

Chapter 18A

Great Tribulation:

Final Words

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18A. Final Words (i)

- When studying Scripture let us be sensitive to our Holy Spirit and always ask His Presence so that it will not be to only have more (head) knowledge, but more importantly have a deeper and intimate relationship with Christ Jesus, our Lord! [Ephesians 1:16-23]
- Let us follow the advice given in Isaiah 28:10, “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”
- In addition, understand the context, as it is crucial.

Final Words (ii)

- I want to thank you for having an open mind and taking the time to do your own research, while going through all provided Scriptures. [Acts 17:11]
- For some it can be a shock once you realize that we will need to go through the Great Tribulation.
- Rest assured, “You will keep in perfect and constant peace the one whose mind is steadfast *[that is, committed and focused on You -in both inclination and character]*, because he trusts and takes refuge in You *[with hope and confident expectation]*.” [Isaiah 26:3, AMP]

Final Words (iii)

- I felt gently drawn to share this study with you; my earnest hope is that all of us, God's faithful children, will not be offended as we enter these final years.
- "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." [2 Peter 3:8-9]

Final Words (iv)

- “After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.”
[Hosea 6:2]
- Could it be that we need to start counting the 2 days (that is 2,000 years) after Jesus’ Crucifixion at the Cross of Calvary between A.D. 30 and A.D. 33?
- For years I believed in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture based on what many were/are preaching, but somehow the more I studied the Scriptures the less convinced I became as there is no specific mention of a Pre-Trib or Mid-Trib Rapture.

Final Words (v)

- Moreover, no Apostle ... not Peter, not James, not Paul mentions it. To the contrary, Lord Jesus declares we would go through tribulations and be hated, and even be killed! [Matthew 24:9]
- During the ages, and even more so today in numerous countries, born-again Christians have gone and are increasingly going through numerous sufferings, tribulations, and are even martyred for their faith in Christ Jesus. Certainly, they would say that the concept of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture is a deception!

Final Words (vi)

- All the Apostles, except John, were all martyred and they will for sure be honored in heaven. Now why would the last generation of Christians be exempt from going through the Great Tribulation?
- Remember, a large section of the Great Tribulation is Satan's Wrath against God's children, as he is thrown down from heaven!
- "And Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." [Luke 10:18]

Final Words (vii)

- “So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; ...” [Revelation 12:9]
- Jesus says, “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.”! [Matthew 24:9]
- Paul was “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.’ “! [Acts 14:22]

Final Words (viii)

- Finally, grant us all to be faithful to Yeshua all the days of our lives; be not deceived, but be watchful and persevere until our King comes!
- “I *keep* the LORD *in mind* always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be *shaken*. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my *spirit/tongue* rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.” [Psalm 16:8-9, NKJV, *italic from HCSB, GNV*]
- To God be all the glory and praise forever and ever. Amen!

Final Words (ix)

“Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all.”

[2 Chronicles 29:10b-11]