Luke 21:5-38

The Certain Gospel:
How To Survive The End Of The World



Ages 8 and Up The 2 or More Players WORST-CASE SCENARIO Survival Game™



HOW TO ESCAPE FROM KILLER BEES

A. Stand very still and quiet, and breathe through your

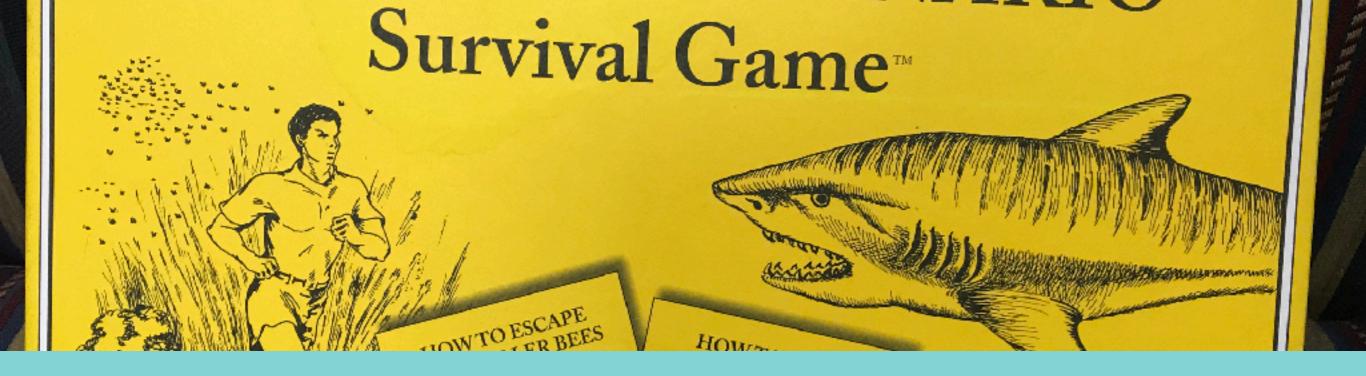
B. Jump into a body of water i you are near one. C. Run away as fast as you

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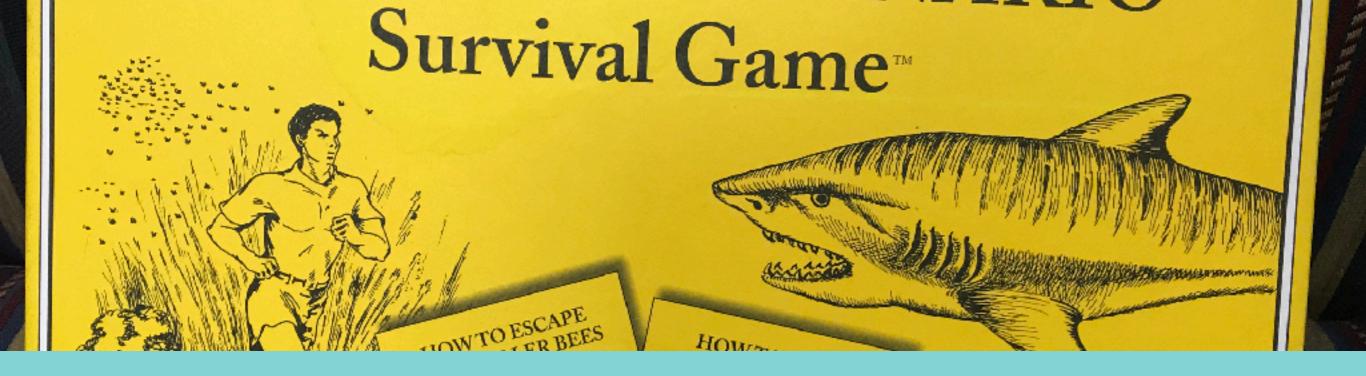
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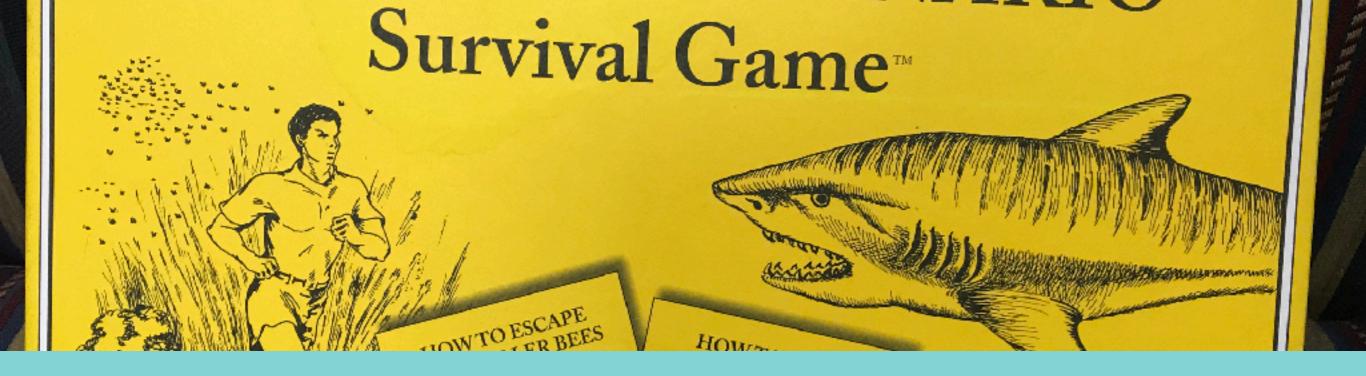
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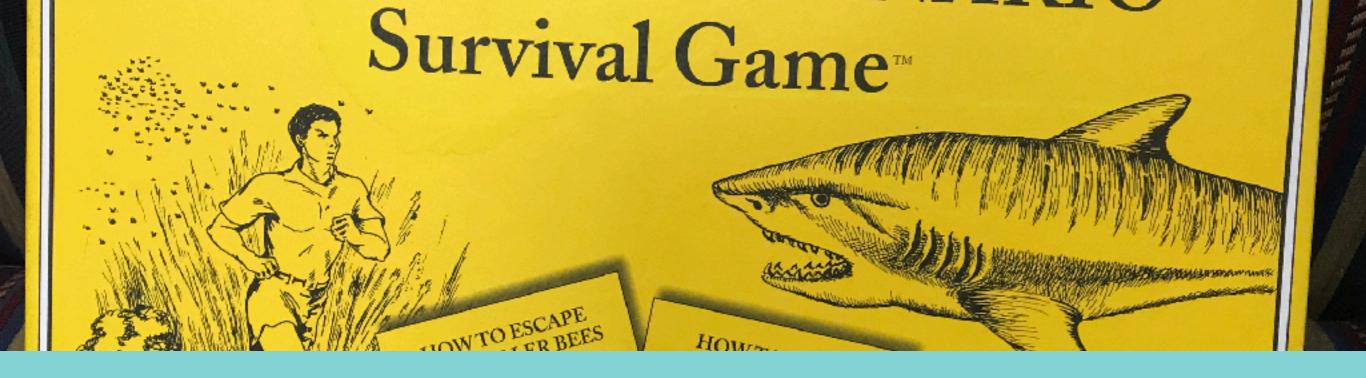
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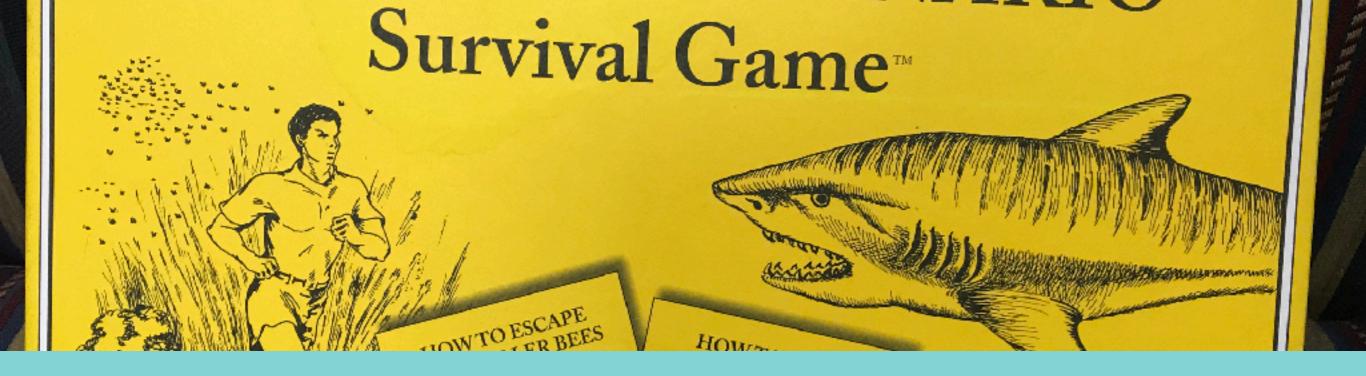
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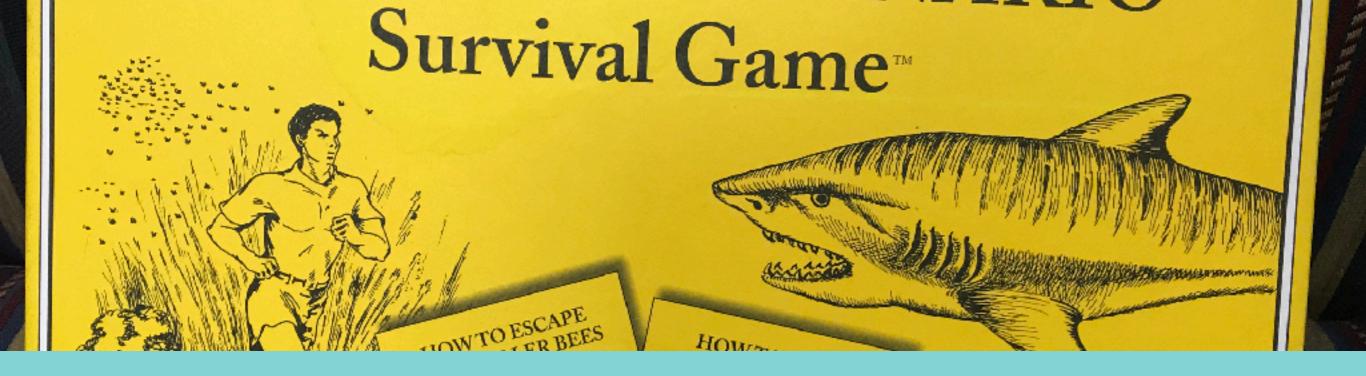
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v34-38: Jesus tells his audience how to live in light of these things.

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Mark 13:1b"Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" (NIV®)

Temple Mount: The Western Stone



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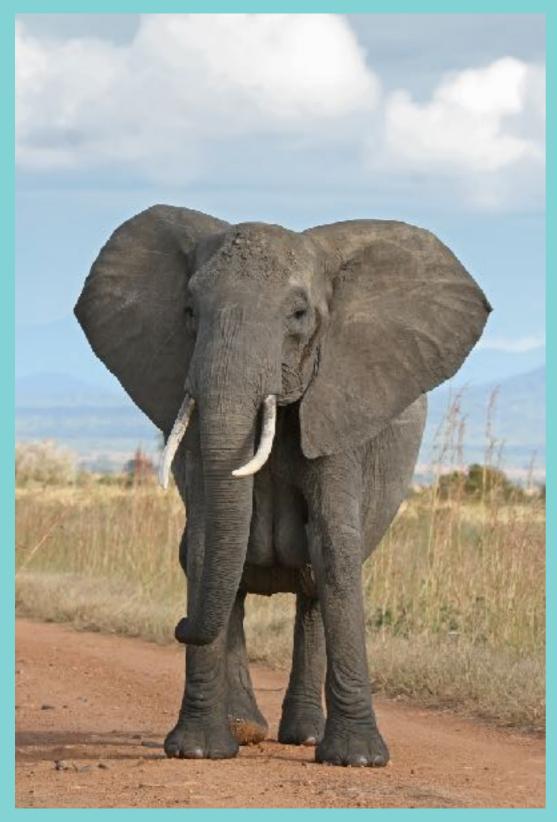


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Luke 21:6 "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." (NIV®)

"No pity was shown on account of age or out of respect for anyone's dignity—children and elderly, lay people and priests alike were slain. The battle surged ahead and surrounded everybody, including both those who begged for mercy and those who resisted. The flames spread out to a great distance and its noise mixed with the groans of the perishing; and such was the height of the ridge and the magnitude of the burning that one would have imagined the whole city was aflame"

> - Josephus (Wars 6.5.1) *Quoted from *Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible*

Signs of Jerusalem's Destruction:

v9: They will hear of wars and uprisings.

v10: Nations will rise against nation and kingdoms against kingdoms.

v11: There will be great earthquakes, famines, pestilences, and other heavenly signs.

v12, 16: Jesus' followers will experience persecution, suffering, betrayal, and even death.

Signs of the Last Times:

v25a: There will be cosmic signs in the sun, moon, and stars.

v25b: Nations will be in anguish and chaos will rage on land and sea.

v26: People will be afraid and the heavens will shake.

Matthew 24:36, 42 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father... Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. (NIV®)

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"Fig trees are bare in the winter, so the first signs of leaves are evidence that summer is near. The signs Jesus has been describing will herald the return of the Son of Man."

- Matthew, Mark, Luke: Volume 1. Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary

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