

TRIBULATION APPROACHES!

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Theme: **Prepare for the return of Jesus!**

Matthew 24:21 *For then shall be great tribulation*
Colossians 3:2 *Set your affection on things above*
Romans 14:12 *Every one of us shall give account of himself*
2 Timothy 3:5 *a form of godliness, but denying its power*
John 5:43 *I am come in my Father's name and ye*
Daniel 12:1 *there shall be a time of trouble*
Daniel 12:2 *at that time your people shall be delivered*
1 Thess 4:17 *we who are alive & remain shall be caught up*
Revelation 3:10 *you have kept my command to endure*
Luke 21:36 *Watch ye therefore, and pray always,*

1 We have a limited amount of time to be spiritually prepared for the Rapture. We must *redeem* our time **AV Ephesians 5:16** “*because the days are evil.*” Supernatural judgments—war, famine, earthquakes, pandemics, and the most dreadful conditions ever since the history of the world, approach this earth today!

2 **AV Matthew 24:21** “*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved.*”

3 All believers in Christ and anyone who passed away in the faith are raptured—as Enoch and

Elijah were *caught up* to Heaven. While righteous saints are partaking in the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven, dreadful conditions are experienced on earth.

4 Because of centuries of corruption, idolatry, unbelief in God, and the total rejection of His righteous plan of faith in Him, supernatural judgments come on a sinful, wicked, and evil world—it is beyond the worst anyone has ever seen or experienced.

5 The Tribulation will take place, so God continually warns everyone to repent and escape the coming wrath. Scripture tells us not to become too absorbed with things of this world as everything here is doomed to destruction. **AV Colossians 3:2** “*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*”

6 All human works are destroyed; buildings leveled; and a totally new order established. God just wants us to be ready in a moment by allowing Him to teach us every day—trusting Him to heal us; to supply daily needs; to control every situation; and to change our attitudes to be in harmony with His expressed will.

7 The reason the Tribulation happens is the horrible spiritual condition of the world. If we sow to the *flesh*, we will reap *corruption*; if we sow to the *devil*, we will reap *destruction*.

8 Every sin ever committed will be answered for at the judgment seat of Christ. Only by placing them under His Blood and trusting Him in faith to forgive us can our sins be erased, and our heart made right.

9 At the white throne judgment, everyone will give an account of every idle word spoken **Matthew 12:36**. It is the *final* judgment where everyone is

judged according to how they *lived* on earth—whether they accepted or rejected the Lord Jesus as their Savior. **AV Romans 14:12** “*Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*”

10 Terrible times will come to this earth because the World in general is still in Adam’s sin. They have sown to the *flesh* and the *devil* and will reap the Tribulation. During the supernatural judgments, the hearts of people will be searched—it will reveal the *cause* of all their troubles and the *reason* for the tribulation.

11 God redeemed the world by giving the life of His Son—but the world has flatly rejected God’s salvation plan—a plan which *accepts* His eternal sacrifice; *believes* in His atoning Blood; and then *lives* by faith and trust on the One who died to save them.

12 The Jewish nation began with Abraham and was recognized again as a nation on May 14, 1948! As a nation, however, Israel has fallen from faith and rejected God’s *Truth* by rejecting God’s *Son*. Israel piled up its sins by crucifying the Son of God. They chose Barabbas and chanted for Jesus to **AV Matthew 27:22** “*be crucified.*”

13 This *horrible* sin gives insight on how *desperately wicked and deceitful* the human heart really is **Jeremiah 17:9**. And it shows the appalling iniquity and evil to which it has fallen. The world will *choose* a murderer and *crucify* the Son of God—the One who came to *redeem* everyone by taking their place on the cross.

14 The Gentiles are even *worse* in their depravity and sin because they not only rejected Jesus, but they accept a counterfeit—the Antichrist instead.

15 The Jewish nation was set aside when the tame olive branches [the Jews] were broken *off*, and the

wild olive branches [the Gentiles] were grafted *in*. The Gentiles were blessed by God until the third century—after which the Christian church fell to the level and unbelief of the world.

16 We should believe there are *some* individuals, groups, and churches who trust God in *spirit* and in *truth*—and only God really *knows* a person's heart—but the Christian world as a whole is allied with the world. They have a **AV 2 Timothy 3:5** “*form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.*”

17 The Tribulation takes place on earth because of the horrible spiritual condition of those who live on earth. These most dreadful times will expose the wicked ways and evil intentions of most human beings.

It will bring to repentance *those* who are willing to turn to God at that time. Jesus said **AV John 5:43** “*I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name [Anti-christ], him ye will receive.*”

18 Leading up to the actual start of the Tribulation will be wars, famine, pestilence, and earthquakes—and there will be the rapture of true believers which actually begins the Tribulation troubles. The world at this point is approaching the Rapture and the Tribulation.

19 Not one person in over eight billion [8,123,516,099 as of July 2024] human beings on earth would survive the Tribulation, if God in His love and mercy had not shortened the time.

NKJV Daniel 12:1 “*At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time.*”

20 He went on **2** “*And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.*”

21 All who passed away in the faith and were living God's Truth every day, are resurrected first—**AV 1 Thessalonians 4:17** “*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*”

22 Daniel was told to **NIV Daniel 12:4** “*Close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.*”

And Jesus predicted **NIV Revelation 3:10** “*Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.*”

23 Every believer is *tested* through life, to *prove* if they love *God* more than they love something *else*! That is the *first* and *great commandment* **AV Matthew 22:37** “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*”

24 Everything that happens in life is a *test* to see how we are going to respond—whether we will meet it in the *Lord's* way or in the *world's* way.

The things people *say* to us; the circumstances that *happen* to us; and the trials that *come* to us, are to *prove* whether we are *truly trusting* God and that we *love Him* with all our heart, soul, and mind.

25 If there is some *compromise* in our heart, we will disobey *God* and follow the *world*. Any test we go through is allowed by God, and the Tribulation will be a *supreme* test—an *hour of trial* that will reveal any *lack of faith* or any *compromise* in us.

26 It is all too *easy* to be all too *interested* in things of this life, rather than be interested in and fully aware of the spiritual condition of our own heart. We should ask ourselves whether we would *hold* to our faith if we were *tested* like Bible believers were.

27 We often desire *expensive* things, but Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in *tents*—inspiring the hymn “*A tent or a cottage, why should I care*”—but do we *mean* that?

Nothing can be allowed to come between *us* and our *faith* in God. We should not be too *absorbed* with things on earth, as they can easily command *all* of our attention.

28 Jesus wants us to focus on what is of *eternal importance* because the Tribulation and Supernatural Judgments *will* take place.

AV Luke 21:36 “*Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*”

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