

We know that a "great tribulation" will soon come upon mankind. What will that mean for us? What will Jehovah expect us to do then? What qualities do we need to strengthen now in order to stay faithful? We will find out in this article.

Psalms 31:23) Love Jehovah, all you who are loyal to him! Jehovah protects the faithful, But he repays exceedingly anyone showing haughtiness.

Paragraph 1

(1 Thessalonians 5:3) Whenever it is that they are saying, "Peace and security!" then sudden destruction is to be instantly on them, just like birth pains on a pregnant woman, and they will by no means escape.

Paragraph 2

(Matthew 24:21) for then there will be great tribulation such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, no, nor will occur again.

Paragraph 3

(Revelation 17:5) On her forehead was written a name, a mystery: "Babylon the Great, the mother of the prostitutes and of the disgusting things of the earth."

(Revelation 17:15-18) He said to me: "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is sitting, mean peoples and crowds and nations and tongues. 16 And the ten horns that you saw and the wild beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her devastated and naked, and they will eat up her flesh and completely burn her with fire. 17 For God put it into their hearts to carry out his thought, yes, to carry out their one thought by giving their kingdom to the wild beast, until the words of God will have been accomplished. 18 And the woman whom you

saw means the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth."

(Revelation 17:3) And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns.

(Revelation 17:11-13) And the wild beast that was but is not, it is also an eighth king, but it springs from the seven, and it goes off into destruction. 12 "The ten horns that you saw mean ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings for one hour with the wild beast. 13 These have one thought, so they give their power and authority to the wild beast.

(Revelation 18:8) That is why in one day her plagues will come, death and mourning and famine, and she will be completely burned with fire, because Jehovah God, who judged her, is strong.

Paragraph 4

(Revelation 18:3) For because of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, all the nations have fallen victim, and the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth became rich owing to the power of her shameless luxury."

(Revelation 18:7) To the extent that she glorified herself and lived in shameless luxury, to that extent give her torment and mourning. For she keeps saying in her heart: 'I sit as queen, and I am not a widow, and I will never see mourning.'

Paragraph 5

(Revelation 18:10) They will stand at a distance because of their fear of her torment and say: 'Too bad, too bad, you great city, Babylon you strong city, because in one hour your judgment has arrived!'

(Revelation 18:21) And a strong angel lifted up a stone like a great millstone and hurled it into the sea, saying: "Thus with a swift pitch will Babylon the great city be hurled down, and she will never be found again.

(Mark 13:19, 20) for those days will be days of a tribulation such as has not occurred from the beginning of the creation that God created until that time, and will not occur again. 20 In fact, unless Jehovah had cut short the days, no flesh would be saved. But on account of the chosen ones whom he has chosen, he has cut short the days.

Paragraph 7

(Matthew 19:4, 5) In reply he said: "Have you not read that the one who created them from the beginning made them male and female 5 and said: 'For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will stick to his wife, and the two will be one flesh'?

(Romans 1:26, 27) That is why God gave them over to disgraceful sexual passion, for their females changed the natural use of themselves into one contrary to nature; 27 likewise also the males left the natural use of the female and became violently inflamed in their lust toward one another, males with males, working what is obscene and receiving in themselves the full penalty, which was due for their error.

(Hebrews 10:24, 25) And let us consider one another so as to incite to love and fine works, 25 not forsaking our meeting together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you see the day drawing near.

Paragraph 8

(Revelation 16:21) Then great hailstones, each about the weight of a talent, fell from heaven on the people, and the people blasphemed God

because of the plague of hail, for the plague was unusually great.

(Ezekiel 2:3-5) He went on to say to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to rebellious nations that have rebelled against me. They and their forefathers have transgressed against me down to this very day. 4 I am sending you to sons who are defiant and hardhearted, and you must say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord Jehovah says.' 5 As for them, whether they listen or refuse to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will certainly know that a prophet was among them.

Paragraph 9

(Micah 3:8) As for me, I am filled with power by the spirit of Jehovah, And with justice and might, To tell to Jacob his revolt and to Israel his sin.

Paragraph 10

(Luke 21:25-28) "Also, there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth anguish of nations not knowing the way out because of the roaring of the sea and its agitation. 26 People will become faint out of fear and expectation of the things coming upon the inhabited earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 But as these things start to occur, stand up straight and lift up your heads, because your deliverance is getting near."

(Zephaniah 1:14, 15) The great day of Jehovah is near! It is near and it is approaching very quickly! The sound of the day of Jehovah is bitter. There a warrior cries out. 15 That day is a day of fury, A day of distress and anguish, A day of storm and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick gloom,

Paragraph 11

(Ezekiel 38:2) "Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Ma'gog, the head chieftain of Me'shech and Tu'bal, and prophesy against him.

(Ezekiel 38:14-16) "So prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord Jehovah says: "On that day when my people Israel are dwelling in security, will you not know it? 15 You will come from your place, from the remotest parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly, a vast army. 16 Like clouds covering the land, you will come against my people Israel. In the final part of the days I will bring you against my land so that the nations may know me when I sanctify myself through you before their eyes, O Gog.'"

(Psalm 34:19) Many are the hardships of the righteous one, But Jehovah rescues him from them all.

Paragraph 12

(Matthew 24:45) "Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time?

Paragraph 13

(2 Peter 3:3, 4) First of all know this, that in the last days ridiculers will come with their ridicule, proceeding according to their own desires 4 and saying: "Where is this promised presence of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as they were from creation's beginning."

Paragraph 14

(Matthew 24:31) And he will send out his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen ones together from the four winds, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity.

(Revelation 2:26, 27) And to the one who conquers and observes my deeds down to the end, I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will shepherd the people with an iron rod so that they will be broken to pieces like clay vessels, just as I have received from my Father.

Paragraph 15

(Romans 12:12) Rejoice in the hope. Endure under tribulation. Persevere in prayer.

(Matthew 24:13) But the one who has endured to the end will be saved.

Paragraph 16

(Psalm 68:20) The true God is for us a God who saves; And Jehovah the Sovereign Lord provides escape from death.

(2 Peter 2:9) So, then, Jehovah knows how to rescue people of godly devotion out of trial, but to reserve unrighteous people to be destroyed on the day of judgment,

(Psalm 112:7, 8) He will not fear bad news. His heart is steadfast, trusting in Jehovah. 8 His heart is unshakable; he is not afraid; In the end he will look in triumph on his adversaries.

(Hebrews 13:6) So that we may be of good courage and say: "Jehovah is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

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- The 2019 convention program with the theme “Love Never Fails!” convinces us that we can remain ever safe under Jehovah’s loving protection.—1 Cor. 13:8.
- (1 Corinthians 13:8) Love never fails. But if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

Paragraph 17

(Proverbs 1:33) But the one listening to me will dwell in security And be undisturbed by the dread of calamity.”

(Ezekiel 38:18-20) “‘On that day, the day when Gog invades the land of Israel,’ declares the Sovereign Lord Jehovah, ‘my great rage will flare up. 19 In my zeal, in the fire of my fury, I will speak; and in that day there will be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. 20 Because of me the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the wild beasts of the field, all the reptiles that creep on the ground, and all humans on the surface of the earth will tremble, and the mountains will be thrown down, and the cliffs will fall, and every wall will collapse to the ground.’

(Zechariah 14:3) “Jehovah will go out and war against those nations as when he fights in the day of a battle.

(Daniel 12:1) “During that time Mi'cha-el will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of your people. And there will occur a time of distress such as has not occurred since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, everyone who is found written down in the book.

(Revelation 6:2) And I saw, and look! a white horse, and the one seated on it had a bow; and

a crown was given him, and he went out conquering and to complete his conquest.

(Revelation 17:14) These will battle with the Lamb, but because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those with him who are called and chosen and faithful will do so.”

Paragraph 18

(Isaiah 54:17) No weapon formed against you will have any success, And you will condemn any tongue that rises up against you in the judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of Jehovah, And their righteousness is from me,” declares Jehovah.

(Revelation 7:9) After this I saw, and look! a great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes; and there were palm branches in their hands.

(Revelation 7:13-17) In response one of the elders said to me: “These who are dressed in the white robes, who are they and where did they come from?” 14 So right away I said to him: “My lord, you are the one who knows.” And he said to me: “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 That is why they are before the throne of God, and they are rendering him sacred service day and night in his temple; and the One seated on the throne will spread his tent over them. 16 They will hunger no more nor thirst anymore, neither will the sun beat down on them nor any scorching heat, 17 because the Lamb, who is in the midst of the throne, will shepherd them and will guide them to springs of waters of life. And God will wipe out every tear from their eyes.”

(Psalm 31:23) Love Jehovah, all you who are loyal to him! Jehovah protects the faithful, But he

repays exceedingly anyone showing
haughtiness.

(Ezekiel 38:23) And I will certainly magnify
myself and sanctify myself and make myself
known before the eyes of many nations; and
they will have to know that I am Jehovah.'

Paragraph 19

(2 Timothy 3:2-5) For men will be lovers of
themselves, lovers of money, boastful, haughty,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful,
disloyal, 3 having no natural affection, not open
to any agreement, slanderers, without self-
control, fierce, without love of goodness,
4 betrayers, headstrong, puffed up with pride,
lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God,
5 having an appearance of godliness but proving
false to its power; and from these turn away.