

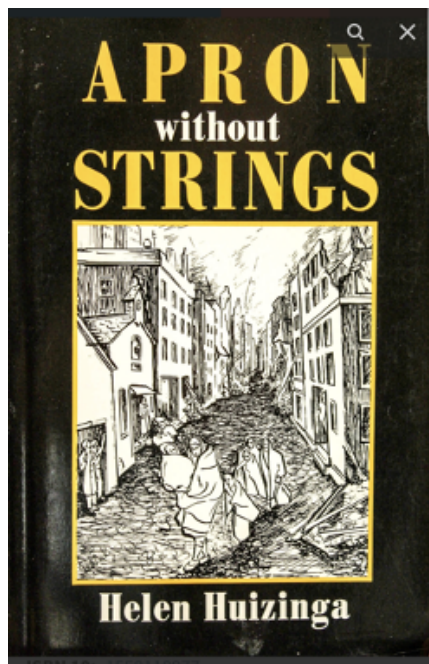
# Sermon for a New Year

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## Isaiah 64

- Conflicts around the world cost \$14.3 tn last year, 13% of world GDP resulting in a huge rise in food and fresh water insecurity impacting children particularly (BBC).
- At least 140 Nigerian Christians were killed over the Christmas holiday. CT Report
- Attacks on 26 villages in Plateau State began December 23, led by suspected extremists among Fulani Muslim herdsman against Christian farming communities. Some media reports cite nearly 200 dead, with many missing as local residents fled from gunmen into the bush.



## Luke 21: 25-28

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”