### End Times - Great Tribulation:

What Few are Talking About and How to Prepare!

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#### Chapter 1

# Great Tribulation: Preparing Our Heart

#### Why this first Chapter?

- You may have all the Biblical knowledge there is to attain, become a walking Encyclopedia, have memorized all Bible verses, maybe even become like king Solomon who had vast world and Old Testament knowledge ...
- But if our heart is not right with our Lord Jesus all would be to no avail and would have no value!
- Our Best Friend, Savior and King Jesus seeks our intimate and personal relationship with us!

#### Preparing our Heart Matthew 24:3-4

- "Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us,
- \*when will these things be? And
- \*\*what will be the sign of Your coming, and
- \*\*\*of the end of the age?"

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."

#### Preparing our Heart Revelation 12:9

- "So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."
- Let us daily ask Heavenly Father for Holy Spirit to grant us His spirit of discernment to uncover evil spirits and the enemy's deception, and above all to discern Holy Spirit's voice!

#### Jewish Temples

- "During the First Temple period (1200-586 BC), the First Temple was built in 1000 BC by King Solomon after King David conquered Jerusalem and made it his capital. The Temple was destroyed in 586 BC by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, when he conquered Jerusalem.
- \*During the Roman period, in AD 70, the Second Temple was destroyed, along with Jerusalem, by Titus' army." Jesus was crucified about 40 years before the destruction of the city.
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- The Third temple will be built very soon!

Matthew 7:13-14

"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."

• We are grateful that our Lord Jesus called us, He who is The Way, The Truth, and The Life, what an amazing grace! However, we have to -by His gracebe faithful and persevere in holiness till the end!

#### Preparing our Heart Proverbs 4:20-23

"My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

• Thank God for creating a new heart and putting His law/love in us [Psalm 51:10-12,17; Hebrews 8:10]!

#### Preparing our Heart Psalm 19:12-13, AMP

"Who can understand his errors or omissions? Acquit me of hidden (unconscious, unintended) faults.

Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous (deliberate, willful) sins; let them not rule and have control over me.

Then I will be blameless (complete), and I shall be acquitted of great transgression."

Psalm 19:14, AMP; Proverbs 23:7a

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in Your sight, o Lord, my [firm, immovable] rock and my Redeemer."

#### "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

• Outward gifts or beautiful words do not define a person; out of the heart arise evil thoughts resulting in evil actions [Matthew 5:21-30;15:19; Mark 7:21]. Our mind is the primary battle field! Therefore keep transforming our mind [Romans 12:1-2]!

- The moment we earnestly repent(ed) and confess(ed) our sins and that we are a sinner, and renounce(d) our sins, and ask(ed) God, our heavenly Father to forgive us our sins;
- God immediately forgives us our sins based on the precious and Holy BLOOD of JESUS Christ.
- Salvation is all because of His GRACE and mercy, and;
- Not based on our good works or deeds, or any other thing or person, not even because of a sinner's prayer that we once could have prayed years ago.

- Rather, it is a daily walk with Jesus in obedience and in His Presence!
- Any time we sin in our thoughts, words or actions, we immediately confess it, and by grace are continuously cleansed by His Holy Blood and by His Word. [John 15:3]
- Where our heart is, there we will be;
- "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." [Matthew 6:21]! Remember the song, "Jesus, Your Presence is heaven to me".

#### Preparing our Heart Hebrews 10:19-22

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

# Preparing our Heart! Hebrews 4:16; Zechariah 1:3b

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

"Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

• It's all about being in His Presence and having that intimate/personal relationship with Christ Jesus!

Comments on Zechariah 1:3, 1599 Geneva Bible; John 6:44, AMP

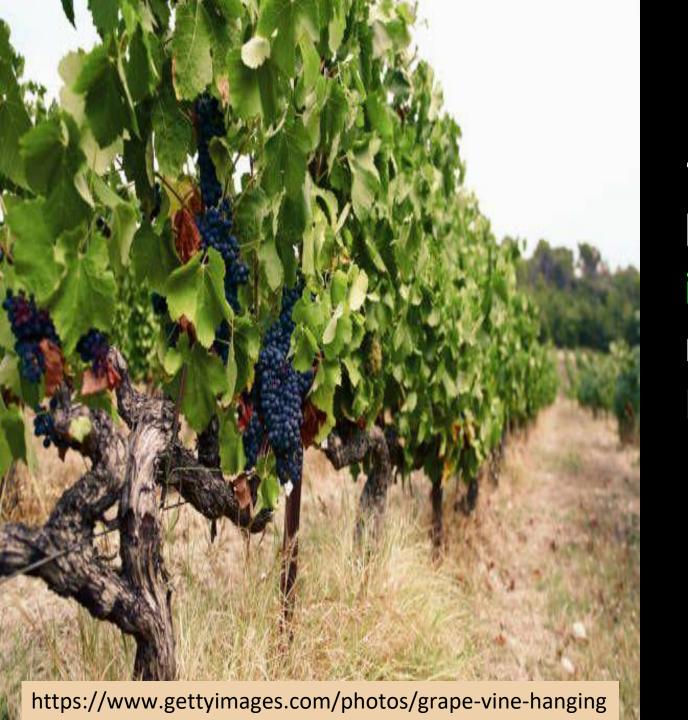
- Comments: "Let your fruits declare that you are God's people, and that he hath wrought in you by his Spirit, and mortified you: for else man hath no power to return to God, but God must convert him, as Jer. 31:18; Lam. 5:21; Isa. 21:8 and 31:6 and 45:21".
- "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him [giving him the desire to come to Me]; and I will raise him up [from the dead] on the last day."

### Preparing our Heart Galatians 5:22-25

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

• Precious heavenly Father allow Holy Spirit to fill us with His character and personality each moment of the day!



"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." [John 15:5]

#### Preparing our Heart 1 John 4:17-19

"Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

We love Him because He first loved us."

## Preparing our Heart Galatians 2:19-21

"For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

#### Preparing our Heart John 16:26-27

"In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God."

• What a precious and amazing love of Abba, our heavenly Father, He desires to have us continuously close to Him in His Presence!

#### Preparing our Heart Hebrews 12:14, AMPC

"Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord."

• Obedience and holiness are crucial to see our Lord and Savior Jesus the Messiah, Yeshua Hamashiach!

#### Preparing our Heart Psalm 51:10-12,17, AMP

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right and steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.

My [only] sacrifice [acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart [broken with sorrow for sin [and humbly, AMPC], thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise."

#### RECAP: Preparing our Heart

- It's all by His grace and mercy and what an awesome and intimate love God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost have for each one of us!
- Our personal relationship with Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit is crucial and needs to be nurtured every day and every moment of our lives!
- We need a clean and humble heart knowing without the Holy Spirit and His character in us we are nothing!
- Miracles are nice, but only with love, holiness and obedience will we see King Jesus!