

These Things Are Bound to Happen
Keep Awake, Watch at All Times Praying
(Luke 21)

In view of all that is happening today, many teachers of Scriptures are teaching that we are in the tribulation. They interpret the four horses of Revelation to be nations and period of times. This reminds us that in the days of Paul, because the Thessalonians were going through great persecutions, they thought they were in tribulation. They were concerned that they had missed the rapture. Paul assured and reminded them the things he had told them earlier. He said, **But relative to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we beg you, brethren, not to allow your minds to be quickly unsettled or disturbed or kept excited or alarmed, whether it be by some revelation of [the] Spirit or by word or by letter from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has arrived and is here** (2Thess. 2:1-2). “The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together with Him” has to do with the rapture or the taking away of the church of Christ; however The Day of the Lord has to do with tribulation. Paul then gives two signs that precede the tribulation: (1) The departure of the saints and (2) the revelation of the lawless man or the antichrist, who is restrained until the Holy Spirit is taken away with His bride (II Thess. 2).

YAHSHUA affirmed to the disciples two thousand years ago, that all that will happen before the end are bound to happen. We are alarmed and surprised with what we experience today, but it should not be of any surprise to us who know Scriptures, for it has been written in the word of God. YAHSHUA said, Heaven and earth will perish and pass away, but My words will not perish or pass away (Mark 13:31). We have been warned of coming disasters and what to do before they happen. It is wise to pay attention to the warnings from Scriptures, so not to fall into following false teachers and prophets of today. YAHSHUA said, These things are bound to happen **but the end is not yet**. Yes, we are going through hard birth pains but we are not in the tribulation! As long as the Holy Spirit is on the earth, Satan will not be given complete control of this earth. God will never submit His Spirit to be under the power of Satan; and He will never apply His own wrath on Himself by way of His bride. Other factors are that the Lamb of God has not yet broken the seals, which will introduce the antichrist riding on a white horse, neither have the 144 thousand been sealed for protection from the wrath to come (Rev. 6,7).

In chapter six of Revelation the antichrist’s horse precedes the other three horses. He has not yet been revealed and given full power and control of the earth. Even though we have experienced war, plagues, famine, earthquakes and more, they have not been global. When the antichrist comes on his white horse, all these curses will take place globally, one after another. Not only in some far and distant countries. For the wrath of God will be poured over the whole earth. These curses will be unbearable! What we have now is only an introduction to what is coming. Accepting today’s experience as being in the tribulation, is rejecting the promise of salvation the word of God gives us. “God has not called us to incur His wrath, but salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us that whether we are still alive or are dead, we might live tighter with Him and share His life. Therefore encourage one another and edify one another just as you are doing” (2Thess. 5:9-11). They are warnings for us to look up and wait for

our redemption; they are also to prepare us for our going home at the sound of the trumpet of God (I Thess. 4:16-18).

Growing wickedness has to happen to bring forth the man of the hour – the lawless one; the entire world is getting ready for him, and at the same time, we believers are getting ready for our departure from this world, to give him full range of his lawlessness, since we are evil restrainers. When he comes, the world in its wickedness will receive him with open arms. Lawlessness will abound in this earth. Paul said that the mystery of lawlessness is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way; and then the lawlessness one will be revealed and the lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming (II Thess. 2:7-8). These verses are saying the same thing found in verse three, which is the departure of the bride followed by the revealing of the antichrist. The return of YAHSHUA to the world in judgment will bring the lawlessness one to an end. God and the devil cannot co-exist in authority over the world. The devil will only be in charge when God's Spirit is taken away through the bride of Christ's rapture.

These things must happen, the end is not yet. Keep awake. Keep watch and pray. These are hard days to be living in. Because we will be distinguished from the lawless ones, we will be persecuted and killed. The closer the world comes to its destruction, the more that wickedness will increase. We believers are to watch and pray at all times. We are to pray with understanding and watchfulness. We are not to pray for God to remove the evil, but pray that we will have the full strength and counted worthy to escape the wrath of God. We must pray with bent knees and in lament of heart for the lost world and our loved ones who keep rejecting the message of salvation and for those Christians who are preparing for the tribulation, saying we are already in it. They are waiting for the antichrist instead. While we believers fall to the ignorance of Scriptures, we fail in our prayers and millions of human babies are being burned on the altar of Molech; the sanctity of marriage between man and woman is lost in the ruling of judges, who have not the fear of God. If this country is not judged, God will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorra, for worst things America has done worthy of greater punishment. We must mourn before the Lord with prayer of repentance for ourselves, our children and for our country. Let our prayers spare the children born and adopted into families of same sex and indoctrinated to hell. These are Gomorra and Sodom days, they are days of lament and fasting for the true bride of Christ. The Lord is asking the question, Who will save the children?

In this spiritual decadence will you be able to hear and recognize God's voice calling you? If darkness overtook your understanding and guided you away from the truth you once believed, you will be like the foolish virgins, who did not have the OIL to guide them away from darkness into the light to meet their bridegroom and were left behind. You will hear Him saying, "I never knew you; get away from Me." Who are you waiting for, YAHSHUA or the antichrist? You will meet whom you are waiting for. Do not rely on men's spiritual ideas and interpretation of the Bible. Learn from God Himself through the reading of His word.

These are times of reflection and decisions; these are the times when we are seeing things happening just before the end come. We are without a doubt at the edge of something big which is about to happen.

Pray to be found worthy to be in the presence of YAHSHUA when the world turns upside down with the devil in control and under the wrath of God.