

and the Lamb is its lamp" (Revelation 21:23). Nature, season, philosophies and paradigms, laws, scientific knowledge, families, friends, nationalities, names, and even one's self are subject to change. Everything on this earth is subject to change. However, God and His Word will never change. Jesus Christ's character will never change. His love, His power, His purpose will never change.

"God's Plans Stay Right On Course"

It is comforting to know that God's plan for this world will never change, and that He will carry it out right on schedule according to His Own good pleasure. What God established before the foundation of the earth as the goal of human history will inevitably come to pass. What a comforting thing it is to know that no amount of satanic opposition can change that! As He said through Isaiah, "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I Am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, "My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure" (Isaiah 46:9-10). God is unchangeable. He is neither capable of nor susceptible to change. And that makes sense. Any change would probably be for the better or for the worse. God cannot change for the better because He is already perfect. And He cannot change for the worse, for then He would be imperfect and would therefore no longer be God. Created things change; they run down or wear out. It is part of their constitutional nature. But God has no beginning or end. Therefore He cannot change.



"The Unchanging Christ In A Changing World"

The great Glory of our Christian faith is that we are dealing with a living Christ, Who is to all His disciples today what He was to those who saw and heard Him nearly twenty centuries ago. His biography is not that of one who has slept for ages in a Judean tomb. It is the biography of an earthly life that is continued in the heavens; the

life of a divine Redeemer who is "Alive For Evermore"; the life of One Who is the same in love and power as ever the unchanged and unchangeable One. The sinful today find Him the same Forgiver as of old, the sorrowful the same Comforter, the despairing the same Deliverer, as He ever was. We recognize the need for change in many areas; but in the factors that concern the soul's welfare we crave stability. And the human heart must have stability to ensure confidence, certainty, comfort, and peace. It is good to know that no matter what outward changes may come, we can still confide with full assurance in our unchanging Savior. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Ending, "the same yesterday and today, yea and forever."

"Change Now Exploding Exponentially"



This period of accelerating change we're now witnessing can and has put a strain on individuals and entire societies. In 1970, futurist Alvin Toffler described the effects of "Too Much Change In Too Short A Period Of Time" in his

contemporary classic Future Shock. At the time, he predicted that people exposed to these rapid changes of modern life would suffer from "shattering stress and disorientation." They would be, in his words, "Future-Shocked." He maintained that the need to constantly adapt to changing situations could lead to feelings of helplessness, despair, depression, uncertainty, insecurity, anxiety and burnout. The world we live in is changing. Highly sophisticated technical developments have radically altered our lifestyle, and now they threaten our very existence. Ideological developments have changed the balance of world power and threaten our freedom as a nation. Governments are toppled and new ones established overnight, and sometimes it seems as though revolutions are as common as eating and sleeping. Every day the news reports focus on some new changes occurring in our world. Four decades later, what Toffler wrote describes our world more than ever. Future Shock Is Here!

"The Pace Of Life Is Speeding Up"



We are a society in a hurry. For years we've been told that the "faster" computers are the "better" machines. Somehow that way of thinking has seeped into how we think we should live our lives. We have been cranking up the speed at which we operate, and life is becoming increasingly frantic. Even if there's no

need to hurry, "faster" has become the normative way we do things today. We may find ourselves getting impatient and angry with slower drivers on the highway even when there's no reason to be in a rush. We may groan when we realize the customer in front of us at the grocery store checkout is having an item price-checked, even though it's only going to take an extra minute. We walk fast and wolf down our meals. Sometimes we don't even want to compose an e-mail message anymore because that takes too long. Some people now prefer communicating through texting and "tweeting" because the messages are shorter and faster to compose and read.

"We Are Busier Than Ever"



As a society, we are busier than ever before. That's because while technology allows us to do our work faster and more efficiently, it also puts more demands on us. Nowadays we're expected to accomplish much more with our time. In an attempt to get more done, we multitask, always trying to do two

or three things at the same time. So we may eat our fast-food lunch and conduct business calls while we're driving or checking our e-mail. Another trend: Portable digital communication allows employees to be reached anywhere, anytime. You can't get away from work anymore. Even when you're relaxing on the weekends, you're often bombarded with e-mails and calls from the office. It's not unusual to see people at the beach or park with their families while frantically working at their laptops or composing messages on their Blackberries. More people are also bringing work home with them. Everyone is working longer hours—not only because there's a lot more work to be done, but also because of concerns about getting laid off if they don't put in extra hours. Working overtime, working weekends and being on call 24 hours a day are standard for employees at many companies.

"Traditional" Beliefs And Values Are Being Challenged"



Religion has been eroding in much of the Western world. Scientific developments have "invalidated" many of the assumptions underlying traditional systems of faith. As a result, religion has lost a lot of its authority, and many people no longer hold to a system of ethics and concrete values. In its place is a secular view where everything is relative. This has reconfigured families, upset moral structures and devastated traditions. More often than not, parents do not even know what their kids are listening to on their iPods or what sites they're checking out on the Internet. Kids today are not getting any kind of direction as to

what's wrong with these messages, and they go unchallenged. We now live in a society where just about anything goes and nothing is certain. We see a tolerance and acceptance of promiscuity, adultery, lying, cheating, alcohol and drug abuse, use of indiscreet and explicit language—to name just some of society's ills we've grown used to.

"The Shaking Of The Foundations"



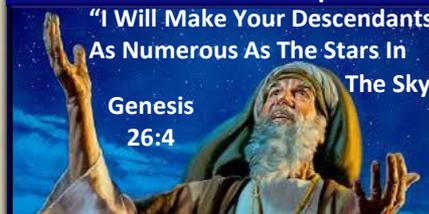
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All creation on this earth is subject to change. It is true that while change is sometimes for the better, it is also oftentimes for the worse. All things, including people, nature, powers, customs, wealth, culture, knowledge etc., change and will continue to change, and there is nothing, in fact, that can be said to be an everlasting constant in this world. As the bible confirms, all of creation undergoes constant change, and will continue to change, as often as if changing clothes; "And, "In the beginning, Lord, You founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak You will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But You are

the same, and Your years will never end." (Hebrews 1:10-12). On the other hand, our God, the Creator, Preserver and Ruler, and His Word, are everlasting and indisputable, and will not, could not, ever change. Jesus Christ, the One Who died on the Cross, is the Gospel, and His Words stand as an everlasting constant today and forever.

"The Gospel In The Old And New Testaments"



This is the Gospel in the Old and New Testaments, and this was the Gospel that God announced to Abraham; "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the Gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying,

"All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you." (Galatians 3:8). This was the Gospel that the Apostle Paul preached during his day to those who had witnessed Jesus himself, calling for faith so as to be justified and to receive the Spirit. The Gospel that one reaches salvation by faith is an everlasting truth that the bible presents to us: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8) and His Word too remains the same forever. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33). In other words, the world will continue to undergo changes but the Kingdom of God is forever. "The Kingdom of God does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the Glory of God gives it light,