

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE KINGDOM OF SATAN

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PART 4: LIVING UNDER THE ANTICHRIST

In the three previous messages I have discussed the transition of Satan's spiritual kingdom being transformed into a physical kingdom on the earth. This week I want to examine what Christians can do to survive in this ungodly kingdom with the Antichrist ruling the world.

LIFE DURING SATAN'S DICTATORSHIP

Jesus said that Christians who endured hardship until the end of the Antichrist would be saved. He was not speaking of salvation concerning the soul but that people would be rescued in their physical bodies. **Matthew 24:8-13**

God will shorten the great tribulation period for the people whose names are written in the Book of Life. **Matthew 24:21-22**

Some will be killed for their faith in Christ but not all Christians will lose their lives during the reign of the Antichrist. **Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-17; 14:12-13**

When the coronation of the Antichrist takes place at the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, Jesus warned the Christians to leave Jerusalem and flee to the mountains. I believe this applies to all Christians around the world. We are to get out of the cities and flee into the countryside and mountain areas. **Matthew 24:15-20**

THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS

We know there is a secret world government which currently controls national governments with the exception of North Korea, Iran, China, Russia and Vietnam.

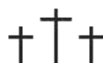
This world government is using the military power of Western nations to subdue the nations which are resisting this New World Order. It is important to note that Russia, Iran and North Korea are under world trade sanctions. Russian president Vladimir Putin is putting up a fierce resistance. China is like a bear that looks tame but it is building up its military power and is expanding in the South China Sea. North Korea has developed nuclear weapons and a delivery system and will not be subdued without a fierce fight.

Jesus prophesied that the time period just before the Antichrist comes to power will be a time of extreme violence on the earth with major wars. **Matthew 24:6-8**

JUDGMENTS FROM GOD

Toward the end of the Time of Sorrows and at the beginning of the Antichrist's reign, there will be several major events that take place in the world:

1. An angel is going to open the bottomless pit and release demons in the form of locusts that will sting every person on earth who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads. This means that believers in Christ will be exempt from this horrible punishment, where the tormenting pain from these demons will be so



severe that people will try to commit suicide but be unable to do so because God won't allow it. **Revelation 9:1-11**

2. Jesus told the apostle John that there will be a 200 million man army that will attack from the East. They will sweep westward and Jesus said that one third of the world population would die in this fierce war, which will be partly fought with nuclear weapons. I personally believe that the attack will span from Finland in the north to Israel in the south. **verses 12-21**

Russia, China and North Korea have each issued strong statements that they will not comply with the Western powers and it is clear that Jesus prophesied a terrible world war.

WILL THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAVE?

There is no place in the New Testament definitively stating that the Holy Spirit will be removed from the earth during the reign of the Antichrist. Jesus clearly stated that He will not abandon believers in Christ; Jesus will be with us to the very end. **Matthew 28:18-20**

Jesus is represented on the earth by the Holy Spirit and He will not leave or stop His work of ministering to the believers in Christ and convicting sinners of their sins. **John 14:16-18; 15:26; 16:7-15**

All the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the manifestation of the Spirit will be with the believers in Christ as long as they are alive on earth. That means the promises of Jesus will never cease and we should start thanking God for the mighty works that He will do through the Christians who are alive during the time of Sorrows and the reign of the Antichrist. **Matthew 10:1, 7-8; Luke 10:1, 9, 17-22; Mark 16:15-20**

God's judgment on the Antichrist, his system and the people that have taken the Mark of the Beast will not affect the believers in Christ. God will make a distinction between His people and the people of Satan, just like He did in Egypt when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. **Exodus 8:20-23; 9:3-7, 23-26; 10:21-23; Revelation 9:4**

PREPARE YOURSELF

Start to prepare yourself now. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

If you are already weary before the Antichrist system is fully in place, how are you going to hold up in the future when the pressure significantly increases? **Jeremiah 12:5**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?