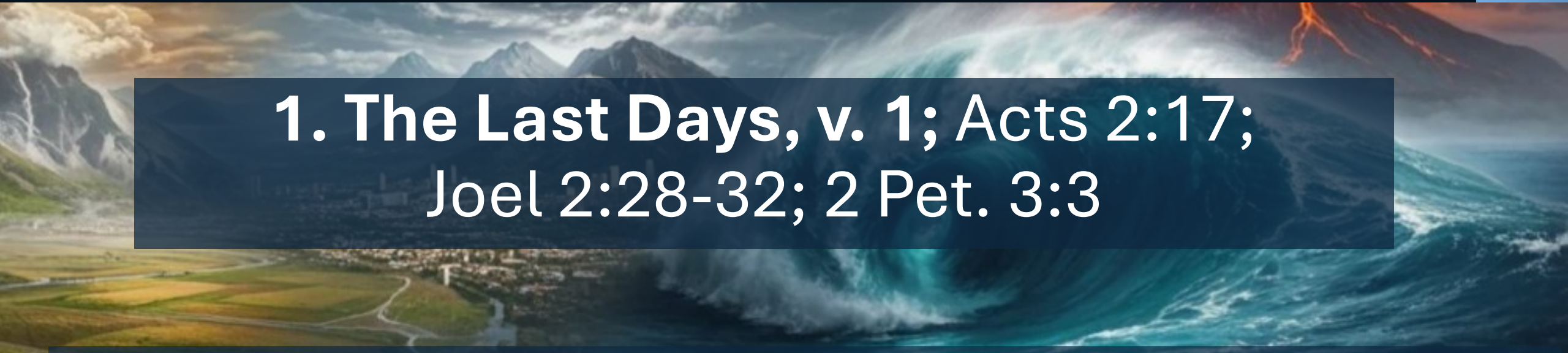


Hard Times
in the
Last Days
2 Timothy 3:1



2 Tim. 2:1-5

“But know this: Hard times will come in the last days. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, demeaning, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, ⁴ traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people.



1. The Last Days, v. 1; Acts 2:17; Joel 2:28-32; 2 Pet. 3:3

This phrase reminds us:

- God is guiding history, on His Schedule and to His intended purpose: Jesus will return; evil will be dealt with; Right will be rewarded in His eternal Kingdom!
- The clock is ticking down on this world!



2. The Last Days will be Hard Times

- Violent, wild, Fierce, hard to bear (Matt. 8:28)
- These words motivate us to Prepare, not Fear! (1 Thes. 4:13-18; 1 Peter 4:7-19; 2 Peter 3:1-13)

“Therefore encourage one another with these words.” 1 Thes. 4:18



3. Love in the Last Days, v. 1-5

- *Love of Self, v. 2* - sologamy
- *Love of Money, v. 2* – materialism; 1 Tim. 6:10,17; Luke 16:14
- *Love of Pleasure, v. 4* – hedonism; NOT the things of God
- *Unloving, v. 3* “hard-hearted”; “*without natural affection*”, “*without love for what is good...*”



Conclusion:

The Last days are going to be:

Brutal & Violent;

Materialism; Hedonism &
Narcissism will rule!

People will be Unloving & God
Hating!

The church will be infiltrated by
those, “*worthless in regard to faith*”

2 Tim. 6:8

What is God saying to you today?

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2