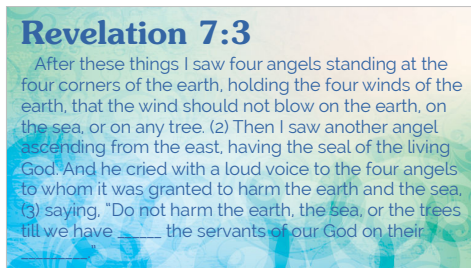


What is the Seal of God? 1



Welcome to our Bible study on the Seal of God! This sealing is mentioned in Revelation 7:1-3.

What is the Seal of God? 2



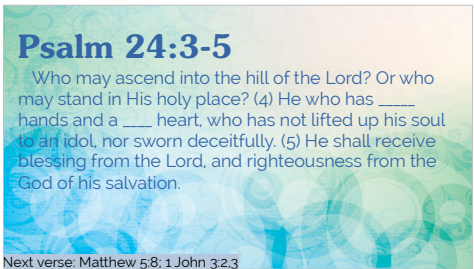
Revelation 7:3
After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. (2) Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, (3) saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have **sealed** the servants of our God on their **foreheads**."

What is the Seal of God? 3



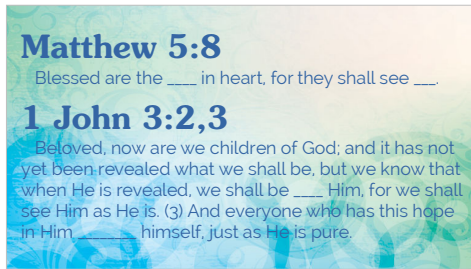
In vision the apostle John sees the elements of nature—political strife, earthquakes, tempests—being held back by four angels. These winds of strife are not released until God gives the word, after His servants are sealed in their foreheads. The mighty angel coming from the east has the seal of the living God, the One alone who can give eternal life and immortality.
Will this seal be placed upon any whose hearts are not pure?

What is the Seal of God? 4



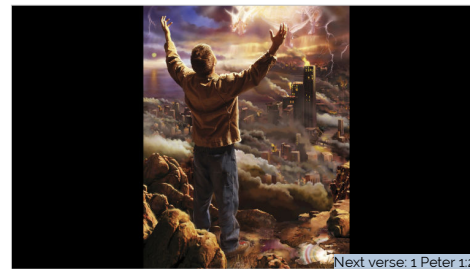
Psalm 24:3-5
Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? (4) He who has **clean** hands and a **pure** heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

What is the Seal of God? 5



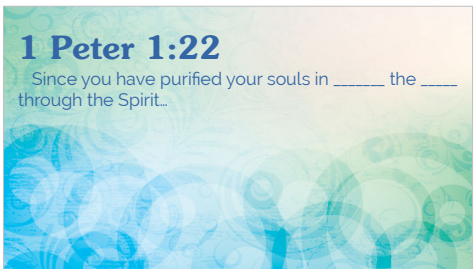
Matthew 5:8
Blessed are the **pure** in heart, for they shall see **God**.
1 John 3:2,3
Beloved, now are we children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be **like** Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (3) And everyone who has this hope in Him **purifies** himself, just as He is pure.

What is the Seal of God? 6



Those who are preparing to meet Jesus and see Him face to face are purifying their hearts now—though the power of Christ overcoming the world, the flesh, and the devil. They are letting go of anything and everything that might stand in the way of full commitment to Jesus.
How does the work of purification take place?

What is the Seal of God? 7



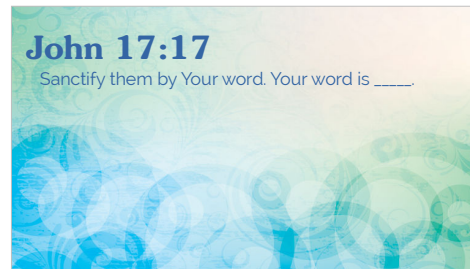
1 Peter 1:22
Since you have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit...

What is the Seal of God? 8



According to the Bible, we are purified by *obeying the truth*.
What is truth?

What is the Seal of God? 9



John 17:17
Sanctify them by Your word. Your word is **truth**.

What is the Seal of God? 10

Next verse: Ephesians 5:25-27



The Word of God is truth. As we prayerfully study and choose to obey it, God changes us. We are sanctified: made holy.

Why did Jesus give Himself for us?

What is the Seal of God? 11

Ephesians 5:25-27

...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, (26) that He might _____ and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, (27) that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having _____ or _____ or any such thing, but that she should be _____ and without blemish.

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What is the Seal of God? 12



Next verse: Matthew 1:21

Jesus gave Himself for us so that He could sanctify us, or make us holy, fit for fellowship with Him. He came to renew and re-create us in His own image.

Did Jesus come to save us **in** our sins or **from** our sins?

What is the Seal of God? 13

Matthew 1:21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people _____ their sins."

Matthew 1:21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people **from** their sins."

What is the Seal of God? 14

Next verse: 1 John 5:4; 2 Peter 1:4



Jesus came not to save us in our sins, but **FROM** them. He came to give us victory over sin, over Satan, and over the world.

How do we get this victory?

What is the Seal of God? 15

1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our _____.

2 Peter 1:4

_____ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious _____, that through these you may be partakers of the divine _____, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our **faith**.

2 Peter 1:4

_____ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious **promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine **nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

What is the Seal of God? 16

Next verse: Hebrews 10:16; 1 Corinthians 7:1



Through faith we grasp God's promises, claiming the power of God to change our sinful nature and desires. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead works in us, so that we can "*walk in newness of life*".¹

What has God promised to put in our minds?

What is the Seal of God? 17

Hebrews 10:16

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My _____ into their _____, and in their _____ I will write them."

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us _____ ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting _____ in the fear of God.

Hebrews 10:16

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2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us **cleanse** ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting **holiness** in the fear of God.

What is the Seal of God? 18



Next verse: Ezekiel 9:4-6

When God writes His law on our hearts and minds, it changes us. Our desires are different. We **WANT** to obey God. We find **JOY** in pleasing Him. Sin becomes more and more disgusting to us.

God's followers will not try to excuse sin. It pains them to see God dishonored. The torrent of prevailing wickedness fills them with grief and alarm. They can't remain silent when confronted with evil.

God knows each of these faithful ones.

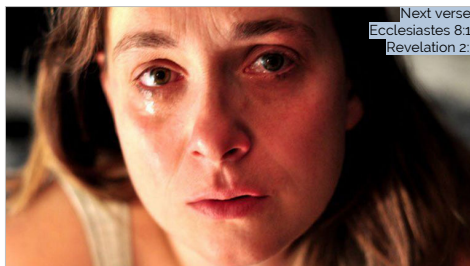
What does this have to do with the sealing?

Ezekiel 9:4-6

And the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a _____ on the _____ of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it." (5) To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. (6) Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. So they began with the elders who were before the temple.

Ezekiel 9:4-6

And the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a **mark** on the **foreheads** of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it." (5) To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. (6) Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. So they began with the elders who were before the temple.



Those who mourn over their own sins and the sins of others, who are not indifferent to the pain sin causes, are the ones who are marked by God. Their love for others leads them to warn and reprove those who do not believe—those who think God is too merciful to bring judgment on the disobedient.

In this vision of Ezekiel, the church was the first to feel God's wrath. The ones who should have been spiritual guardians had betrayed their trust.

Will sin be punished by God?

Ecclesiastes 8:11

Because the sentence against an evil work is not _____ speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do _____.

Revelation 2:5

"Remember therefore from where you have fallen: repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you _____." Next verse: Revelation 6:17; Psalm 34:15,16

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Revelation 2:5

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Revelation 6:17

"For the great day of His _____ is come, and who is able to stand?"

Psalms 34:15,16

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. (16) The face of the Lord is against those who do _____, to cut off the remembrance of them from the _____.

Revelation 6:17

"For the great day of His **wrath** is come, and who is able to stand?"

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Jesus' work in the Heavenly Sanctuary is almost finished. Soon the wrath of God and the seven last plagues will be poured out on those who have exceeded the limits of grace and mercy and have not responded to the warnings and light God has given them. The patience and longsuffering of God has only hardened them in their sinful course. Soon there will be no more pleading of mercy. Their accounts will be closed. They will have no protection from the wrath of God against evil.

How were the Israelites marked for protection when the plagues fell on Egypt?

Exodus 12:23

For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians: and when He sees the _____ on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will _____ the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your house to strike you.

Exodus 12:23

For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians: and when He sees the **blood** on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will **pass over** the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your house to strike you.



They were saved by the blood. The destroying angel passed over every house that was marked in this way. If they neglected to carry out the instructions completely—if they prepared the Passover lamb but didn't separate their children from the Egyptians, gather within their own dwellings, mark the doorposts with blood, stay inside their home that night—they would not have been secure. They might have *believed* they had done everything right, but sincerity was not enough to save them.



In the same way, we are saved by *faith*, not by *works*, yet our faith is demonstrated by our works. Like the Israelites, we must believe and obey God's requirements for our salvation.

Will God's end-time followers show their allegiance to Him by keeping His ten commandments?

John 14:15

If you love Me, _____ My _____.

1 John 2:4

He who says, "I know Him," and does not _____ His commandments, is a _____ and the truth is not in him.

Ezekiel 22:8

You have despised My holy things and profaned My Sabbaths. Next verse: Revelation 14:12; 22:14

John 14:15

If you love Me, **keep My commandments**.

1 John 2:4

He who says, "I know Him," and does not **keep** His commandments, is a **liar** and the truth is not in him.

Revelation 14:12

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who ____ the _____ of God and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are those who do His _____ that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

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Next verse: Exodus 20:8-11

There are two marks of allegiance in the last days—the mark of the beast and the Seal of God. Those who receive the Seal of God have rejected the mark of the beast, the false sabbath. They are commandment keepers, keeping—through the power of God—all the commandments, including the fourth.

What is the fourth commandment?

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (10) but the _____ day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it, you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. (11) For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the _____ day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (10) but the **seventh** day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it, you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. (11) For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the **seventh** day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.



The 7th day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God

Next verse: Ezekiel 20:12
Exodus 31:16,17

The fourth commandment is the seal, or mark, of God's authority. It contains the essential elements of an official seal: His name—the Lord; His title—Maker, Creator; and His kingdom—Heaven and Earth. The fourth commandment is the only one that identifies God as the Creator, proving all rivals to be false gods!

God's true followers show their allegiance to Him by keeping holy the seventh day, the Sabbath He sanctified and blessed.

What is the Sabbath a sign of?

Ezekiel 20:12

Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the Lord who _____ them.

Exodus 31:16,17

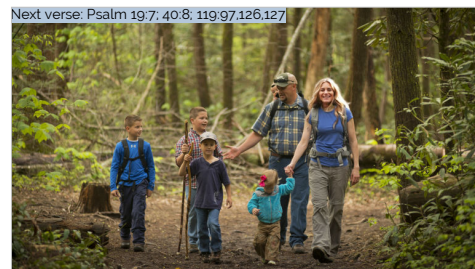
Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual _____. (17) It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord _____ the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He _____ and was refreshed!"

Ezekiel 20:12

Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the Lord who **sanctifies** them.

Exodus 31:16,17

Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual **covenant**. (17) It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord **made** the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He **rested** and was refreshed!"



Next verse: Psalm 19:7; 40:8; 119:97,126,127

Resting on the Sabbath is how we worship our Lord, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. It shows that we believe He is not only able, but in the process of, **re-creating us—sanctifying** us, making us *holy*, fit for heaven. It shows that we do not trust in our own works, but in **His** work, both on the cross and in our hearts. It is a sign of allegiance to God and His law. As disrespect for God's law becomes more prevalent, those who serve God will stand out as distinct from the world.

How did David feel about God's law?

Psalm 19:7; 40:8; 119:97,126,127

(19:7) The law of the Lord is _____, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

(40:8) I _____ to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.

(119:97) Oh, how I ____ Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

(119:126,127) It is time for You to act, O Lord, for they have regarded Your law as _____. Therefore I love Your commandments more than _____. yes, than fine gold!

Psalm 19:7; 40:8; 119:97,126,127

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Next verse: Exodus 19:5; Malachi 3:17

David loved the law of God. When he saw it maligned, he looked for God to show His righteous displeasure. Today, when the earth is full of crime and violence, God needs those who, like David, will exalt His law and demonstrate loyalty to Him. These are the ones who will receive the seal of God.

What does God think of them?

Exodus 19:5

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special _____ to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Malachi 3:17

"They shall be _____," says the Lord of hosts, "on the day that I make them My _____. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves Him."

Exodus 19:5

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special **treasure** to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Malachi 3:17

"They shall be **Mine**," says the Lord of hosts, "on the day that I make them My **jewels**. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves Him."



Next verse: 1 Corinthians 4:9; 1 Peter 2:9

Not only are we of incredible value to God, He wants to show us off to the universe!

What do our lives display about God?

1 Corinthians 4:9
...we have been made a _____ to the world, both to angels and to men.

1 Peter 2:9
But you are a _____ generation, a _____ priesthood, a _____ nation, His own _____ people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 Corinthians 4:9

...we have been made a **spectacle** to the world, both to angels and to men.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a **chosen** generation, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, His own **special** people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.



Next verse: Isaiah 8:16; 58:12,13

This faithful, loyal group of people is God's special treasure that He holds in a revolted world! Though them the whole universe witnesses the power of His grace and love.

What is their special work?

Isaiah 8:16
Bind up the testimony, seal the _____ among My disciples.

Isaiah 58:12,13
...you shall be called the Repairer of the _____, if you...call the _____ a delight, the holy day of the Lord...

Isaiah 8:16

Bind up the testimony, seal the **law** among My disciples.

Isaiah 58:12,13

...you shall be called the Repairer of the **breach**...if you...call the **Sabbath** a delight, the holy day of the Lord...



Next verse: Ephesians 1:13; Acts 5:32

When the Sabbath was changed by the papal power, the **seal** was taken from the law. (see study on *How to Avoid the Mark of the Beast*). God's people are called to restore the seal by elevating the Sabbath of the fourth commandment to its rightful position, as the Creator's memorial and sign of His authority. The breach made in the law of God is to be repaired.

What part does the Holy Spirit have in the sealing?

Ephesians 1:13
In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were _____ with the Holy Spirit of promise.

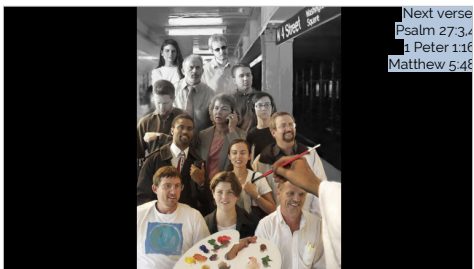
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And we are His witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who _____ Him.

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Next verse: Psalm 27:3,4; 1 Peter 1:16; Matthew 5:48

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God is making transformations on human hearts so amazing that the angels watch in astonishment and joy. Satan is baffled and enraged as he sees people set free from his deceptions and traps. These people are preparing for the seal of God and for "the marriage supper of the Lamb".²

How have their characters changed?

Psalm 27:3,4
Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? (4) He who has _____ hands and a _____ heart.

1 Peter 1:16
"Be _____, for I am holy."

Matthew 5:48
Therefore you shall be _____, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Psalm 27:3,4

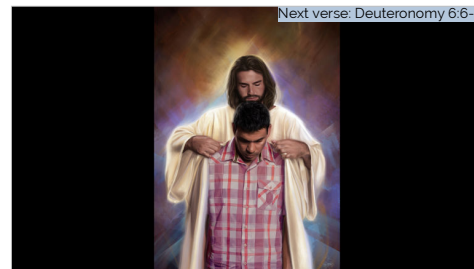
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Next verse: Deuteronomy 6:6-8

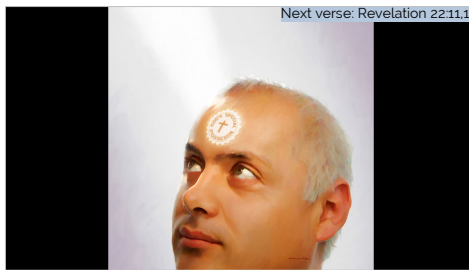
Symbolically, they have put on the "white garments";³ the "robe of righteousness".⁴ They are washed and made white "in the blood of the Lamb".⁵ This "robe of righteousness" is all about the perfect character that Jesus wants to give us. All our righteousness is "like filthy rags",⁶ but Jesus offers His perfection. When we give ourselves to Him, our heart is joined to His, our will merged in His, our thoughts submitted to Him. We live His life, in perfect obedience to His law. He can put His seal on us. Is this a visible mark?

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

(6) And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. (8) You shall bind them as a sign on your eyes, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

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The seal of God is put on those that are like Him in character. It is not a visible mark, but a state of mind and character that is fixed for eternity. The people who receive this seal are sold out to God, no matter the cost. They are safe to inhabit heaven. Jesus said, "They shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy".⁷

What solemn pronouncement will Jesus make when the sealing is finished?

Revelation 22:11,12

"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." (12) "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

Revelation 22:11,12

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When Jesus finishes His work in the heavenly sanctuary, everyone will have made their final decisions. There is no turning back, no flipping from one side to the other. Probation has closed. God's people are sealed. Those who have not chosen to follow God have received the mark of the beast. Satan's power is fully unleashed. The seven last plagues fall on the earth, and it is plunged into one great, final trouble.

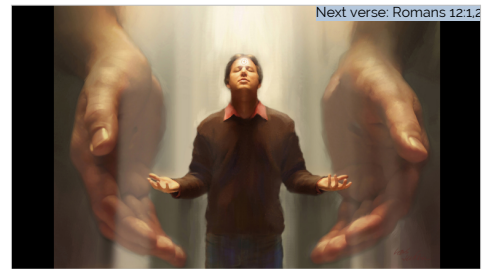
Will God's people be protected during this time?

Psalm 91:9-11,15

Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, (10) no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; (11) For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.. (15) He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

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God will protect His people during the plagues. But the wicked will declare that the calamities falling on the world are the result of desecrating the first day of the week. They will finally pronounce a death decree on all who are faithful to God's commandments. There will be "a time of trouble, such as never was...and at that time Your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book."⁸

What should we be doing now to prepare for what is coming?

Romans 12:1,2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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Philippians 2:12

...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...

1 Peter 4:7

...be serious and watchful...

John 5:39

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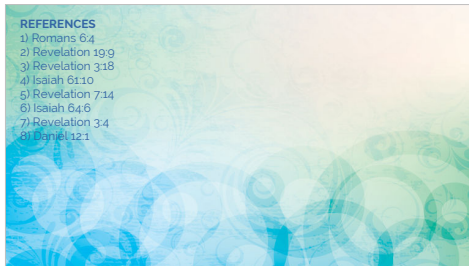
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- 1) Romans 6:4
- 2) Revelation 19:9
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- 4) Isaiah 61:10
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