

Time of Jacob's Trouble

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Rev 14:11 *The smoke of their torment ascends up*

1 Keeping up on the news and observing the signs of the times gives us a sense of urgency—the world is coming to a conclusion.

2 So, WEY Titus 2:7 *"Above all make your own life a pattern of right conduct [set them an example]" NIV*].

3 Time is running out for us to be in the will of God, so we should not delay in doing what we know we should do—NKJV Titus 2:11 *"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men."*

4 The signs of this time have us AV Titus 2:13 *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us."*

5 The Tribulation is approaching—a time of unprecedented trouble, turmoil, and chaos. It is called: *Time of Jacob's Trouble*—

6 AV Jeremiah 30:7 *"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble."*

7 The prophet adds that we *"shall be saved out of it"*—but we need be in the will of God on life issues.

8 Issues like trusting on the Blood of Christ for everything—food, finances, health, healing—and especially being willing and able to forgive everyone of anything ever done to us.

9 This learning mode is needed because if we did not have to deal with such things and learning how to be *scriptural* concerning them, Jesus would not have had to die on the Cross for us.

10 But we *know* that Jesus *did* have to give His life for us, so our wrong and worldly attitudes can *change* from *defiance* to *compliance* with the Father's will. That day is coming—preparing is now!

11 AV Joel 2:31 *"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come"* Revelation 6:12.

12 AV Matthew 24:29 *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light."*

13 There are many signs—the global pandemic was just a precursor to far worse troubles ahead.

14 AV Daniel 12:1 *"And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."*

15 God wants everyone to be *ready and waiting*—but how many are listening, watching, and repenting? How many are maintaining an attitude of *faith* in Him every *day* for *everything*?

16 We need to *read* the signs and *act* to prepare—AV Luke 12:40 *"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."*

17 God has done everything He can to save us from the horrible fate that is coming on an increasingly rebellious and unbelieving world.

18 God provides all we need to escape the coming wrath—we just make the decision to allow Him to change our attitudes.

19 False teaching is common today. *Jehovah Witnesses* say there is no eternal suffering—we just cease to exist—quoting AV Ecclesiastes 3:20 *"All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again."*

20 But they do not quote AV Revelation 14:11 *"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night."*

21 *Catholics* teach that if a person *dies* in sin they can still repent in purgatory—but that is *not* in the Bible.

22 The *Seventh Day Adventists* also say there is no eternal torment; just the wicked are *annihilated*—but that is not true.

23 *Christian Science* says that Heaven and Hell are *states of consciousness* and *not* actually places—but they are both real places Luke 16:23 the rich man was *"in Hell,"* and *"in torments."*

24 If we have totally given our life to God and are filled with His Holy Spirit, we will be able to *identify* and *reject* false teaching, and to *recognize* and *accept* true teaching of God's Word.

25 The Bible informs us of the Second Death and the Lake of Fire. Anyone who has repented of their sins and committed their life to God, will see the reality of Heaven that God promises to give us.

26 Bible prophecy is 100% accurate so anyone can *know* what to expect. Jesus said the children of God are called *sheep*, and the children of Satan are called *goats*.

27 The sheep are to inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the beginning of the world; but the goats are told: AV Matthew 25:41 *"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."*

28 Jesus told us about the seriousness of sin and not tolerating anything in our life that *causes* us to rebel against the Word of God. We are told to get rid of anything that is *tempting* us to *do* unscriptural things or to *view* unscriptural images.

29 Jesus said repeatedly that it is better to be *without something*, than to *keep it*, and end in AV Mark 9:43 “*Hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.*”

30 This *fire that never goes out* is mentioned *five times* to emphasize the seriousness of tolerating sinful *ways* in our *life* or tolerating unscriptural *attitudes* in our *heart*.

31 Those who live in the will of the devil—accepting every *thought* he puts in their mind; following every *plan* he suggests; turning their back on God and rejecting His offer of forgiveness and love—will suffer the worst fate imaginable.

32 Hundreds of Bible prophecies have already been fulfilled—and the return of Jesus is quickly approaching.

33 The spiritual condition of the world worsens every day—it is becoming more as Jesus said it would be just before His return.

34 True children of God must allow Him to prepare them for this Second Coming—because there will be very *few* who are ready. If we are not *looking for Him*, we are not going *back with Him* Hebrews 12:2.

35 Conditions in the world at the time of His return will be like the conditions of the world in Noah’s day—NKJV Matthew 24:37 “*But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*”

36 No one would be ready for the Rapture without *living faith* in the *living God*.

37 The Scriptures speak Truth in explaining how to prepare for Heaven—which is much different from what most Christians today *think* it

is. AV James 1:22 “*Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*”

38 Three things define a true believer in Christ and being ready for the Rapture:

39 *First*—a sincere repentance; confessing before God; forsaking our sinful ways and attitudes, so all past sins can be erased, and we are born again.

40 NKJV Proverbs 28:13 “*He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*”

41 *Second*—a total surrender to the *life* of Christ and to the *will* of God—placing our entire life into His hands for His *Word* to guide us.

42 AV Romans 12:1 “*Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.*”

43 *Third*—learning under the teaching and guidance of the Holy Spirit—which is God tutoring us to *understand* His Word what it teaches; *believing* what it teaches; and then *doing* what it says.

44 The Holy Spirit will AV John 16:13 “*Guide you into all truth*”—not *some* but *all* Truth.

45 When we take those three steps, we have a scriptural right to *believe* that through the *Blood* of Christ and on the authority of God’s *Word*, our sins are *forgiven*; we are *free* from wrong attitudes; and we have become *holy* and *acceptable* to God.

46 The devil tries to convince people that living God’s Truth is *difficult*, but the easiest thing in the world is to *do* what God’s Word *says* to do—as He helps us do it—we just make the *choice*.

47 God wants us to stop trying to manage our own lives and stop trying to get what we want to get by following the world’s way.

48 Instead, He wants us to make the choice to turn everything over to *Him* so that His divine power can work for us.

49 God does not change; His plan is the same; the conditions for receiving His results are the same; and He *hears* and *answers* every prayer offered to Him in faith—we need to *believe* that.

50 NLT 1 John 5:15 “*If we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for.*”

51 When we decide that God’s Word will come first in everything that concerns our life, it will be the *basis* for a *true* Christian life of faith in God, and a *true* preparation to be raptured with all believers.

52 AV Jeremiah 30:7 “*Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.*”

53 That day is approaching! We have to be *sure* we are *trusting* God in faith for a right attitude toward everyone.

54 Truth is found in—AV John 17:17 “*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*” Anyone can *prove* that it *is* God’s Truth.

55 *Living God’s Truth* is the only way to escape the *Time of Jacob’s Trouble!*



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