

THIS GENERATION IS NOT EXEMPT FROM WALKING THROUGH TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

For some reason, this generation of Jesus' disciples has been taught to believe we are "exempt" from having to walk through trials and tribulations, including the Great Tribulation. In all the following examples the great heroes of the faith had to go through trials and tribulations. In other words, they were not "raptured" off of the face of the earth to escape when God rendered His judgment. And, when God decided to "test" their faith they had to walk through their trial to "overcome" until the end.

- ❖ Noah and his family had to go through the flood and witness the death of every living creature that was not protected in the ark. They would have perished with all the inhabitants of the earth if Noah did not move with godly fear to build an ark for the saving of his household. Other than following God's instructions because He feared the Lord, Noah had no "natural" reasons to build an ark for it had never rained.

- ❖ Lot and his family had to leave everything behind—they had to flee before God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. So the Lord sent the two angels to escort them from the city, and God waited until they were out of the city before He destroyed it. They all escaped except Lot's wife. She looked back because she didn't want to leave everything behind. As a result, she perished for not following God's instructions. This is a "timely" warning to all of us.

- ❖ Moses and the children of Israel were in the land of Egypt when God released His judgments that they witnesses up close and personal BUT not one of God's judgments affected His Hebrew people while they were in the land of Goshen.

As it was in the beginning, so it shall be in the end. Just as God "supernaturally" protected His Hebrew children when God unleashed His judgments against Pharaoh, the Egyptian people, and Egypt, not one of the plagues affected His Hebrew children. However, they all witnessed God's plagues being unleashed on Egypt (which represents the world) firsthand because God did not remove them from the land.

God released all His judgments on Pharaoh, Egypt, and the Egyptian people yet not one of them touched His Hebrew people. Thus, the Hebrew people were "supernaturally" protected for this reason: The Hebrew children "obeyed" Moses' instructions and they literally "applied" the blood of the Lamb on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they ate the Passover lamb on that particular

Passover. Thus, if the Hebrew children did not listen to Moses' instructions, they would have perished with the Egyptians (symbolic for the inhabitants of the world who do not "know" God or "obey" Him).

Under the New Covenant, we are to "obey" our heavenly Father's instructions written by His servant Moses once we become saved by grace through faith In Jesus (Yeshua). And, as we keep His commandments because we love Him, we shall "apply" the blood of the Lamb to the doorpost of our heart.

This is why God tells us to remember the "law of Moses" BEFORE the great and terrible "Day of the Lord."

This is based on 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."* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

- ❖ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego did not escape being put in the fiery furnace which was heated seven times more than it was usually heated when they refuse to serve the false gods of the Chaldeans, or worship the gold image King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Yet they were supernaturally protected when a fourth man was seen in the furnace that was like the Son of God. And, the fire had no power on the bodies of these men—their hair on their head was not singed, nor was their garments affected, nor was the smell of fire on them. As a result, of what King Nebuchadnezzar witnessed he praised the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego—the Holy One of Israel.

- ❖ Daniel had to endure being thrown into the lion's den because he refused to stop praying and making supplications to his God. This was despite the fact King Darius had signed a "decree" that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, other than him, would be cast into the den of lions. When King Darius heard these accusations against Daniel, he was greatly displeased with himself because he knew he could not alter his decree that had already gone out. So before they cast Daniel into the lion's den, King Darius spoke to Daniel and said, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." (Daniel 6:16, NKJV)

So the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting, and when he arose very early in the morning, he went in haste to the den of lions. He was relieved when he found out Daniel had survived. In fact, Daniel said to King Darius in Daniel 6:21–22, *"O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."* (NKJV)

- ❖ The apostle Paul tells us in Second Corinthians 11:21-29, he had worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times he received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times he was beaten with rods, once he was pelted with stones. Three times he was shipwrecked. He had to be constantly on the move because there was danger from rivers, from bandits, from his fellow Jews, from Gentiles, in the city, in the country, at sea, and from false believers. He says he had labored and toiled and had often gone without sleep. He had known hunger and thirst and had often gone without food. He had been cold and naked. He faced daily the pressure of his concern for all the churches. He and all of Jesus' early disciples were martyred for Jesus' name's sake with the exception of the apostle John who survived being boiled in a pot of oil before he was exiled to the isle of Patmos.

Yet today's disciples of Jesus Christ can only expect prosperity, wealth, riches and lots of open doors! NO persecution. NO trials. NO tribulations. NOTHING required but a simple sinner's prayer in exchange for a FREE PASS to heaven.

Before Jesus comes back, we shall all discover this truth: Being a true disciple of Jesus Christ will cost you everything—even possibly your very life. A servant is not greater than His Master. Are you willing to drink from His “cup of suffering” to share in His glory?

In all these cases “obedience” and the “fear of the Lord” was required as God “tested” His servant's “faith” and “obedience” as they walked through their trials and tribulations. And, so it is with us.

Therefore, this mindset that we will “escape” the “hour of trial and testing” which is coming to test all those who dwell on the earth is contrary to the whole counsel of God's Word. He will “supernaturally” protect His faithful remnant as He did in all the examples I have listed above, but we will indeed be “tested” and “refined” by His refining fire. Jesus is coming back for a bride who is without spot or blemish fully mature in Him lacking nothing.

Jesus Himself promised us we would have tribulation in the world when He said to us in John 16:33, the following:

*“These things I have spoken to you, that IN ME you may HAVE PEACE. In THE WORLD YOU will HAVE **TRIBULATION**⁽¹⁴⁾ [G2347: *thlipsis*: pressure (literally or figuratively); afflicted, (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble]; but be of good cheer, I have **OVERCOME**^{(15) (16)} [G3528: *nikao*: to subdue, conquer, prevail or to get the victory] the WORLD.”* (John 16:33, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Also, see Matthew 13:21; Matthew 24:9; Matthew 24:15; Matthew 24:21; Matthew 24:29; Mark 4:17; Mark 13:14; Mark 13:19; Mark 13:24; Romans 2:5–10; Romans 5:3–4; 2 Corinthians 1:3–4; 2 Corinthians 6:4–10; 2 Corinthians 7:4; Ephesians 3:13; 1 Thessalonians 3:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:3–8, and Revelation 2:10.

Are you a "wise" bride who is prepared for battle in order to "overcome" until the very end?

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