

JESUS WILL DETAIN US AND KEEP US FROM ESCAPING

Let's closely examine what Jesus is telling us in Revelation 3:10, when He says the following:

“Because you have KEPT My COMMAND to PERSEVERE⁽²³⁾ [G5281: hupomonē: cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy; enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting)]; I also will KEEP⁽²⁴⁾ [G5083: tēreo: to guard (from loss or injury, properly by keeping the eye upon; to prevent escaping; implies a fortress or full military lines of apparatus), by implication to detain (in custody)] you from the HOUR of TRIAL⁽²⁵⁾ [G3986: peirasmōs: a putting to proof (by experiment [of good], experience [of evil], solicitation, discipline or provocation); by implication adversity] which shall COME UPON the WHOLE WORLD, to TEST⁽²⁶⁾ [G3985: peirazō: to test (objectively), that is, endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline examine, tempt (-er), try] those who DWELL ON THE EARTH.” (Rev. 3:10, NKJV) (emphasis added).

This is why Jesus tells us to WATCH and PRAY ALWAYS so we may be “counted worthy” to escape all these things which shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36).

Based on the Greek meaning of the word “keep” Jesus says to us, He will prevent us from “escaping,” and we will be “detained” in His custody because we are His militant army the prophet Joel talks about. Joel 2:10–11, says the following:

“The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The SUN and MOON grow DARK, And the STARS diminish their brightness. THE LORD GIVES VOICE BEFORE HIS ARMY, FOR HIS CAMP IS VERY GREAT; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?” (Joel 2:10–11, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Read Joel Chapter 2 which talks about the events which lead up to the “Day of the Lord” and Joel Chapter 3 which talks about God judging the nations.

God will “keep” (detain or prevent from escaping) His triumphant militant bride (His army) in order for us to help bring in the end-time harvest of souls and to fight against the Antichrist Kingdom.

He will guard against “loss” or “injury” those who have the “seal of the living God” placed on their foreheads by His angels because they are “counted worthy.” His saints are those

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who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. They will be “supernaturally” protected during the tribulation period.

Jesus is saying He will be our place of “refuge” and our “fortress” in our time of trouble and He will guard us against “loss” or “injury.” Again, the only exception to this promise is if our assignment on the earth is done; hence we die, which can include being martyred for His name’s sake.

At the very end of this age Jesus will send out His reapers, which are His angels, and they will remove OUT of His Kingdom all things which offend and those who practice “lawlessness.” Thus, Jesus will deal with the unrepentant wicked inhabitants who dwell on the earth first just like He did in the days of Noah and the days of Lot before He will gather together (rapture) His faithful remnant!

Equally important, Jesus prayed specifically to His and our heavenly Father, Yehōvāh, that He not take us out of the world. Rather, that He should keep us from the evil one—Satan. This is substantiated in John 17:14–17. Also, when you read this Scripture notice the word “keep” has the same exact meaning of this usage of the word “keep” as used in Revelation 3:10. John 17:14–17, says the following:

*“I have given them YOUR WORD; and the **WORLD** ⁽²⁷⁾ [G2889: *kosmos*: orderly or harmonious arrangement of the world, including its inhabitants, morally speaking based on the arrangement, constitution, or order based on God’s government] has HATED THEM because they are not of the **WORLD**, ⁽²⁷⁾ just as I am not of the **WORLD**. ⁽²⁷⁾ I DO NOT PRAY that you should **TAKE** ⁽²⁸⁾ [G142: *airoō*: to lift; by implication to take up or away; remove] them **OUT** ⁽²⁹⁾ [G1537: *ex*: denoting origin (the point whence motion or action proceeds)] of the **WORLD**, ⁽²⁷⁾ but that You should **KEEP** ⁽²⁴⁾ [G5083: *téreo*: to guard (from loss or injury, properly by keeping the eye upon; to prevent escaping; implies a fortress or full military lines of apparatus), by implication to detain (in custody)] THEM from the EVIL ONE. They are not of the **WORLD**, ⁽²⁷⁾ just as I am not of the **WORLD**. ⁽²⁷⁾ SANCTIFY THEM by YOUR TRUTH. Your WORD is TRUTH.” (John 17:14–17, NKJV) (emphasis added).*

In addition, do not dismiss the significance that Jesus said to His heavenly Father He has given us Yehōvāh’s Word as He has instructed His people in the Torah for this plays a significant role in the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. As such, Jesus is referring to our heavenly Father’s instructions which are found in the Torah written by His servant Moses because the New Testament was not written yet when Jesus said this. In addition, Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh and He gave Himself up for us. And, He was born to

“bear witness” to His Father’s truth because the doctrine of Christ is from His Father (John 7:16 and John 18:37).

This is why God tells us to "remember" the law of Moses before the great and terrible Day of the Lord in Malachi 4:4-5 which says, "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

Now you know why Psalm 91:4 proclaims God’s promise of protection for only those who keep His truth and stand in the gap for those who do not. We are specifically told in Psalm 91:4, *“He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; HIS TRUTH shall be your SHIELD and BUCKLER.”* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Furthermore, when Jesus says we are not of the world just as He is not of this world, He is talking about us being His Ekklēsia—His “called out” ones who are not supposed to be living according to the things of this world, or the dictates of this world. Rather, we are supposed to be living according to the TRUTH of His Word which is our heavenly Father’s instructions written in the Torah, which Jesus Christ was sent to the earth to testify of. This is why Jesus prayed to His Father in John 17:17, and said, *“SANCTIFY them by YOUR truth. YOUR WORD is TRUTH.”* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Yes, indeed! Our King—Jesus Christ is coming back for His bride who is His glorious (noble, honorable) Ekklēsia—His “called out” ones—His glorious, triumphant overcoming bride who is without spot (free from stain or soil, not defiled) or wrinkle. As such, we had better humble ourselves, repent, and return to the gospel of the kingdom which was once delivered to the saints.

And, as it was in the beginning, so it shall be in the end. As such, in this hour, God is restoring all things, and He requires His saints to be holy (sacred, physically pure, morally blameless—consecrated) and to be without blemish (faultless, unblameable) because the God we serve is Holy.

Again, the bride of Christ is only His faithful remnant who keep covenant with God by obeying His commandments based on the whole counsel of His Word, (both the volume of Moses and the gospel) and they have the testimony of Jesus Christ. This is why Daniel says in Daniel 11:32, those who do “wickedly” against the covenant (the everlasting covenant God established with Abraham and his descendants), the Antichrist and his minions shall “corrupt” with flattery.

So much for theologians who say the Church is not mentioned after Revelation Chapter 3. The Church (the saints, the elect, the bride of Christ) will still be on the earth during the

Antichrist's kingdom and will have to overcome (subdue, prevail and conquer in order to get the victory) by the blood of the Lamb, by the Word of our Testimony, and not loving our lives unto death. Revelation 14:12 says, *"Here is the PATIENCE of the SAINTS; here are those who KEEP the COMMANDMENTS of GOD and the FAITH of JESUS."* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

The truth is before the return of the Son of Man it will be like the days of Lot and Noah. Many shall perish due to catastrophic events such as natural disasters, war—including nuclear war, famine, martyrdom. This is why in Revelation 14:13 we are told the following: *Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Make no mistake about it the bride of Christ will be on the earth during the rise of the Antichrist kingdom because we are God's end-time army the prophet Joel talks about in Joel 2:10-11.

Yet many Christians are so "caught up" with the false pre-tribulation rapture and escaping when God needs us to help bring in the end-time harvest of souls so countless people do not perish in the lake of fire for all eternity. This "escape" mentality is cowardly, selfish, and is contrary to the early disciples of Jesus Christ who were willing to die for His name's sake for a cause greater than themselves.

In fact, they were all martyred with the exception of the apostle John. In fact, the "cowardly" are the first ones to be thrown into the lake of fire, based on Revelation 21:8, which says, *"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

We all want to share in His glory, but not many are willing to follow in the footsteps of their Master and drink from His "cup of suffering."

SHARE THIS TEACHING WITH OTHERS TO HELP SPREAD THE TRUE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS. AND, IF YOU ARE BEING BLESSED BY MY TEACHING PLEASE CONSIDER SOWING A SEED INTO MY MINISTRY OR PARTNERING WITH THIS MINISTRY.