

Daniel 12

Part 1

“Michael and the Time of Trouble”

We have a pressing truth in this chapter that we all need to understand. We need to understand that Jesus is about to leave the mercy seat of the heavenly sanctuary to put on garments of vengeance and to come back to earth the second time to execute His justice on the wicked, the unrepentant who have not responded to the light God has given them. And as watchmen on the tower, as servants for Christ, we had all better be sounding the trumpet wherever our post is at and do something to enlighten the world of the great and terrible day of the Lord. Call all to repentance by:

Revelation 14:7, 9, 10 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand...The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

You know, what I see is wrong with a lot of people today as it was in time past with other generation.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Instead of being softened by the patience and the love of Christ that He extends to all as He sits on the mercy seat, those who fear not God and love not the truth mock it, laugh at it, talk against it, walk away from it, ridicule it, trample upon His law, and spit upon the Son of God in their fruits towards their actions in their love for the world rather than having love for God. They prefer to strengthen their hearts in their evil course and forget all that is good. But there are limits even to the forbearance of God, and many are exceeding these boundaries. They have overrun the limits of grace, and therefore God must interfere and vindicate His honor, His Father, the Holy Spirit, His angels and His Children.

Just as there are many books that keep records, even of everyone's lives, God will have unerring accuracy, of an account with all nations. We all understand God's tender love, full of grace and the pouring out of mercy, in this time where He is pleading with the nations to repent, all their accounts will remain open till all is finished, but when the figures reach a certain amount, where their sins have reached unto high heaven and God cannot stand the smell and the suffering of His children on earth anymore, which God has this number fixed, the ministry of His wrath will commence. And thus the Lord God of Israel saith that it stands at the door. Be ready for the hour cometh that He will take vengeance, sleep no longer and do the works that our King has ordered. Brethren, divine patience is soon to cease, and millions are sleeping with the world in the traditions of men, lawlessness, worldliness and all that separates us from God that the Word has

already warned. There is no more pleading of mercy in their behalf when probation closes, and our great King shall stand up.

You all have heard how the crisis is fast approaching. You can see it in the heavens, you can see it in the earth, you can see it by the sins and abominations of the people, you can see it in the wrath of Satan towards those who have the truth, you can see it in the weather, you can see it in the disasters, you can see all the commotions, you can see it in the distress of nations, and the beheading of Christians by the order of the pope thru their created religion Muslims. The signs of the times are there. Awake, awake and do the works of repentance. Endure and have patience, for the time of God's visitation is about to come.

Although our loving God is slow to punish, nevertheless He will punish, and that speedily. And even before the opening statement of Daniel 12:1/Revelation 22:1 commences, hold on to your crowns and see that no man taketh it. And as I speak and as we have breath in us, you should be diligent in prayer and in overcoming sin.

"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." **James 5:16.**

Those who pray and pray in all earnestness, your prayers will not go unheard or in vain. Remember, as the great and terrible day of the Lord comes, as He comes as an avenger of justice, He will also come as a protector of all those who have preserved the faith by contending with Satan, overcoming step by step and being sanctified by the truth, where they are keeping themselves unspotted from the world. He will avenge His elect.

And as the days of this earth are numbered, as the heavenly unseen clock is ticking away, tick-tock, tick-tock, the seal of God will be only placed upon the foreheads of those who sigh and cry for the abominations done on earth.

But be assured, those who link in sympathy with the world in any way shape or form are eating and drinking with them, joining with them, and will surely be destroyed with the workers of iniquity, which iniquity is the indulgence in sin and you know it.

Psalm 34:15, 16 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry;" but "the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

We must understand that it is our own course of action which will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God or be cut down by the destroying weapons of the Lord. Remember...

Luke 20:18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Let our lives fall upon the Rock, our Lord and Saviour and not be crushed by the Rock when He comes to grind the wicked to powder or as ashes that which the saints will soon walk upon.

Malachi 4:1-3 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the LORD of hosts.

Dear family, a few drops of God's wrath are already falling upon the earth; but when the seven last plagues shall be poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation (Revelation 14:10), then it will be forever too late to repent just as it was for Satan when he was cast out of heaven. Take shelter under Prince Emmanuel now before the world gets cut down because no atoning blood will then wash away the stains of sin. See to it that we wash our robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. (**Revelation 7:14**).

So, let us make sure that we walk and talk with God and fulfill the sanctuary service in our very lives before Jesus who sits on the mercy of the Heavenly Sanctuary stands up. And when He stands up, this time of trouble begins, and every case will have been decided for their reward in heaven or for destruction in hellfire that will consume the wicked once and for all. There will be no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people who walked in the Father's will by walking through the Sanctuary and perfecting their lives through the power of God.

In this future prophetic time that stands before us, there will be a small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict. The dragon's host will come in like a flood and we have got to learn now to make God our defense. The decree will soon be imposed by the kings of the earth, the antichrist pope as the head under Satan that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under the trials and pains of persecution and then ultimately death. May God help us all now, for what can we then do in such a fearful conflict without His assistance, brethren?!

We must have the courage now, we must practice fortitude now, we must exercise our faith and obedience now, and we must learn to implicitly trust in God's saving power, or we will sink into despair and destruction. Learn to stand and govern our emotions so that Satan cannot control them and cause us to shrink into loose. We are all now sealing our destiny by our life choice today. Whatever we are doing today in preparation for the last great drama of this earth is what we're going to bring to the battle. If we are falling now and not getting up as we should, you can be assured that is what will happen later. Practice time is now.

We must resist the temptations now; we must resist firmly now or be conquered later. We have a great work to do in putting on the armor of God to withstand the devils. You put down your armor now; you will put it down later. If we do not endure now, eternal ruin is on everyone's track that yields to the will of the great deceiver.

James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned

to mourning, and [your] joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Brethren, I am not here to talk and talk and to please your ears and soothe your conscience. I am here to prepare an army for the Lord, the greatest army that will have to exist that this world has ever come to see for the hour is at hand that all will need to stand. We have a King coming soon. This should bring tears to your eyes knowing that this great controversy is coming to an end and that we are either going to represent Him now or never. Get off the dust of the ground and shake it off and fight for Christ's sake, for your sake in that you have a heaven to gain, a crown to win and a hell to shun. Wake up you sleeping saints and take your positions in this life battle and prepare the way of the Lord. For Michael, our great prince is soon to stand up and put this world through a time of trouble that has never been. I sound the alarms, I blow the trumpet, I call upon the army of the Lord, the few, the courageous, the powerful, the fearful, the overcomers, the faithful, the honorable in the sight of the Lord, the warriors for God, the sword bearers and mount up and let's ride together into battle. The enemy is coming and so, sound the alarms. We have not a moment to spare. Put down the sins of the world and get up in righteousness and fly in victory. Glorify your Father in heaven, walk with The King of Kings and give way for the Holy Spirit in your life and listen to the attending angels who are here to help us in this battle. Get up I say, get up!!

What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation is the question. Those who are uniting with the world are preparing to receive the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, those who are humbling themselves before the government of God and those who are purifying their souls by obeying the truth and obeying Elohim are receiving the heavenly mold and are preparing for the seal of the living God in their foreheads. And when the decree does eventually go forth to worship the pope antichrist on his Sunday, and the stamp is impressed on the lives of the obedient saints of God through all their battling, all their overcomings, all their contending, and their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.

And I say again, now is the time to prepare. Now...now...now!! The seal of God will not be given to those who will not repent from sin, uniting with the world and standing under the banner of evil. All who receive the seal must be without spot or wrinkle before God—candidates for heaven. Brethren, search the Scriptures for yourselves that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour that stands in our midst and you will see for yourselves.

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

So, let us make sure that we take care of what we need to do and work out our own salvation with fear and trembling (**Philippians 2:12**) before Michael shall stand...

Daniel 12:1 -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.

Now, let's take a close look at this time of trouble because it is so important. Right now, we are in the raindrop hours of the little time of trouble that will bring on the "time of trouble". There is a lot to cover on this subject that we will bring to the front now so that when this hour commences, those who are actually in the 144,000 will remember the Words of the Lord through God's message, instructions and warnings now that will bring comfort in that trying hour for the saints of God.

I don't think that anyone can comprehend the magnitude of what the 144,000 will have to endure through and what any of us are to expect and so, I pray that this sermon, this message, will help do a great service to those of you who stand before God today whomay make it into this special number called the 144,000.

Think about this for a moment. Everyone who is walking on this earth is assigned a guardian angel and a demon angel who is tempting you away from God. As you walk on this earth in battle trying to overcome the temptations that are presented to you by the demon that is assigned to you, take a look at this for a moment. If you have 7 billion people on the planet, each of whom has their own demon or even demons, but we will just assume one demon for a moment, when probation closes and the wicked are done, the demons do not need to go after them anymore because they are being destroyed by the plagues where they are already subjects of Satan, where do you think all these demons are going to go? They are all going to go after the 144,000 living saints. So, you take 7 billion divided by the 144,000 and you get 48,611 demons per person and then there is no mediator anymore because Christ left the Heavenly sanctuary. If you think that your trials, temptations, discouragements, depression, sadness, gloominess and all sorts of other things and the remembrance of all our past sins are bad to have to endure through mentally now, and this is all caused by one demon or a few, think about that number that is coming. Do you want to prepare now or still sleep? The statement "**there shall be a time of trouble**, such as **never was since there was a nation** [even] to that same time", you're just getting a glimpse at what is coming. And for those who do not make it into this number but have to die a martyr's death, "beheaded for the witness of Jesus" Revelation 20:4, it is not going to be easy in that hour either. They still have most of the wicked locked down and many of them, the demons, will come to the side of the striving child of God to try and destroy their faith but praise God that Jesus is still on the mercy seat at this time to help. And God's mercy that is applied here, many, even before the hour of persecution begins will not handle it and will go to sleep some other way. But whatever may happen, you need to get prepared is my message here. Wake up to reality because Heaven is no easy march to the city. It is a fight, and many will not endure because they will not prepare now for tomorrow.

Now, when the third angel's message closes, we know that the mercy of God will no longer plead for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The children of God would have already accomplished their work as you are called to do today. They have received "the latter rain," which is "the refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. The more obedient we are today with God, the closer we get to Him now. This is the power of

that relationship you're going to have in the trying hour ahead. While we are in this battle, there are heavenly angels that are hastening to and fro, going back and forth from heaven to earth. An angel, a messenger of God, returning from the earth announces that his work is done because the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received "the seal of the living God," and this assures the children of God who are going to die and the 144,000 who will have to endure the sight of the wrath of God and the mental anguish they will have to contend with.

And of course, before the time of trouble, the seven last plagues commence, Michael, our great prince, Jesus the Christ, the only one worthy under God who can proclaim probation is over, HE WILL cease his intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts his hands, and with a loud voice, as a Lion from the tribe of Judah says, "It is done," and all the angels of the Lord will take off their crowns as the great Lawgiver (Christ) makes the solemn announcement: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still," **[Revelation 22:11]**.

Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins and all that they had done and has cast them as far as the east is to the west. The number of his subjects is complete. The 144,000 are sealed. "The kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven," (**Daniel 7:27**) is about to be given to the heirs of salvation, and Jesus is to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

When our Heavenly King leaves the sanctuary, darkness will cover the inhabitants of the earth as the plagues will fall. And in that fearful time, the righteous children of God must live in the sight of a Holy God without an Intercessor. WOW! And the restraint which has been upon the wicked is finally removed because the Judge has left His chambers to bring all to court, and Satan at this time has full control over the unrepentant. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His love, His mercy, despised His call and trampled upon His law. The wicked at this time have passed the boundary of their probation after Christ leaves the mercy seat; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Time and time again, through their entire life they shut down the Spirit for working in their life. And now the time has come that they are unsheltered by divine grace, and they have no protection from the wicked one anymore. They are finally his subjects forever. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final time of trouble. And as the angels of God cease to hold in check winds of strife that are positioned at the four corners of the earth, they are let loose once and for all. The elements of satanic wrath will be let loose and no longer held in check. The whole world will be involved in a ruin that is more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old, such as a time that never was.

We are enlightened that a single angel destroyed all the first-born of the Egyptians and filled the land with mourning. And not to forget, but during the time when king David numbering the people of God where he had sinned, one angel caused that terrible destruction by which his sin

was punished. The same destructive power exercised by holy angels when God commands will be exercised by evil angels when he permits, and those winds of strife are no longer held back. As we look into the past persecutions on earth and we take a look at what is going on today, we should understand that there are forces now ready, just waiting for the permission from God to spread desolation everywhere.

Those of us who honor the law of God will be accused of bringing judgments upon the world, and we will be regarded as the cause of such terrible natural calamities and the strife and bloodshed that is going on among men that are filling the earth with woe. All fingers will be pointed at us, the little remnant commandment-keeping Sabbath-keepers. The wrath we see in the world today against us when we preach the truth to the lost, it will be great and terrible in the times ahead. Death is on their minds to kill us and behead us. Satan will excite them to the fullest like never before and no laws of the land will stop them from fulfilling their wickedness and hatred against the truth.

And speaking of the Sabbath, it will become the center of things soon, to the point, as the Vatican sits behind closed doors, the secular authorities will combine forces to enforce the observance of the Sunday as in time past. We will be classified as the terrorist of the new world order and the cause of all the problems. Remember, we have a great accuser of the brethren.

We are all soon to be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress like this world has never seen and also into the time described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble.

Jeremiah 30:5-7 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day [is] great, so that none [is] like it: it [is] even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

For those of you who do not know, in Jacob's night of anguish where he had to endure through mental pain and physical pain, when he wrestled in prayer for deliverance from the hand of Esau [Genesis 32:24-30], it represents the experience of God's people in the time of trouble that stands before the 144,000. The deception of Jacob to secure his father's blessing, which was intended for Esau, Jacob had fled for his life, alarmed by his brother's deadly threats, and out of fear Jacob left. After remaining for many years in exile, he had set out, at God's command, to return with his wives and children, his flocks and herds, to his native country. On reaching the borders of the land, he was filled with terror by the tidings of Esau's approach at the head of a band of warriors, no doubt Esau who was not a man of God, but a man of whoring after pagan women, he was bent upon revenge. At that time, Jacob's company, unarmed and defenseless, seemed about to fall helpless victims of violence and slaughter. Stress, anxiety and fear had been added to the baggage of a human breakdown; for it was his own sin that had brought this danger to him. His only hope was in the mercy of God as it will be for us and especially for the 144,000; his only

defense, our only defense must be prayer. Yet he leaves nothing undone on his own part to atone for the wrong to his brother and to avert the threatened danger Esau brought to the center. So should the followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, we are to make every exertion to place ourselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice, and to avert the danger which threatens the liberty of conscience. Jacob, having sent his family away that they may not witness his distress, remains alone to intercede with God. He confesses his sins and gratefully acknowledges the mercy of God toward him in deep humiliation. Jacob pleads the covenant made with his fathers and the promises to himself in the night vision at Bethel and in the land of his exile.

The crisis in his life has come; everything is at stake. In the darkness and solitude, he continues praying and humbling himself before God. Suddenly, a hand is laid upon his shoulder. He thinks that an enemy is seeking his life, and with all the energy of despair, he wrestles with his assailant. Then the stranger puts forth his superhuman power; touches Jacob, and he falls down, helpless and weeping. Jacob knows now that it is the Angel of the covenant with who he has been in conflict. Even though Jacob was disabled and suffering pain, he does not relinquish his purpose. Jacob endures till the end. As the Lord God is about to leave Him, Jacob clings to Him as we need to, pleading for a blessing. The Angel, our Lord, says in Genesis 32:26 "Let me go; for the day breaketh," but Jacob goes on to say, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Here, we can see that such great confidence, firmness and perseverance are being displayed! Jacob would have been instantly destroyed if he had acted anything short of this, but Jacob was one who confessed his weakness and unworthiness and trusted in the mercy of God who does not break His covenant.

Through his humiliation, repentance, and self-surrender, this sinful, erring man prevailed with the Majesty of Heaven just as we are called to do today and just as the 144,000 will have to endure through. He had fastened upon the promises of God, and the heart of Infinite Love could not turn away the sinner's plea. As an evidence of his triumph and an encouragement to others to imitate his example, his name was changed from one which was a reminder of his sin to one that commemorated his victory in repentance. And the fact that Jacob had prevailed with God was an assurance that he would prevail with men. He no longer feared to encounter his brother's anger for the Lord was his defense. And again, you can see and read about all this in Genesis 32 of what happened to Jacob in the time of trouble. The life of Jacob is one that is to be understood and read.

And not to forget, but as Satan is the accuser of the brethren, Satan claimed the right to destroy Jacob because of his sin. This is why we see Esau marching against Jacob, and during Jacob's long night of wrestling with God, Satan wanted to force upon Jacob a sense of guilt in order to discourage him and break his hold upon God. Jacob was driven almost to despair, but he knew that without help from Heaven, he must die. He had sincerely repented of his great sin, and he appealed to the mercy of God, and in the end, we know he prevailed.

Understand this: just as Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, so Satan will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble. And as he accused Jacob, he will urge his accusations against the people of God while the seven last plagues are falling. There is nothing new under the sun with Satan's methods. Satan numbers the entire world as his subjects, but again, the little company who keeps the commandments of God and has the faith of Jesus are resisting his supremacy. If Satan could blot each and everyone us from the earth, he would and his triumph would be complete. Satan has never lost his beauty, his power, or his wits. He can even see that holy angels are guarding us, and he sees that our sins are being pardoned, but as we are enlightened, Satan does not know that the cases of the saints have been decided in the sanctuary above at that time. He has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these before God in the most exaggerated light just as he has always done, representing these people to be just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favor of God. He declares that the Lord cannot in justice forgive their sins, and yet destroy him and his angels. He claims them as his prey and demands that they are to be given into his hands to destroy, but he fails.

And as Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to test and try them to the uttermost. We have to have confidence in God and be strong in the faith and be firm because we will be severely tested brethren. We have to make God our stronghold as did Jacob. Practice time is now. Put away the world and prepare to stand or die. We don't want to sink into hopeless despair as Satan brings the past up before our minds. Satan is going to do all he can to make us feel unworthy of the promises. Satan wants to terrify us all with the thought that our cases are hopeless, that the stain of defilement will never be washed away in the blood of the Lamb. He hopes to destroy our faith that we will yield to his temptations and turn from our allegiance to God. We are all in the school of Christ. We are all students to the light that we have been given and if we do not make it a practice today, we will fail the test tomorrow.

God's people will be surrounded by enemies on all sides that will come from the NSEW who are going to be bent upon our destruction, but yet, the anguish which we will suffer is not the dread of persecution for the truth's sake but that we will fear that every sin has not been repented. But, let us remember the Saviour's promise, "I will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world," **[Revelation 3:10]**.

Think about that for a moment brethren. If you would ever remember the assurance of pardon, we would never shrink down into the depths of despair; but should we prove unworthy, and lose our lives because of our own defects of character, then God's holy name will be reproached.

We need to afflict our souls before God, practice pointing to our past repentance of our many sins, and plead the Saviour's promise, "Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me," **[Isaiah 27:5]**.

Let not your faith fail and your prayers will be answered immediately. Though suffering the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions.

We need to lay hold of the strength of God as Jacob laid hold of the Angel, dear brethren, and the language of their souls is, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." AMEN!

So please make more efforts in your life to stand with God and overcome your defects, sins, faults, and everything else that may be separating you from the Divine. Michael is soon to stand up the great prince, probation is about to close, the seasons of the end are here, the signs of the times are fulfilled, the distress of the nations is more than ever before, sins abound, the love of the world and the pleasures of it are more than ever before, Jacob's time of trouble is about to be unleashed, and then the reward of eternal life or death will come after the 1,000 years and the judgment is over with, which is the great white throne. See to it that you work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before it is too late. Band together in unity and break asunder the grips of Satan and cling to Christ. And remember, all those who shall be found written in the books are those who will repent and endure till the end. Don't be discouraged and sink into hopelessness. God knows your weaknesses and your battles. Call upon the Great Helper and the Great Physician who will heal your wounds. God bless you all who are contending and striving for the faith. Peace be with us this day. Amen.