

Letter to the Thessalonians:

To the church of the Thessalonians:

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

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4 But you are not in darkness, brothers,
so that this day should overtake you like a thief.

5 For you are all sons of the light and sons of the day;
we are not of the night or of the darkness.

6 So then, let us not sleep as the others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober.

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night; and those who
get drunk, get drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
having put on the breastplate of faith and love,
and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

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10 ... to await His Son from heaven,
whom He raised from the dead—Jesus our deliverer
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Goal: That we would be a people who are prepared
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health

comfort

freedom

reputation

family

food supply

all of the above

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life

Will you still rejoice in the Lord?

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4 For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer **affliction**; and so it came to pass, as you know.

John 16

33 I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have **tribulation**. But take courage; I have overcome the world!”

Acts 14

22 ..."We must through many **tribulations** to enter the kingdom of God.

Revelation 2 (Smyrna)

10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have **tribulation** ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Matthew 24

21 For at that time there will be **great tribulation**, unmatched from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be seen again.

22 If those days had not been cut short, nobody would be saved.

But for the sake of the elect, those days will be cut short.

23 At that time, if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There He is!' do not believe it.

24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders that would deceive even the elect, if that were possible.

25 See, I have told you in advance.

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27 For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

29 Immediately **after the tribulation of those days:**

‘The sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will
be shaken.’ [Isaiah 13:10, Isaiah 34:4, Joel 2:10]

30 At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven,
and all the tribes of the earth will mourn.

They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with
power and great glory.

31 And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call,
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Revelation 12

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying:

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down—he who accuses them day and night before our God.

11 They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

And they did not love their lives so as to shy away from death.

12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea;

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Matthew 13 (Parable of the Wheat and Tares)

24 Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 But while everyone was asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and slipped away.

26 When the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

27 The owner’s servants came to him and said,

‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field?

Where then did the weeds come from?’

28 ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

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28 So the servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

29 'No,' he said, 'if you pull the weeds now, you might uproot the wheat with them.'

30 **Let both grow together until the harvest.**

At that time I will tell the harvesters:

First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat into my barn.' ”

Matthew 24

37 As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark.

39 And they were oblivious, until the flood came and swept them all away.

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2 Peter 2

4 For **if** God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them deep into hell, placing them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment;

5 **if** He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, **but** preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, among the eight;

6 **if** He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction, reducing them to ashes as an example of what is coming on the ungodly;

7 and **if** He rescued Lot, a righteous man distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—

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9 **then** the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

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17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
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