

## A WAY OF ESCAPE

LK 21:34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to **escape** all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

*How will we find this way of escape?*

### I).Prayer of the saints> Acts 12:1-5

**A).Php4:**<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by **prayer and** petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**B).Prayer will break the chains and set captives free, both literal and spiritual! Acts 12:6-17**

### II).Praise and Worship> Acts16:16-19

**A).God will judge and justice will be the final word!**REV 6:9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" <sup>11</sup> Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

**B).If we worship God he will bring vengeance and he will be glorified! Men will be saved and hearts changed! Acts16:20-32**

**III).The seal of God>Eph 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

**A).How do we greive the Holy Spirit?**GAL 5:16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. <sup>17</sup> For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. GAL 5:19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and **witchcraft**; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**B). WHAT SEAL? Rev7:3** "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." <sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were **sealed**: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

**C.) WHAT DOES THAT HAVE DO WITH US, WHY SHOULDN'T WE "GRIEVE" THE HOLY SPIRIT?** REV 7:9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb."

REV 7:11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

REV 7:13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?"

REV 7:14 I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

REV 7:16 Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them,  
nor any scorching heat.

REV 7:17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;  
he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."