Great Tribulation: What did the Apostles say? (Paul, Peter, Hebrews)

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12. What Did the Apostles Say? Acts 4:29-31

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

What Did the Apostles Say? About Paul in Acts 14:19-20 [A.D. 63-64]

"Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe."

What Did the Apostles Say? Acts 14:21-22 [A.D. 63-64]

"And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

What Did the Apostles Say? Paul states in 2 Corinthians 11:23-25 [A.D. 56]

"Are they ministers of Christ? - I speak as a fool - I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;"

What Did the Apostles Say? 2 Corinthians 11:26-28 [A.D. 56]

"in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fasting often, in cold and nakedness - besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches."

What Did the Apostles Say? Peter states in 1 Peter 2:21-23 [A.D. 62-64]

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ..."

What Did the Apostles Say? Peter states in 1 Peter 2:24-25 [A.D. 62-64]

"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes you were healed.

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

What Did the Apostles Say? Hebrews 11:35-37a, [A.D. 66-70]

"Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword."

What Did the Apostles Say? Hebrews 11:37b-38, 12:2 [A.D. 66-70]

"They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth."

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

RECAP: What Did the Apostles Say?

- Paul went through stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often and in Acts 14 he teaches, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God"!
- Peter in 1 Peter 2 states that Christ Jesus suffered and set an example for us to follow His steps!
- Author of Hebrews stated, "Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection"!

RECAP: What Did the Apostles Say?

- The Hebrews' author recommends, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross"!
- One conclusion derived from their message is that we must persevere through all the tribulations to the end, trusting and looking unto Jesus!