

GOD'S WORD
**SAVED AND SEALED
 WITH THE MARK OF GOD!**

In the Palm of His Hand!

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There are those who attempt to suggest that God's people will be taken from the earth before the Great Tribulation, saying that, as that time of Tribulation is intended by God to be one of punishment of the unGodly, and not of His people, that God would take His people out of the earth before it happens, in some secret, invisible catching away into heaven, which they refer to as a, "Rapture," **before** the Great Tribulation! But **the Bible** says differently!¹

The Great Tribulation will indeed be a time during which God will punish **the unGodly**, and **only the unGodly**; one of the many places we are told this is Revelation 16:

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of **the wrath of God upon the earth**.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore **upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image**.

Revelation 16:1-2 The BIBLE

¹ Our Heavenly Father will indeed take His people out of the earth when Jesus returns to take us home. But the Word of God tells us that this will happen only **after** the Great Tribulation, not before!

(See, also, www.Micaiah.com/escape.htm by this author)

29 **Immediately after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And He shall send His angels **with a great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:29-31 The BIBLE

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

I Corinthians 15:52-53 The BIBLE

God will **not be punishing His people.**

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but **only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.**

Revelation 9:4 The BIBLE

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: **but come not near any man upon whom is the mark;** and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Ezekiel 9:4-6 The BIBLE

The fact that God can and does punish the unGodly while leaving His children safe and unharmed in the midst of them is a well-established principle in the Word of God:

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, Which Is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 91:7-11 The BIBLE

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalms 27:5 The BIBLE

This concept is no mere, "spiritual," figurative, nor poetic allegory of pleasant dreams; God has worked, does work, and will work practically, protecting His people, in actual, physical ways. God has worked this way right from the beginning, for instance when He sealed the Godly Noah and his family within an ark of safety, for a while during a time of unprecedented tribulation for everyone around them.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and **the Lord shut him in.**

Genesis 7:16 The BIBLE

When the Lord sent His people Israel to live for a time in Egypt, He placed them in the Egyptian region of Goshen. When the time came to punish *Egypt* for the Egyptians' sins He made sure to keep His plagues out of Goshen, as that was where His people, the Israelites lived. The entire country of Egypt was pun-

ished with Divine retribution for their sins, but, living in that same nation, the people of Israel were nonetheless intentionally and specifically spared by God.

20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

21 Else, if thou wilt not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I Am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put a division between My people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

Exodus 8:20-23 The BIBLE

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

Exodus 9:22-26 The BIBLE

Then, when it came time to take the People of Israel out of Egypt, God worked in a similarly spectacular way to keep His people safe, while punishing the Egyptians around them:

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts² with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

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² Thereby forming a **cross** with the **blood**, some 1500 years prior to the **cross of Christ**, by which God would save His people from their sins!

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

Exodus 12:21-23, 27-30 The BIBLE

Years later God commissioned His prophet Isaiah to write to the people of God, people both then and in the future:

20 Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isaiah 26:20-21 The BIBLE

13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out Mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

16 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

Ezekiel 14:13-21 The BIBLE

So we see that our Heavenly Father both can, and promises to, keep His children safe from His punishment of the sinners around them. And our Heavenly Father has told us that He intends to punish the entire world for their sins, in a time of unprecedented trouble, of "Great Tribulation,"³ before He returns.⁴ He tells us, as we have seen (above)⁵ that He will be protecting His people from the punishments that He will be meting out upon the unGodly. But our Lord does NOT tell us that we will not be suffering

³ Matthew 24:21; Revelation 2:22; 7:14

⁴ 30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

Daniel 11:30-35 The BIBLE

1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the Book.

Daniel 12:1 The BIBLE

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My Name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:9-22 The BIBLE

⁵ Daniel 12:1; Revelation 3:10, 9:4 **The BIBLE**

from persecution by satan and his unGodly followers, the nonChristians! Indeed, we are specifically told (Daniel 11:32-3; Matthew 24:9-22; Revelation 2:10, 13:1-10) that the people of God *will suffer greatly at the hands of the unGodly*. For this reason Jesus advised us to pray that we should be so blessed as to have passed away before this time, and to be already in heaven when it occurs.

2 And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His Name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

REVELATION 13:2-10 The BIBLE

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:34-36 The BIBLE

1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

Isaiah 57:1-2 The BIBLE

In fact, Jesus assures some of His faithful that,

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My Word, and hast not denied My Name.

... and ...

10 Because thou hast kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

(But even to these people, Jesus says that they will have to endure and overcome first:)

11 Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.**

12 him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the Name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him My new Name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:8,10-13 The BIBLE

THE SEALS

THE SEAL OF SATAN

Will lessen the wrath of sATAN on those with the seal, and maximize the wrath of GOD

The Word of God tells us (*Revelation 13:6, 20:4*) that the evil Antichrist of the end times will require his own mark or the number of his name (666) to be placed, physically, onto everyone's forehead or right hand to signify their worship and loyalty to him.

THE SEAL OF GOD

Will eliminate the wrath of GOD on those with the seal, and maximize the wrath of sATAN

We have read already that God Himself puts His Own Spirit seal into the foreheads of His people.

Six hundred years before Christ our Heavenly Father put His seal upon the foreheads of those who stood for righteousness at that time:

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: **but come not near any man upon whom is the mark;** and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Ezekiel 9:4-6 The BIBLE

Our Lord will ensure that His seal is upon the foreheads those who stand for righteousness during the Great Tribulation:

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not **the seal of God in their foreheads.**

Revelation 9:4 The BIBLE

We are told what that seal is, **now**, from the day we were Born Again: **His Holy Spirit of Promise!**

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him:

11 In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise,**

14 Which Is the **guarantee of our salvation until the redemption of the purchased possession,** unto the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:10-14 The BIBLE

30 And grieve not **the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**

Ephesians 4:30 The BIBLE

1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him:

4 And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to shew unto His servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this Book.

Revelation 22:1-7 The BIBLE

We are told specifically that the Seal of God:

- i) **NOW:** Guarantees **the Spiritual salvation** of God's sealed people for eternity, from the moment they become Born Again. (*Ephesians 4:13-14, 4:30*)
- ii) **FUTURE:** Protects God's sealed people **from the wrath of God** during the Great Tribulation. (*Revelation 9:4*)

If you are Born Again,⁶ genuinely repenting of your sins and turning from your wicked ways, making Jesus your Lord and Saviour, the Bible tells us that **you** are one of those who **are, even now**, sealed by the

⁶ John 3:3-7; I Peter 1:23 **The BIBLE**

See also, **THE WAY TO SALVATION:** www.Alelujah.com, by this author

Holy Spirit, and guaranteed a place in heaven! Jesus tells us that, if we believe in Him, we **will definitely** be saved. We will indeed have trouble on earth, but He assures us that He has overcome the world. We will have trouble from the people of the world now, and in the future will have great trouble. But we will **not have trouble from God!** In Jesus, we have peace, and we always will have peace. God promises it!

15 I (*Jesus*) pray not that Thou (*God the Father*) shouldst take them out of the world, but **that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil.**

16 They are not of the world, even as I Am not of the world.

17 **Sanctify them through Thy truth:** Thy Word Is truth.

18 As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 **Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their Word;**

John 17:15-20 The BIBLE

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave Me alone: and yet I Am not alone, because the Father Is with Me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; **I have overcome the world.**

John 16:31-33 The BIBLE

16 **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

17 **For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.**

John 3:16-17 The BIBLE