

Cover Picture

The cover picture was taken in north-western Portugal in the summer of 1990 when a terrible drought had the land in its deadly grip. The grass was tinder dry, the streams had dried up, grass and forest fires were blazing out of control, and the sun unmasked by clouds, burned with destructive power. Fortunately relief finally came when rain eventually arrived.

The conditions existent where and when this picture was taken provide us with an accurate preview of the much, much worse situation which will develop during the fourth plague, one of the last day events. Then the sun will scorch men with great heat, the sky will be black with smoke, there will be no water, and man and beast will die in immense numbers.

The entire progression of last day events will be from bad to worst, except in the camp of the saints, although even there, conditions will not be entirely comfortable.

Sound indeed is the message from on high to come out of Babylon so that we escape from suffering her plagues, the most dreadful scourges ever to have been known to mortals. Those who put forth the effort to thoroughly understand the last day events will know for themselves that:

The Upward Look, p. 56:

There is a very earnest, solemn question before us. The time has come when every soul should understand that he has a soul to save or a soul to lose, a heaven to win and a hell to shun. We need to understand what we shall do to be saved.