



## Introduction - Hope on the Horizon: Navigating Global Chaos

The world feels increasingly volatile. With the Russia-Ukraine war entering its fifth year, civil unrest in Sudan and Myanmar, and the seismic shift in the Middle East following the death of Iran’s Supreme Leader, it is easy to succumb to fear. However, Jesus didn’t give us prophecy to scare us, but to prepare us. Today’s study looks at how we can stand tall and "lift up our heads" even when the world seems to be shaking.

### Scripture Focus:

- Luke 21:8-11
- 2 Timothy 3:1

### Discussion Questions:

1. **The "Check-In":** When you see headlines about global conflict or economic instability, what is your gut reaction? How does Jesus’ command in Luke 21:9 ("Do not be frightened") challenge that reaction?
2. **The Timeline:** Review the chart mentioned in the message. How does understanding God’s "sovereign timeline" change your perspective on current events?
3. **The Spirit of Amalek:** The message links ancient Haman (from the book of Esther) to modern-day antisemitism and the Iranian regime. Why do you think this specific "spirit of hatred" persists throughout history?
4. **The Iranian Awakening:** We often hear only about the regime in Iran, but the message highlights an underground church of 1–3 million believers. How does the "Jesus Revolution" happening inside a restricted nation encourage your own faith?
5. **Perilous Times:** 2 Timothy 3:1 describes the last days as "terrible" or "perilous"—a word associated with demonic chaos. In what ways do you see "chaos" being used to grip society today, and how can the church offer a different "spirit"?
6. **Living with Urgency:** If the Rapture is truly imminent (the next event on the calendar), what is one practical thing you would change about your daily routine or your relationships this week?

