Great Tribulation: Is there an Escape? Who will Escape?

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15. Is There An Escape? Matthew 24:15-18

"Therefore, when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

"then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes."

Is There An Escape? Revelation 12:6; 13-14

"Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days." [1,260 days]

"Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*."

Is There An Escape? Revelation 12:15

"But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. [3.5x12x30= 1,260 days= $3\frac{1}{2}$ years]

So, the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood."

USA Eagle Symbol





Is There An Escape? Acts 8:39-40

"Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away ["carried Philip away", HCSB], so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus [Ashdod]. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea."

• Just like the Spirit of God, Ruach Hakodesh, carried Philip away, He can do it again giving the chosen ones a special ride to God's Secret Place!

Is There An Escape? Revelation 12:16

"But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth."

- The USA with its eagle symbol could also be an instrument in God's hands, as it has for years stood up for Israel; in any case, a remnant of the Saints will be protected/safe and provided with food!
- The enemy, the dragon, Satan, will not be able to touch these Elect!

16. Who Will Escape? Revelation 3:10

"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep [Strong's G5083: tēreō] you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."

• "Strong's G5083: tēreō: to attend to carefully, take care of, preserve, hold fast, to guard, metaph. to keep, one in the state in which he is, to observe, to reserve: to undergo something."

Who Will Escape? Matthew 5:8; 7:13-14

"Blessed *are* the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Who Will Escape? Matthew 7:21-24

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:"

Who Will Escape? John 15:4-5,12-14

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."

Who Will Escape?

Luke 9:23; Hebrews 12:14

"Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

"Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:"

RECAP: Is There an Escape?/Who Will Escape?

- Yes, there is an Escape for those "fleeing to the Mountains" and for those that are carried away by the Holy Ghost or those given wings of a great eagle to fly into a secret place!
- Just like Jesus did not allow Apostle John to be martyred like the other Apostles -by the way he was chosen to write the Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ- it is ultimately God in His sovereign will and wisdom who decides our end and chooses those who will be kept through the fire!

RECAP: Is There an Escape?/Who Will Escape?

- Again, the ones that will Escape are those chosen by the Ancient of Days that is God Almighty, these certainly must have a pure heart, do the will of our heavenly Father and walk in love and in holiness, persevering till the end!
- However, there is no guarantee that either one of us are in this special group. Hence, it is better to prepare for the worse and hope for the best!
- Recall Revelation 12:11!