley. A concentrate made from them is as nourishing as meat..." (*Plants for a Future Database*)

**Sow Thistle, Green Briar,
Chickweed, Plantains...**

Revelation 22:2...the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Ezekiel 47:12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat...and the leaf thereof for medicine.

Deuteronomy 20:19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time...thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for **the tree of the field is man's life**)...

"...the attitude of clearing a forest to make way for other agricultural pursuits persists in the human mind. Rather than viewing trees as temples of life, humans tend to look at them in terms of board feet for timber, cords for fuel, or as simple nuisances that prevent the soil from being pierced with a plow."

(Steven Foster, Herbalgram.org)

*"Biblical drought has left people
'eating ash and shoe leather' in
Madagascar...'* Families have been
living on raw red cactus fruits, wild
leaves and locusts for months now'..."
(Metro, July 1, 2021)

Grape Leaves!

Mulberry Leaves!

Persimmon Leaves! Sassafras leaves.

Maple leaves!

Basswood leaves (or Honey Tree)...

**[Fruits: blackberries, persimmons,
maypops, etc.]**

"...Based on these analyses, it can be concluded that persimmon leaf extract is better than ginkgo biloba extract in many aspects, such as cerebral circulation improvement, cerebral vascular expansion...headache and dizziness relief."

(Clinical research of persimmon leaf extract and ginkgo biloba extract in the treatment of vertebrobasilar insufficiency; 2015)

"Antihypertensive and vasorelaxant effects of water-soluble proanthocyanidins from persimmon leaf tea in spontaneously hypertensive rats."

"All these results indicated that persimmon tannin offered a potent radioprotective effect on cell vitality...This study would serve as a pre-clinical evaluation of persimmon tannin for use in people with radiation protection." (2016)

"Persimmon Leaves (Diospyros kaki) Extract Protects Optic Nerve Crush-Induced Retinal Degeneration...Therefore, our results suggest [they] may have therapeutic potential against retinal degenerative disorders, such as glaucoma."

"These findings indicate that the antibacterial effects of [Persimmon Leaves]...[They] may keep the oral cavity clean and prevent dental caries and periodontal disease related to dental plaque, as well as systemic disease..."

**"Persimmon (Diospyros kaki) fruit:
hidden phytochemicals and health
claims...Owing to rich
phytochemistry, persimmon and its
products are considered effective in
mitigating oxidative damage..."**

"Antioxidant properties of Korean major persimmon (Diospyros kaki) leaves...Persimmon leaves contain numerous bioactive compounds...Particularly, flavonoids in persimmon leaf including kaempferol, quercetin, and catechin demonstrate robust antioxidant activities and are associated with maintaining blood pressure. Moreover, quercetin reveals anti-cancer, anti-allergic and anti-inflammatory activities, whereas kaempferol shows the preventive activity against Alzheimer's disease...Furthermore, the polyphenols in persimmon leaf are broadly analyzed due to their anti-allergic, anti-inflammatory, and antibacterial properties..."

"The purpose of this study was to investigate the anti-allergy activities of persimmon leaf extract (PLE) on a phthalic anhydride (PA)-induced allergic mouse model..."

"Traditionally this plant is used to treat different skin conditions including pimples, skin eruptions and eczema."

"Persimmon is enriched with many nutritious and bioactive components including proteins, sugar, lipids, vitamin A, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, vitamin D, ascorbic acid (AA), vitamin E, polyphenols, flavonoids and carotenoids (Kim and Kim, 2003). Elemental micronutrients present in persimmon fruit include potassium, sodium, iron, calcium and many others...Persimmon leaves contain many beneficial flavonoids including quercetin and its glycoside complexes...The flavonoids present in the extracts were shown to have potent antioxidant activity, being capable to scavenge superoxide anions..."

"Persimmon Seeds...Palmitic acid, oleic acid, and linoleic acid are the major fatty acids found in persimmon seeds...Among the fatty acids, oleic acid plays a role in cancer prevention. The effect of oleic acid on the same lines of breast cancer cells was examined and it supported the theory that oleic acid is chemopreventative...Moreover, omega-6 fatty acid (linoleic acid) diminishes the risk of cardiovascular diseases...

Persimmon leaves contain 4 flavonols...The leaves of persimmon have been reported to contain the following compounds: 40-dihydroxy-a-truxillic acid, tatarine C, myricetin, annulatin, trifolin, astragalin, hyperin, isoquercetin, rutin, quercetin, kampferol, kakispyrone, and kaki saponin. Leaves have been used for tea in Korea, since they were was thought to be effective against hypertension....Some carotenoids present in persimmon are precursors of vitamin A and also have immunoregulatory and antiaging effects...Persimmon leaves...prevent skin problems and have an antiwrinkle effect..."

"Anti-cancer potential of persimmon (Diospyros kaki) leaves..."

"In rodent studies, beta-cryptoxanthin from persimmon reversed fatty liver disease. It also reduced inflammation and insulin resistance. Carotenoids are also vital for eye and heart health...."

"Persimmon leaf extract improved cognitive function in rats with Alzheimer's disease. Its flavonoids and triterpenoids likely carry this effect since they can increase key antioxidants in brain cells..."

"Another study highlights its brain-protective effect: persimmon leaf extract limited brain cell injury and death caused by free radicals. It boosted antioxidants inside cells, including glutathione and catalase..."

"Plus, the extract reversed learning and memory impairment in mice. It could reduce amyloid-beta production, oxidative stress, and neuroinflammation—all crucial to Alzheimer's risk..."

"In rats, the extract lowered inflammatory waste products...which means that it may reduce brain inflammation...one of the main drivers of stress-triggered inflammation in the brain, which can lead to depression..."

"It may also protect brain cells against damage from poor blood flow and oxygen levels...It protected rats against glutamate toxicity..."

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Amos 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, **not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:**