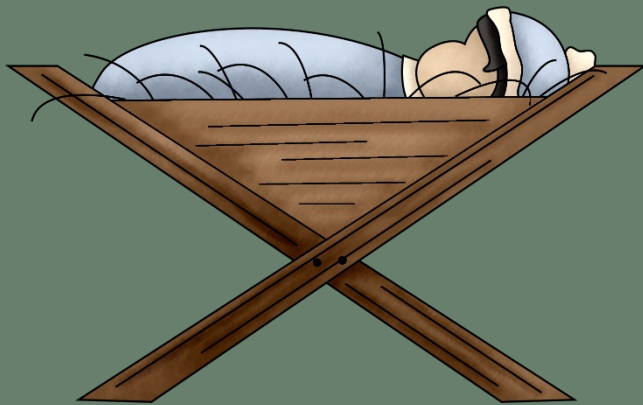


Be Alert!
Mark 13:24-37

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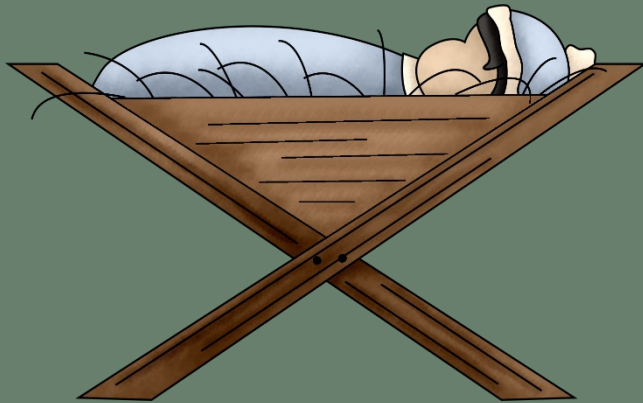
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“Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?” – Mark 13:4



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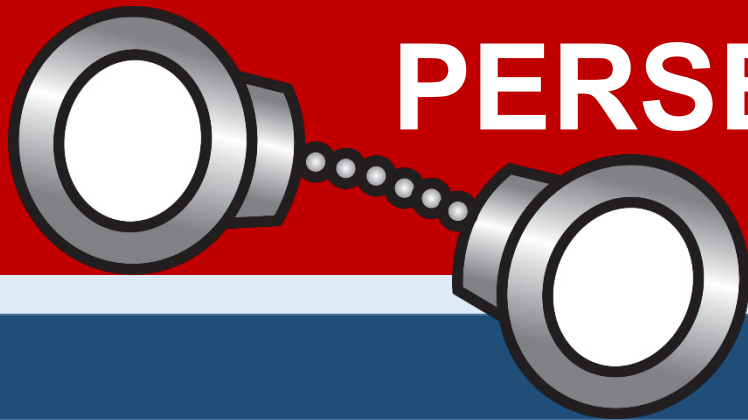


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But in those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' – Mark 13:24

At that time people will see
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Wolf



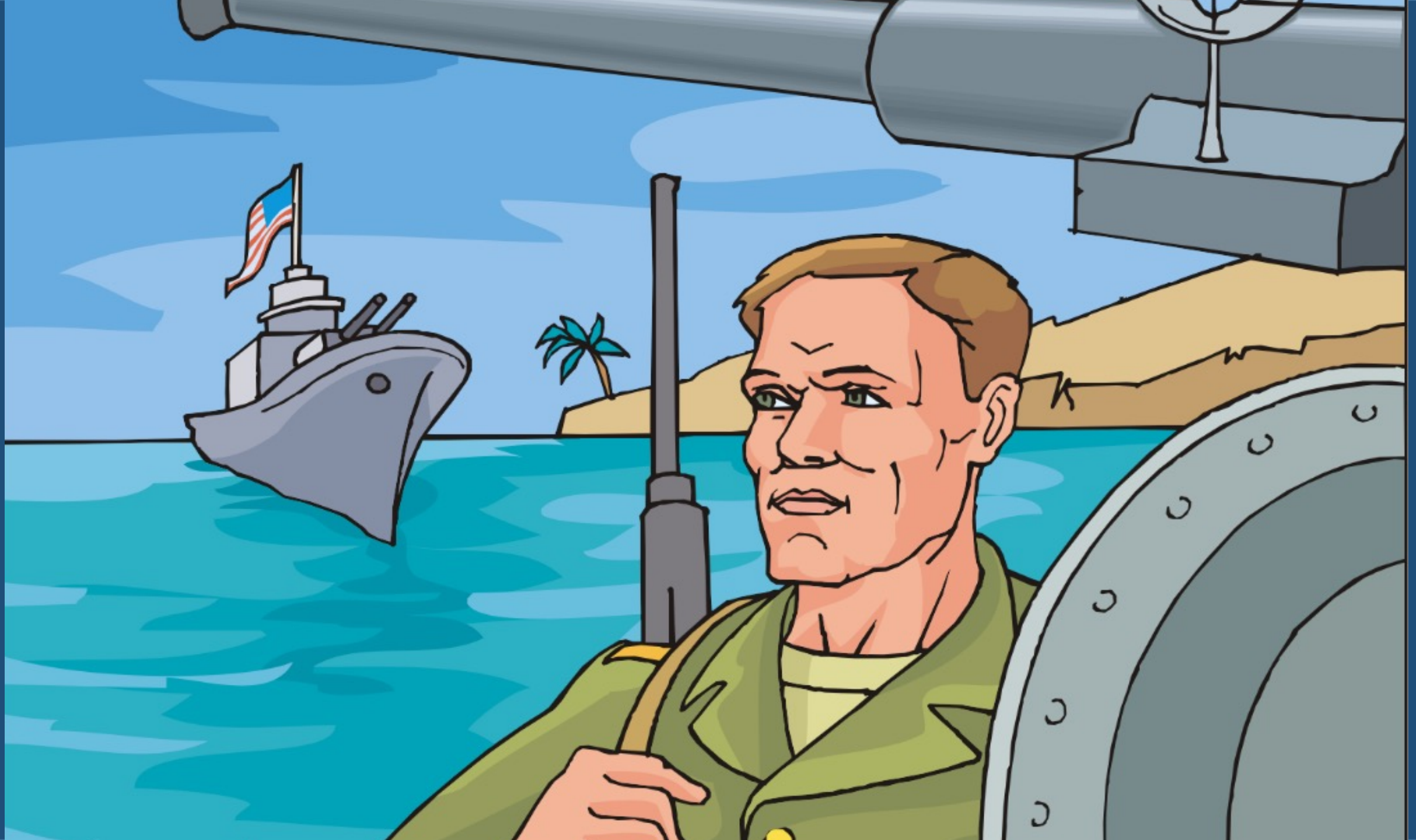
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– Mark 13:26-27

When these things begin to take place, **stand up and lift up your heads**, because your redemption is drawing near.

– Luke 21:28

Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. – Mark 13:28



It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. — Mark 13:34-35

If he comes suddenly, do not let
him find you sleeping. What I say
to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'
– Mark 13:36-37

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. – Luke 21:34

If you are a slave in Pharaoh's Egypt, or if you are an Israelite exiled in Babylon or a Kosovar exiled in Albania, if you are a woman living in a culture where when your husband gets mad at you he can lock you up in a closet or call up his buddies and threaten to have them rape you, or if you are a Christian in sub-Saharan Africa today, where AIDS has devastated whole populations, then you don't yawn when somebody mentions the return of Jesus Christ... - Timothy Keller

If your own life is too comfortable to want the second coming of Jesus... If you kind of know about the second coming of Christ but you're not watching for it, you're not longing for it, you're not yearning for it, it probably means... You're living in that bubble and you don't know what it's like for most people, or maybe you know, but you don't care. – Timothy Keller

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