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Let someone shout "FIRE!" in a crowded building, and immediately people act like animals as they trample each other to reach the doors.

Let a rumor start that there will be a shortage of sugar or oil or any product, and immediately panic buying results. People stockpile all they can get with no thought of the needs of others.

Rich panic. Poor panic. Cultured, educated people panic. No one is immune when faced with a situation which threatens his life and welfare.

One of these days such a tremendous panic will occur that

... the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond man, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the

great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? (Revelation 6:15-17)

Who is the Lamb? What is the great day of his wrath?

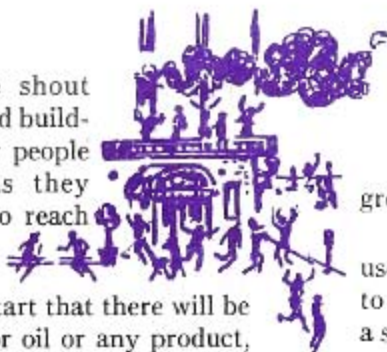
In olden days lambs were often used for sacrifice. So this name was given to Jesus Christ. He came to earth once as a sacrifice. He lived a life of love, humility, and service, and then gave his life for man's sin.

But Jesus Christ is God Himself. And instead of being honored and accepted, His name is blasphemed. His laws are ridiculed. His rightful claims are denied. His loved is spurned. His offer of salvation is rejected.

One day He is coming back in power and majesty. The first time He came to save. The second time to judge! *When will He come?* Possibly today or next week or centuries from now. No one knows. But He will come.

It will be a terrible day for those who have rejected Him. They will panic! They will cry to the mountains, "Fall on us!"

Countless millions, however, will



rejoice to see their Savior and Friend. These have accepted His death as the payment for their sins. They acknowledge Him as Lord. They obey His commandments and honor His name.

To which group do you belong? Only in this life can you choose. There is no second chance. Today is the day of salvation. Today may be your last day! Flee from the wrath to come!

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

(Matthew 24:36-44)

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