

Shayla: Why did you invite a climate scientist to speak in Sunday school?

Meforshim:

Proverbs teaches us that wisdom can be found on the hilltops, in the gates of the city, in the streets, in the doorways, in the marketplace¹ – basically wisdom is available everywhere to those who have “ears to hear.”

Truth is truth regardless of from whose lips it falls. We don't insist that our math teachers in school be disciples. We're perfectly happy to learn from the Discovery channel even though many of those people are avowed atheists! Just because a person is not a believer doesn't mean they don't have a good grasp of some truth and the scientist I invited claims to be a believer!

However, it doesn't matter whether he holds to exactly the same doctrine we do. I didn't invite him for his theology. I invited him because he is the most qualified scientist who focuses on climate that I had access to.

- **Proverbs 1:5 HCSB** a wise man will listen and increase his learning, and a discerning man will obtain guidance--
- **Proverbs 18:15 HCSB** The mind of the discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks it.

If I want to learn about plumbing I call a plumber. If I want to know if our building will safely house our congregation I call on an architect or an engineer. I grew tired of people from both sides of the climate change debate arguing, when neither side really knew what they were talking about. So, I called in a distinguished, award-winning scientist from the National Weather Service.

I believe that hard science tells us that we and our children are about to begin paying for human hubris and greed. I not only believe that because of science, I believe it because the Holy Spirit predicted it.

- **Revelation 16:8-9 HCSB** The fourth poured out his bowl on the sun. He was given the power to burn people with fire, (9) and people were burned by the intense heat. So they blasphemed the name of God who had the power over these plagues, and they did not repent and give Him glory.
- **Revelation 6:5-8 HCSB** When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and there was a black horse. The horseman on it had a balance scale in his hand. (6) Then I heard something like a voice among the four living creatures say, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius--but do not harm the olive oil and the wine." (7) When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" (8) And I looked, and there was a pale green horse. The horseman on it was named Death, and Hades was following after him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill by the sword, by famine, by plague, and by the wild animals of the earth.

We are forewarned that **solar radiation** will become a problem; that people will begin to be burned as a direct cause of the sun. Combine that with:

- **Revelation 16:11 HCSB** and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, yet they did not repent of their actions.



Isn't it interesting that since the 90s we struggled with the ozone hole and that the resulting rise in damaging surface UVB levels have been accompanied by a concomitant rise in skin

¹ Proverbs 1:20-22

cancers? Basal and squamous cell carcinomas have been strongly linked to UVB exposure. It is only as Moses warned us.

- [Deuteronomy 28:15 HCSB](#) "But if you do not obey the LORD your God by carefully following all His commands and statutes I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overtake you:
- [Deuteronomy 28:21-22 HCSB](#) The LORD will make pestilence cling to you until He has exterminated you from the land you are entering to possess. (22) The LORD will afflict you with wasting disease, fever, inflammation, burning heat, drought, blight, and mildew; these will pursue you until you perish.
- [Deuteronomy 28:58-59 HCSB](#) "If you are not careful to obey all the words of this law, which are written in this scroll, by fearing this glorious and awesome name--Yahweh, your God-- (59) He will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, severe and lasting plagues, and terrible and chronic sicknesses.

Burning heat, drought, blight and mildew. All of these are part and parcel with the predictions of global climate change.

We are warned that the heat from the sun will rise and that **people will be burned** with fire. Aren't today's headlines particularly pertinent?

- *Wildfires burn in California mountains, force evacuations* – CNN
- *Firefighters continue to battle Oregon wildfires with more heat and wind on the way* – Oregonlive.com
- *More wildfires burn Nanaimo Lakes (BC, Canada) area* – Bclocalnews.com
- *Over 200 wildfires still raging in Russia* – Global Times
- *Poisonous Smog Returns to Moscow* – Associated Press



We are told that the end times will be marked by **famine and that basic, staple grains will increase in price.**² "By how much?" you ask. One quart of wheat would be sufficient to feed one person. Because of its poorer nutritional value, it would require three quarts of barley for a small family. Considering the historical context and the current value of these two grains, the Holy Spirit is intimating that the price will inflate to at least ten times their normal level.

"What's the deal with olive oil and wine?" you ask. The roots of the olive and vine go deeper than other vegetables and are thus not immediately affected by the predicted drought.

Right on cue, we see that food prices continue to rise due to world grain shortages and



that this may fuel Mideast and European unrest. Someone tell me what initiates the seven year treaty? Oh yes! An attack on Israel by the Arabs and Persians backed by Russian (Gog) military hardware. Wheat prices have risen by nearly 70% since June 2010 and Russia is suffering its worst drought in 130 years. The food prices in Russia are at their highest since 2008 and the prices back then sparked protests and riots. I believe that the "world food crisis" of 2007-08 was the tip of an iceberg toward which our ship is rapidly sailing and the leadership is asleep at the wheel.

When I look, I see both the Bible and science telling me the same thing. You can't sow to the wind and not expect to reap the whirlwind. You can't live profligately, extravagantly, and way outside of the means or the limited resources Yahweh Adonai has given you and not

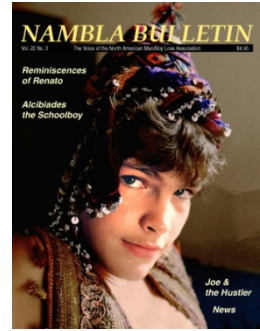
² Revelation 6:5-8

expect consequences. You cannot transgress God's laws and not expect burning heat, drought, blight and mildew, lingering sores, famine and jacked-up food prices.



Didn't I warn you ten years ago that homosexual marriage would be legalized in the Midwest? Did that come about?

Didn't I warn you that pedophilia under the guise of "intergenerational love" would begin to receive social acceptance? Hasn't that come about with the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) and the ICPCE (formerly International Pedophile and Child Emancipation)?



Didn't I warn you of the coming financial crisis, and stand before you in my class and say "All those



of you with stocks should seriously consider taking them out – even at a loss"? Did that come about?

I would be a poor elder who did not warn his sheep of an expected storm. Didn't Agabus do the same thing in his day?

- [Acts 11:28-30 HCSB](#) Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine throughout the Roman world. This took place during the

time of Claudius. (29) So each of the disciples, according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brothers who lived in Judea. (30) This they did, sending it to the elders by means of Barnabas and Saul.

I would like to leave you with this challenge. A great day of reckoning is coming; a day when even the Ransomed will have to face the Master and give an answer as to what we have done with the resources He gave us.

On that day, God will judge two groups of people. One is described as "fearing God" and the other as "those who destroy the earth." John prophesied that the second group would be destroyed by God's wrath. In which group would you rather be included?