

PLACE OF SAFETY & OTHER PROTECTION

Place of Safety — About 3½ years before Christ's return, God will allow His people that are *zealously* following Him (and NOT *lukewarm*) to ESCAPE from the Great Tribulation (Revelation 3:10; Luke 21:36; Isaiah 16:3-4). God will protect them from harm during this 3½-year period—though the Devil will try his best to destroy them as they *flee* to a place of safety (Revelation 12:13-16).

Rev 3:10 — “Because you kept My command to persevere, *I also will keep you from the hour of trial [the Great Tribulation]* which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

Rev 12:13-16 — Now when the dragon [Satan the Devil] saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman [God's true Church] who gave birth to the male Child. *But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time [altogether three and a half years], from the presence of the serpent.* So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Luke 21:36 — “Watch therefore, and pray always that *you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass*, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Zeph 2:3 — Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. *It may be that you will be hidden* in the day of the Lord's anger.

Isa 26:20-21 — *Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past.* For behold, the Lord comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood (or bloodshed), and will no more cover her slain.

Ezek 5:2-3 — “You shall burn with fire one-third in the midst of the city [which represents famine and pestilence (see verse 12)]... then you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and one-third you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them. You shall also *take a small number of them and bind them in the edge of your garment [who will be protected].*”

Ezek 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.*” 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. Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; BUT DO NOT COME NEAR ANYONE ON WHOM IS THE MARK...”

Rev 7:3-4 — “...Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed [marked] the servants of our God on their foreheads.” And I heard the number of those who were sealed. ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.

Rev 9:3-4 — Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. *They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal [mark] of God on their foreheads.*

Ps 91:7-10 — A THOUSAND MAY FALL AT YOUR SIDE, AND TEN THOUSAND AT YOUR RIGHT HAND; BUT IT SHALL NOT COME NEAR YOU. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward [punishment] of the wicked. *Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your habitation, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.*

Isa 16:3-4 — “Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; *hide the outcasts, do not betray him who escapes. Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler (devastator).* For the extortioner is at an end, devastation ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.”