

18 Key Scriptures - Warning of Coming Persecution

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(All Scripture References are New King James)

Let me advise you, that the rapture of the Church will not save you from this testing. This is part of God's preparation and purification process for the Church—His Bride. The rapture *will* save you from God's wrath, be assured of that, but you are facing severe tribulation and you must be prepared.

Let's look at, some of the serious warnings revealed in scripture about the last days. This may make you uncomfortable but let me encourage you *not* to bury head. Don't "push back" from this truth, which comes direct from God in Heaven. He is giving us this revelation to prepare us, not to scare us.

We need to adapt our lives to Scripture! – NOT to insist that scripture adapt to our desires and our way of thinking.

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"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:26

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36

"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Matthew 24:44

"Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 2 Peter 3:3-4

"And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matthew 24:4-8

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:9-14

“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants. I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” Joel 2:28-32

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“But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” Matthew 24:13

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“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.” Matthew 24:42

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“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” James 1:12

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