



MISUNDERSTOOD, YET UNDERSTANDING

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LUKE 12:49-59

FIVE ALARMING STATEMENTS MADE BY JESUS

① Jesus promised a future _____ on the earth — a reference to the coming of God's wrath in _____. LAMENTATIONS 4:11-13; AMOS 2:4-5

GENERAL STATEMENTS ABOUT FIRE IN THE BIBLE

- ▶ Fire is closely associated with the _____ and the _____ of God. 1 CHRONICLES 21:26; ACTS 2:3-4
- ▶ Fire is often used symbolically, literally, or prophetically, as an instrument of _____, exercised against sinners, both Jews and Gentiles. JOEL 2:1-3
- ▶ This _____ fire of divine judgment is closely linked with the coming of Messiah. REVELATION 20:11-15
- ▶ At the outset of Jesus' ministry, _____ spoke of the coming Messiah as bringing fire. MALACHI 3:1-2 & 4:1; LUKE 3:16-17

② Jesus informed them of an _____ He wanted to get past — a reference to the _____.

ISAIAH 53:6; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21; 1 PETER 2:24; 1 JOHN 2:2; MATTHEW 27:46

③ Jesus warned them of something the _____ would cause — and the _____ He foretold has surely come to pass.

INTERESTING FEATURES OF THIS DIVISION

- ▶ This division would cause _____, even within the family.
- ▶ This division would feature _____ — those who are in Christ will _____ together, while those who have rejected Christ will also find a new basis for unity, in _____ to Christ.
- ▶ This division will also cross lines of _____; _____ to Christ takes precedence over all other authority.

④ Jesus rebuked them for failing to _____ what was right in front of them — it wasn't related to the weather; it was _____.

⑤ Jesus implored them to _____ their debt of sin with God through Christ so that they'd never have to _____ before the Judge of the Universe.

"It is _____ / _____
is what Jesus announced at the cross
— not in defeat, but in _____!"

JOHN 19:30; LUKE 12:50