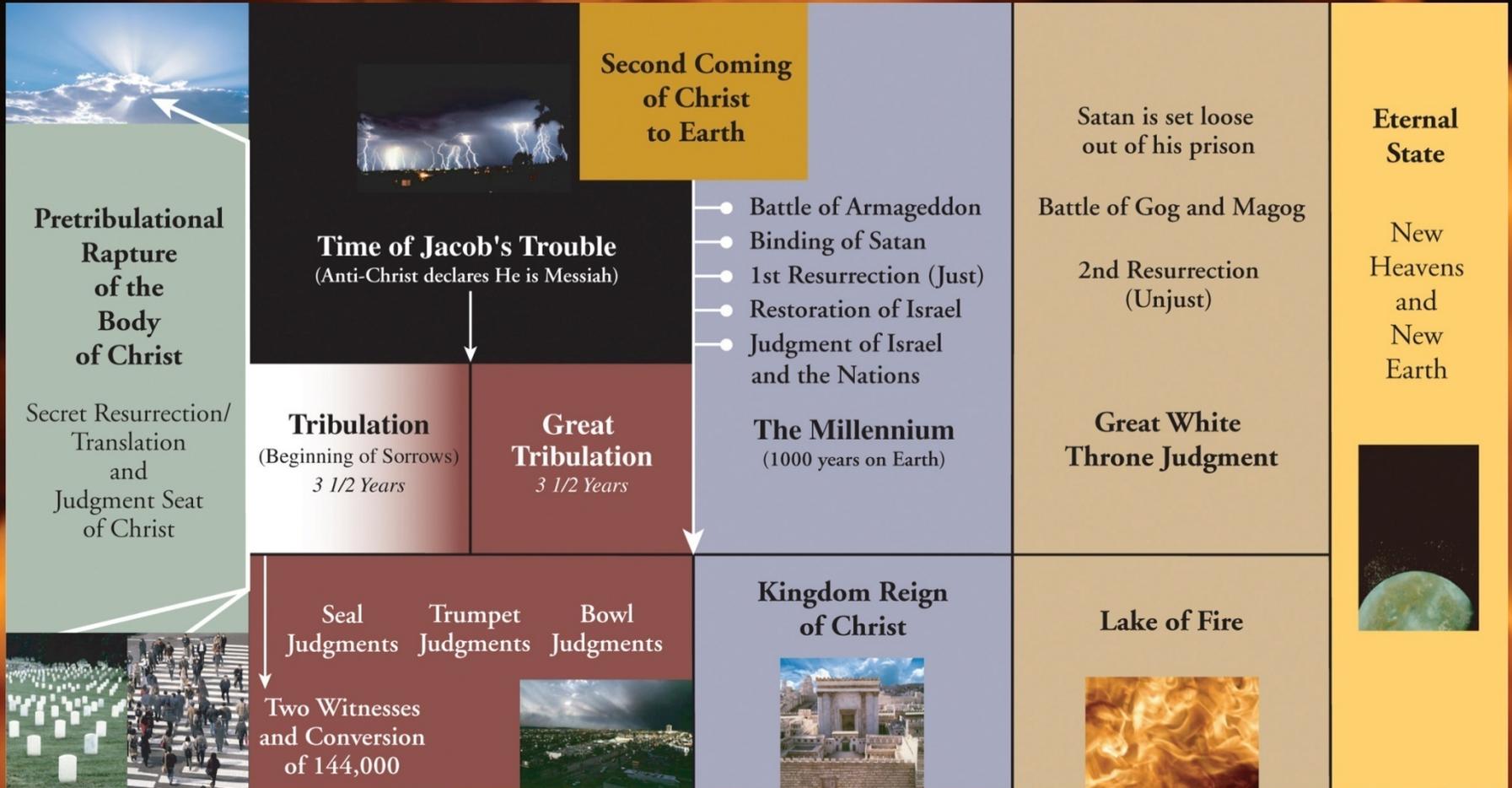


*Escaping  
the Day  
of the Lord*

# Things to Come



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

## RAPTURE, MYSTERY, DISPENSATION OF GRACE

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout...the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air” (I Thes. 4:13-18).

## DAY OF THE LORD, PROPHECY, ISRAEL

“**BUT** of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” (I Thes. 5:1-3).

# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

Believers are raptured out of this world to heaven in chapter 4; then in chapter 5, Paul speaks of those who are left behind to face the terror of the tribulation.

In chapter 4, the teaching of the Rapture comforts the troubled; in chapter 5, the teaching of the Day of the Lord which follows it, is to trouble the comfortable!



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

The Bible is our barometer, and it's pointing to a hurricane, a catastrophe, to a terrible time of tribulation for this world.



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

Isa. 13:6-11: “Howl ye; for **the day of the Lord** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

“Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

“Behold, **the day of the Lord** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

“For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity...”



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

Joel 2:11: “The **day of the Lord** is great and very terrible...who can abide it?”

Jeremiah 46:10: “For this is the **day of the Lord** God of hosts, a day of vengeance.”



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

Zeph. 1:14,15: “The great **day of the Lord** is near...and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

“That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.”

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME

*like a thief in the night.*

—1 THESSALONIANS 5

Paul points out three distinctives about  
“the day of the Lord” in these verses:

- (1) It will be unexpected**
- (2) It will be destructive and painful**
- (3) It will be inescapable.**



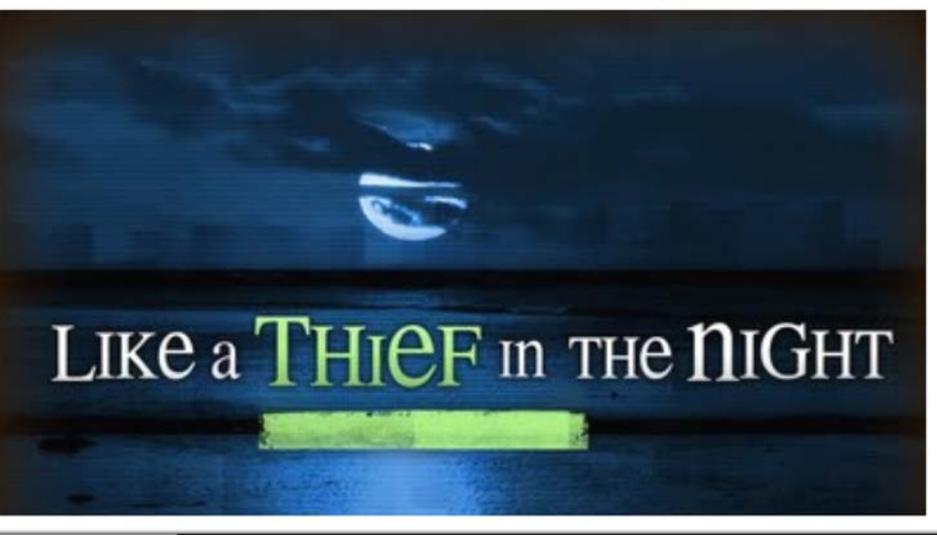
An art thief once stole some very expensive painting from the Louvre in Paris. He took two Van Goghs, a couple Monets, a DeGasse, and some other paintings.

Everything went perfectly, except he was captured sitting in his van with the paintings only 2 blocks from the museum, because his van had run out of fuel!



When asked by the police how he could plan such a successful robbery and then be foiled by such a simple error, he replied:

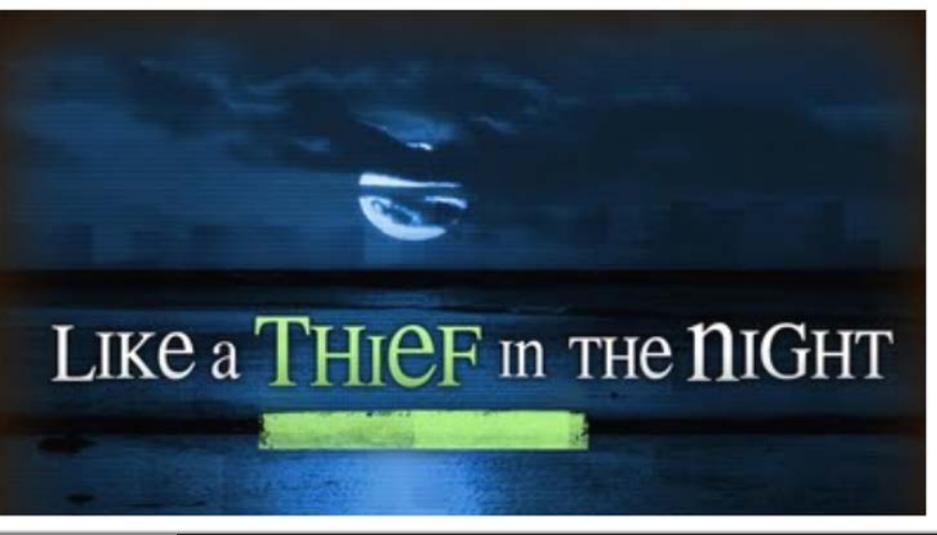
“I had no MONET to buy DEGASSE to make the VAN GOGH!”



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

Revelation 16:15 the Lord says “Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth.”

Matt. 24:42,43 says: “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.”



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

The simile of a thief describes the coming of the dreaded Tribulation period.

The simile of a thief describes the second coming of the Lord in judgment at the end of the Tribulation period.

The simile of a thief is **NEVER** used in reference to the coming of the Lord at the Rapture of the Church.



# ESCAPING THE DAY OF THE LORD

Revelation 6:2: “And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”

Daniel 11:21,23 speaks of how “he shall work deceitfully...he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.”





# The Seven Seals

- Seal one (Rev. 6:1,2): False-peace movement by Anti-Christ
- Seal two (6:3,4): Removal of peace and wars that engulf the earth
- Seal three (6:5,6): Famine and food shortage on the earth
- Seal four (6:7,8): Death on the earth
- Seal five (6:9-11): Death among the saints for their faith
- Seal six (6:12-17): Mega-natural disasters
- Seal seven (8:1-5): The seven trumpets and seven bowls



# The Seven Trumpets

- Trumpet one: (8:7): Ravaging fires
- Trumpet two: (8:8,9): 1/3 of the seas polluted
- Trumpet three: (8:10,11): 1/3 of fresh water contaminated
- Trumpet four: (8:12,13): Celestial disruption
- Trumpet five (9:1-12): Demonic locust invasion
- Trumpet six (9:13-21): Demonic horsemen wage war
- Trumpet seven (11:15-19): The seven bowls



# The Seven Bowls

- Bowl one: (16:2): Skin sores
- Bowl two: (16:3): Seas turn to blood and death of sea creatures
- Bowl three: (16:4-7): Fresh water turns to blood
- Bowl four: (16:8,9): Humans scorched with great heat
- Bowl five: (16:10,11): Worldwide darkness
- Bowl six: (16:12-16): Euphrates River dried up,
- Bowl seven: (16:17-21): Massive Earthquake

# Escaping the Day of the Lord

Jeremiah 30:6,7 states, “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.”



# Escaping the Day of the Lord

“All these are **the beginning of sorrows**”  
(Matt. 24:8).



# DAY PEOPLE

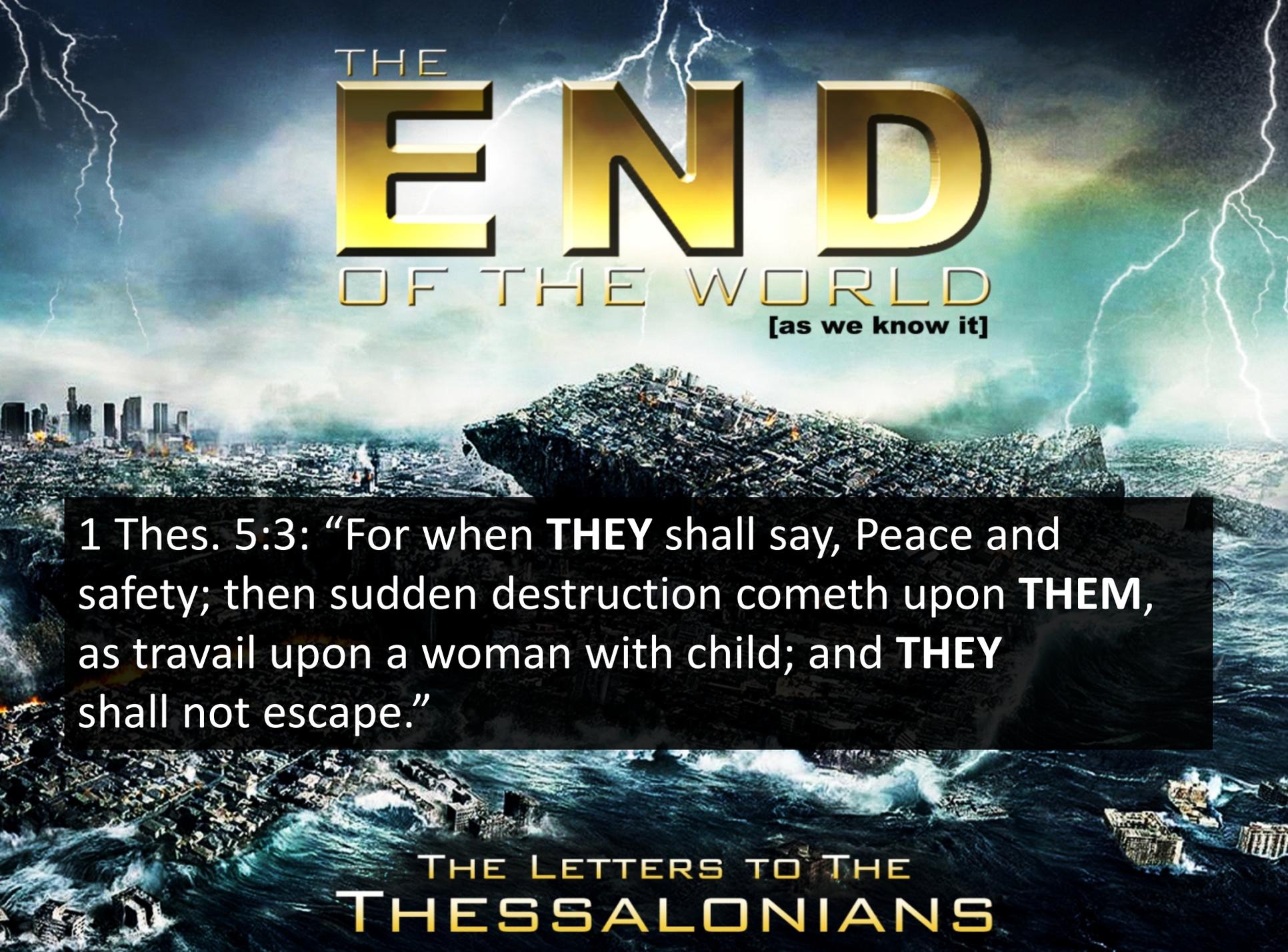
## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Thes. 5:4: “**BUT YE**, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.”

“For if **WE** believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him... **WE** which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout...and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then **WE** which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall **WE** ever be with the Lord” (1 Thes. 4:14-17).

# The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



THE  
**END**  
OF THE WORLD  
[as we know it]

1 Thes. 5:3: “For when **THEY** shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon **THEM**, as travail upon a woman with child; and **THEY** shall not escape.”

THE LETTERS TO THE  
**THESSALONIANS**

# Escaping the Day of the Lord



Joel 2:2 and Zeph. 1:15 says the Day of Lord is a  
“day of **darkness...thick darkness.**”

Amos 5:20: “Shall not the day of the Lord be  
**darkness, and not light? even very dark...?**”

# DAY PEOPLE

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But Paul says, “But ye, brethren [the Body of Christ], **are not in darkness.** Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: **we are not of the night, nor of darkness.**”

# DAY PEOPLE

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Colossians 1:12 says we are “partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.”

Ephesians 5:8 says, “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord.”

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**It's 100% guaranteed! The Church will not face  
one single second of the Tribulation.**