# **Delivered Up (And Saved)**

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As Biblical benchmarks continue to be met in the final days of this flesh earth age, and events written of in our Father's Word continue to transpire, the time approaches when Satan must arrive to this old earth pretending to be our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Messiah of God.

At that time, the world will rush to embrace him -- believing he is the long-promised messiah. Athiests will be coverted overnight. Christians will think he has come to rapture them away. Jews will claim their messiah has finally arrived. Buddhists will hail him as their promised "Fifth Buddha," or "Maitreya." Islamists will see him as their "Mahdi." And they will all clamor to take part in the false kingdom wedding Satan will usher in.

But God's faithful elect will refrain from participating. They know better.

As a result, they will be delivered up to Satan through the councils and synagogues for refusing to worship him. And they will stand trial in front of the whole world for their faithfulness to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Of course, this is all part and parcel of our heavenly Father's Plan. In allowing His elect to be delivered up, He is positioning them in advance to be exactly where He needs them, to deliver a message to the world that will indict them to their very core.

But what happens to His elect after they are delivered up to Satan through the councils and synagogues? In this study we will take a look at what our heavenly Father's Word has to say about it, and we will highlight some of the precious promises our Father makes to His elect in regards to the time of their being delivered up.

Let's start in the great book of Mark, chapter 13:

**Mar 13:1** And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

One of Christ's disciples wonders aloud at the magnificent stone buildings that made up the temple, city center of Jerusalem and the surrounding protective walls.

Mar 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Christ is speaking prophetically. He is referring to the time of the end, when Satan will be standing in Jerusalem claiming to be God (II Thessalonians 2:1-4).

Our Lord and Savior will cleanse the city of Satan' stench at that time, because He plans on setting up His eternal Kingdom there.

The term "thrown down" in the verse above can be translated "disintegrated" or even "demolished"

### G2647

καταλύω

kataluō

kat-al-oo'-o

From <u>G2596</u> and <u>G3089</u>; to *loosen down* (*disintegrate*), that is, (by implication) to *demolish* (literally or figuratively); specifically (compare <u>G2646</u>) to *halt* for the night: -destroy, *dissolve*, be guest, lodge, come to nought, overthrow, throw down.

It is from the Greek word *kataluo*, composed of the Greek root *kata* and the Greek word *luo*. The root word *kata* means "down" and denotes great intensity, as in something being thrown down with great force. The word *luo* means to loosen, destroy or even to dissolve.

In other words, with great intensity and downward pressure, the city will be turned to sand at Christ's arrival. How? By the 150 pound hailstones that will fall upon it, as described in Revelation 16:21.

That must have been a startling message to His disciples. Which is no doubt why four of them came to Him afterwards to ask for some more details.

Mar 13:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

Mar 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

They asked the Lord, "How do we know when the end of this flesh earth age you were just talking about will take place, and what signs should we watch for?"

Mar 13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:

Christ's first warning out the gate was that there is going to be much deception on this matter, and it will come from man.

For the wise, this is very instructive. It lets us know that we need to compare anything man says about the end of this flesh earth age to what *God's Word* says. And if what man says doesn't line up with His Word, then we are not to partake of it. Period.

For example, today, in complete contradiction of God's Word, the Christian religious community teaches that Jesus can come "at any moment now." Hundreds of millions of Christians expect His imminent arrival, because they've been told there is nothing left to hinder his coming.

But the Christian world has been blinded to St. Paul's warning in II Thessalonians 2:1-4, which echoes Christ's words above regarding His second coming. Paul states, "Let no man deceive you by any means," and warns that we are not to let any man, or any spirit, or any printed material, or any other means of communication, tell us the day of Christ is at hand.

And why? Because *before* the day of Christ's arrival can come, there must *first* be a great falling away from the truth, coupled with the arrival to Jerusalem of the "man of sin, the son of perdition," which is to say, Satan himself pretending to be God.

As it is written in II Thessalonians 2:1-4:

- **2Th 2:1** Now we beseech you, brethren, by [i.e., regarding] the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by [i.e., regarding] our gathering together unto him,
- **2Th 2:2** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- **2Th 2:3** Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- **2Th 2:4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Before Christ can come, Satan has to arrive first, and seat himself in the temple of God at Jerusalem, pretending to the world to be God Almighty Jesus Christ. And the world – including the Christian community worldwide – will fall away to him. The phrase "falling away" in verse 3 above is the Greek word *apostacia*, meaning apostacy, which is to say, "a defection from truth."

It is this dramatic set of events – the arrival of the false messiah and the great defection from the truth by those who flock to him -- that is holding up the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Indeed, until Satan and his fallen angels are booted out of heaven to this earth to deceive the whole world into thinking they are God and His angels, and God's faithful elect take their stand against them, as described in Revelation 12:7-17, the second advent of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ simply *cannot* take place.

What that means is this: The first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth claiming to be God Almighty Jesus Christ is in reality Satan himself. But because the Christian church has been taught that "Jesus can come any moment now," they will unwittingly worship the one who arrives first, which is to say, they will worship Satan, thinking he Jesus.

It is so simple, a child can understand it. In the great book of Revelation, Satan arrives at the sixth trump, to deceive the whole world. And Christ Jesus arrives at the seventh trump, to pour

out His wrath upon His enemies, cleanse Jerusalem of Satan's stench, and establish His millennial Kingdom.

Yet the Christian world unwittingly awaits their "any-moment-now" messiah, not realizing that they are in reality waiting to worship the antichrist.

**Mar 13:6** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

This verse is frequently misinterpreted by the religious community.

First of all, the word "Christ" is not even in that sentence, in the original Greek. The verse simply states, "Many shall come in my name, saying I am; and shall deceive many." The word "Christ" was added by the translators.

The original Greek simply states that many people will come onto the scene, in Jesus' very name, claiming Jesus is Lord. But they will be deceivers, using Christianity for their own purposes. The Christian pulpit is, quite unfortunately, where you'll find the greatest amount of deception.

In this verse, Christ is warning His disciples that the deception will come from the Christian community, from people *professing* to believe in Him!

Mar 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.

The period of wars and rumors of wars precedes the events of the end, which is to say it precedes the arrival of the antichrist at the sixth trump, which is followed by the arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the seventh trump.

As we've seen in past studies, a great war with the Biblical nation of Elam, which is modern-day Iran, will most likely be the <u>final</u> war before the four winds begin to blow and the events of the end, including Satan's arrival to this earth in his role as the false Christ, can be ushered in. (See Daniel chapter 8.)

It is my belief that the Middle East nation of Israel will wage that final war against Iran. As it is written in Daniel chapter 8, once that war is waged, the Biblical "four winds" will begin to blow, and the events that usher in the end of this flesh earth age (including forming of the New World Order followed by Satan's arrival to this earth) begin to transpire. (See my previous study, "A Review of the 4 Winds and the Deadly Wound" online at: www.MediaFire.com/HaveYeNotRead).

**Mar 13:8** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

We've certainly been seeing a lot of this going on lately, haven't we?

Starting with the attacks against our own country on 9-11 it's been pretty much non-stop. We've seen war in Iraq and Afghanistan. War between Israel and Lebanon. War between Israel and Gaza. Plus Russia's invasion of the nation of Georgia. Plus the new war with Libya, that is only weeks old at the writing of this study. And turmoil and unrest among the people in multitudes of nations around the world, but particularly in the Middle East.

Indeed, in the Middle East people are now being killed in droves -- in Syria, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Yemen and other middle eastern countries, as the people rise up against their leaders.

The word "troubles" in this verse is the Greek word *tarache*, meaning literally "roiling water." It is also a metaphor for the actions of a "seditious mob."

### G5016

ταραχή

tarachē

tar-akh-ay'

Feminine from <u>G5015</u>; *disturbance*, that is, **(of water)** *roiling*, or **(of a mob)** *sedition:* - **trouble** (-ing).

Of course, we now see riots and street fighting throughout the Middle East. The Egyptian government has been overthrown. Libya is in chaos. And other governments are being threatened by the roiling waters of the peoples.

And this is not just limited to events in the Middle East. There are people in revolt even in the western Christian nations, including recent riots in France, Greece, Britain, and many other countries as economically bankrupt nations begin to institute austerity measures, which is to say cutbacks on how much aid they can provide to their own people. These cutbacks are the results of the "famines," which is to say, the slashing of monetary benefits and "entitlements" to the masses. You are seeing it come to pass right before your eyes.

Of course, we know from Amos 8:11 that there will be no famine for bread or water. None of the people rioting over the government cutbacks on their benefits are starving to death. They simply got used to having everything handed to them on a silver platter, courtesy of the more productive members among them who are being taxed to death in order to support them. And now these socialistic parasites are facing the prospect of having to be responsible for their own well-being, because the government money is running out faster than it is coming in.

The bottom line is that the governments of the world have promised too much, and they are going broke as a result. Meanwhile, the *real* famine, the famine for hearing the Word of God (which, by the way, tells us to *work* for a living), has been going on for many decades, and continues to worsen by the day, leaving the people of the world totally unprepared, mentally and spiritually, for the events about to unfold in the final days of this flesh earth age.

Finally, it is important to note that the word "sorrows" in the above verse is the Greek word *odin*, which means "labor pains."

# G5604

ώδίν

ōdin

o-deen'

Akin to G3601; a pang or throe, especially of childbirth: - pain, sorrow, travail.

Our Lord and Savior tells us that these wars, earthquakes, famines and troubles are the beginnings of the labor pains. And of course, once the labor pains start, they don't stop. They tend to get closer and closer together until birth is given.

It's all leading up to the birth of a new age under Christ Jesus. But there's a <u>lot</u> that must happen first, as we shall see. This includes the delivering up of God's elect to Satan after he arrives to the earth pretending to be Christ Jesus.

Mar 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall <u>deliver you up</u> to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

The phrase "deliver you up" is from the Greek word *paradidomi*, which basically means to betray, or to surrender someone up.

#### G3860

παραδίδωμι

paradidomi

par-ad-id'-o-mee

From <u>G3844</u> and <u>G1325</u>; **to** *surrender*, **that is**, *yield up*, *intrust*, *transmit*: - **betray**, bring forth, cast, commit, **deliver (up)**, **give (over**, up), hazard, put in prison, recommend.

The word "councils" is the Greek word *sunedrion*. It is the Greek equivalent of the Jewish word for a religious council, *Sanhedrin*.

#### G4892

συνέδοιον

sunedrion

soon-ed'-ree-on

Neuter of a presumed derivative of a compound of <u>G4862</u> and the base of <u>G1476</u>; a **joint session**, **that is, (specifically) the Jewish Sanhedrim**; by analogy a subordinate *tribunal*: - council.

Interestingly, the Jewish Sanhedrin has not existed for over 2,000 years. It is said to have originally been established around the time of Ezra and Nehemiah's return to the Holy Land after the Babylonian captivity, and to have been disbanded hundreds of years later after the destruction of the Temple by the Roman general Titus.

But in recent years the ancient Jewish Sanhedrin has been re-instituted by the Kenite religious leaders of Jerusalem. You can read about it on the internet at the following two links:

- www.thesanhedrin.org/en/index.php?title=The\_Re-established\_Jewish\_Sanhedrin
- www.ritmeyer.com/2007/03/11/the-new-sanhedrin-and-the-temple-mount/

This is a very important development, for the elect cannot be delivered up to the councils (i.e., Sanhedrin) unless these councils *exist*. And now, after a 2,000 year absence, they do.

The word "synagogues" in this verse, of course, refers to the Jewish house of worship.

What Christ is warning here is that because of what you believe and what you teach, they will take council in the Sanhedrin to have you betrayed, or delivered up to Satan through the synagogues.

This tells you who your enemies are. You will be delivered up to the Christ-hating religious leaders of Judaism. And why them? Because *their* messiah – Satan, in his role as the false Christ – will be on earth at this time demanding your obedience and your love in return for being able to take part in his great kingdom wedding and the supposed benefits of his world system.

And the religious leaders will be trying to *convert* you, which is to say, convince you to worship their "savior," instead of waiting for your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to arrive at the seventh trump.

But don't think for even a minute that these "councils" will be exclusively Jewish. The world's religious communities will be ONE under the antichrist once he arrives to this earth. He will unite them as ONE under his banner. For as it is written in Zechariah 8:23, "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God *is* with you."

In short, there will be ten rulers over the one-world system at the time of Satan's arrival (Rev. 17:12), and they will unite the world politically and religiously. All religion and politics will converge as one under the banner of the antichrist, through the false Jews.

But make no mistake about it: This "any moment now" messiah the world will be rallying around is the *Kenite* messiah, which is to say, the messiah of the false Jews of Revelation 2:9 and 3:9. He is not our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the false rock, not the Rock of Ages.

My point is this: Don't be surprised if your own local church down on the corner is the one you are delivered up to. The religious community will all be ONE at that time, with the false Jews of Jerusalem under Satan himself. And they will all be acting on the idea that your very salvation is at stake, therefore you must be converted.

And what will happen? As the verse above says, "and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them."

Our heavenly Father will give His faithful elect the opportunity to speak before the very rulers and kings (religious and political) who are whoring after the antichrist, thinking he is Jesus. Indeed, we will be brought before these rulers and kings on account of our bold and unswerving stand for Jesus Christ, and to deliver a testimony against them.

The word "testimony" in this verse is a fascinating word. It is the Greek word *marturian*, from which the word "martyr" is derived. And it means "to give evidence, as from the 10 commandments (i.e., the Decalogue)."

### G3142

μαοτύοιον

marturion

mar-too'-ree-on

Neuter of a presumed derivative of <u>G3144</u>; **something** *evidential*, that is, (generally) *evidence* given or (specifically) the *Decalogue* (in the sacred Tabernacle): - to be testified, testimony, witness.

As you will see in two more verses, the evidence given against them by God's elect will be straight from our heavenly Father. It merely flows from the mouths of His elect at those trials. But it will be *His* Words, and it will consist of the evidence that will convict the very souls of those who have been wallowing at the feet of the antichrist, thinking he is their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In short, it will wake up the world to the fact that they have been wallowing at the feet of Satan himself.

Mar 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

And it *will* be published (i.e., heralded, preached, proclaimed), after God's elect are betrayed and delivered up to Satan through the sanhedrin and the synagogues. Our heavenly Father at that time will speak directly through those who have been delivered up. And His Word will become abundantly apparent to the watching world at that point.

Again, as you will see in the next verse, the message that will be spoken by God's elect will come direct from God Almighty. It merely flows through the lips of His elect. It will shake the world, and will usher in the arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mar 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

This is an important verse (note it is verse 11, for those familiar with the acrostics of elevens). When they betray you over to the sanhedrin (councils) and the synagogues, you are to "take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak."

In the original Greek, this basically says "When you are betrayed, don't be anxious or even remotely concerned about what you're going to say."

It's an admonition – even a direct order -- from our Lord and Savior. We are not to WORRY about what to say in our defense. It is they who wallow at the feet of the antichrist who need to worry, because the words that will come out of the mouths of God's elect will be a stunning indictment against them. In one fell swoop the tables will be turned, and those who prosecute God's elect will be the ones being prosecuted.

The word "premeditate" as used in this verse is translated from the Greek word *meletao*, meaning to cast something over and over in your mind, as in worrying about something and trying to plan a response.

Our heavenly Father says (paraphrasing) "Relax, don't worry about it. Keep a cool head. I've got it under control. I'll do the talking. Just be ready to let me use *your* mouth." Got it?

Indeed, if you are one so privileged to be delivered up, he will put the unction of His Holy Spirit upon you at the right time, and in the right place, and the words will simply flow from your mouth.

God's elect will essentially be on trial. But as you can see, our Father has a plan to turn the table on our persecutors. As it is written in Luke 21:15, "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist."

Those who have been wallowing at the feet of the antichrist will not be able to dispute a word that comes out of your mouth.

Can you remember as a young child having your flesh father get angry at you, and start laying down the law when you've gotten out of line? Remember how you just stood there in abject silence (if you were smart), probably looking down at your feet because you were too ashamed to look up into his face, because you knew he had the goods on you, and that every word he said was true?

Well, that's what our heavenly Father is going to do to the enemy, and to the rest of His wayward children, through the mouths of His elect who will be delivered up to the synagogues of Satan for this very purpose. It is part and parcel of His plan to deliver His indictment of the worshippers of the antichrist to the world in this very manner.

Mar 13:12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

Now we learn who our betrayers will be: Those who have us delivered up to the religious councils will be *our own family members*.

The word "betray" here is the exact same Greek word translated "deliver up" in verses 9 and 11 above. We will be delivered up to "death" by our own family members. But of course, we all know that Satan is death (Heb. 2:14; Revelation 9:5).

Whereas Christian martyrs of old were literally delivered up to evil leaders to be killed by the sword, or crucifixion, or stoned to death, or even cast into the arenas to be slain by lion's, in the final days of this flesh earth age we will be delivered up to Satan himself, who is Mr. Death. And our own family members will be the ones who betray us, turning us over to the religious councils under Satan's control.

Why would our own family members deliver us up? Because when Satan arrives to this earth to deceive the world into believing he is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – the Messiah of God -- God's elect will of course stand firm and refuse to bow to him. We will refuse to join our family members and friends as they rush to embrace him, thinking he is the Lord.

And in turn, our family members and friends will be deeply saddened, thinking we are mistaken in our understanding of the Word of God, and are risking hell fire for refusing to bow to "Jesus."

Out of misguided love for us, thinking they are doing what's necessary to save our souls from damnation, they will turn us over to the councils and synagogues, in hopes we can be converted. God's elect are mentally and spiritually prepared for this. They understand. Do you?

Mar 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

The multitudes will grow to hate God's elect, because we are un-moveable in our stand against the false messiah, which is Satan himself. Rather than honoring the one they believe to be the "Messiah of God," we stand firmly for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and wait *patiently* for His arrival at the seventh trump. (Luke 21:19 -- In your patience possess ye your souls.)

You have to remember that at this time, God's two faithful witnesses will be in Jerusalem, preaching to the multitudes, trying to help them understand the difference between the false Christ, and the true Christ. But as we learn in Revelation 11:10, when Satan has these two witnesses killed in that great arena in the city, and leaves their dead bodies out in the open, unburied, to make an example of them (to God's elect), the multitudes literally begin to rejoice over their deaths.

As the Scripture states, "And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth."

Yes, those two prophets tormented them...with the *truth*. And you can rest assured God's elect will fully support and echo the words of those two faithful witnesses – words of truth that burn the consciences of those who wallow after the false messiah.

And that is why God's elect will be hated by all men for His names' sake, at the time of the great delivering up!

By the way, the deaths of those two witnesses will not frighten God's elect, for it is already written, and it is fully understood by those who truly love God's Word.

Indeed, the deaths of the two witnesses in Jerusalem will STRENGTHEN God's elect, for this event constitutes a critical Biblical benchmark in time. The elect know from the Scriptures that it will be only *three and a half days* from the deaths of those two witnesses that the seventh trump will sound, and the second advent of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will take place.

### As it is written:

**Rev 11:11** And <u>after three days and an half</u> the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

**Rev 11:12** And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

**Rev 11:13** And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

**Rev 11:14** The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

**Rev 11:15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Therefore, the elect will not change their tune when they are delivered up, just because Satan has the two faithful witnesses killed. We will stick with the truth of our heavenly Father's Word – the same truth that came from the mouths of those two witnesses. Though men hate us for it, the truth of God's Word is nevertheless our strong refuge.

Finally, don't overlook the final line in Mark 13:13 above, that says, "but he that shall endure unto the end, *the same shall be saved*." This is crucial to our study. And it is why we came here to these verses. Indeed, it will be the main point of the rest of this study.

In the Greek, the term "but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" could be better translated "but he that remains behind unto the conclusion, the same shall be saved."

Many books have been written by well-meaning Christian leaders, staging that if you want Christ's salvation, you must not be "left behind." In other words, the church today teaches that your very salvation depends upon your rushing off to the outstretched arms of the first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth claiming to be "Jesus." Of course, that is Satan himself, in his role as the antichrist, or false messiah.

But our heavenly Father's Word tells us that it will be those who "remain behind unto the conclusion," which is to say, unto Christ's arrival at the seventh trump, who will be saved. Let's take a quick look at the word translated "endure" in that verse, in the original Greek language:

# G5278

ὑπομένω

hupomeno

hoop-om-en'-o

From <u>G5259</u> and <u>G3306</u>; **to stay under (behind)**, **that is,** *remain*; figuratively to *undergo*, that is, *bear* (trials), *have fortitude*, *persevere:* - abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, **tarry behind**.

As you can see, the Greek word *hupomeno*, translated "endure" in this verse means "to stay behind, to remain, to abide, to tarry behind." We are not to allow ourselves to be harvested out of season by the antichrist. We are to remain behind and continue our work on the Lord's behalf, even while the rest of the world – including some of our own family members and friends -- flit off to embrace the miracle-working false messiah.

The phrase "the end" in this verse is translated from the Greek word *telos*, meaning the very conclusion of a thing:

### G5056

τέλος

telos

tel'-os

From a primary word τέλλω tellō (to set out for a definite point or goal); **properly the point aimed at as a** *limit*, that is, (by implication) **the conclusion of an act or state** (*termination* [literally, figuratively or indefinitely], *result* [immediate, ultimate or prophetic], *purpose*); specifically an *impost* or *levy* (as *paid*): - + continual, custom, end (-ing), finally, **uttermost**. Compare <u>G5411</u>.

In other words, we are to remain behind until our heavenly Father has *concluded* the matter at the seventh trump, by sending our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to rescue us, and to take His vengeance upon His enemies.

Be careful to note the phrase, "shall be saved." In the Greek, the word translated "saved" is *sozo*. And it literally means "to save, deliver, protect, heal and preserve."

That's quite a promise, my friends. If you faithfully remain behind until the conclusion, rather than flitting off to be wed to the antichrist in his false kingdom wedding, you will be "saved, delivered, protected, healed and preserved" by your heavenly Father.

That should be very comforting to you. It's a direct and unequivocal *promise* from your heavenly Father. Those who wait in Christ, and who remain behind to do Father's work in allowing themselves to be delivered up before the false Christ, will be the ones saved.

# G4982

σώζω

sōzō

sode'-zo

From a primary word σῶς sōs (contraction for the obsolete σἀος saos, "safe"); to save, that is, deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

The bottom line is that this verse reads, from the original Greek, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall *remain behind and persevere unto the conclusion shall be saved.*"

Salvation is not for those who flit off with the first miracle-working supernatural being who arrives to this earth claiming to be the Lord. It is for those who know their Father's Word, and who wait patiently until the conclusion of the matter, when the true Christ, Jesus Christ, arrives at the seventh trump.

You can count me in. How about you?

# Our Father's Precious Promises To His Elect, Delivered Up

Our heavenly Father has given many precious promises to His elect, particularly in regard to the time of the great delivering up, so they will know and understand exactly what to expect, and so they won't be anxious, afraid or worried during that time.

Let's take a look at some of those precious promises, as spelled out in Isaiah chapter 41...

**Isa 41:9** Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

God is speaking to His faithful chosen servants, the elect. He will never leave nor forsake them. He will not cast them aside, even when they are delivered up to the synagogues of Satan.

**Isa 41:10** Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

There are *two* direct orders from our heavenly Father in this verse and *five* separate promises. The first direct order is this: "Fear thou not." And the second one is this: "Be thou not dismayed."

There is a reason we are not to fear nor be dismayed (i.e., bewildered). It is because we have no *reason* to fear or be dismayed. He has all of the bases covered. We were sent to this earth to do this job. And we will do it without a second thought. Let's take a look at what He's promised us:

As I stated, there are five separate promises from God Almighty in that verse. And you can count on every one of them.

- 1.) I am with thee.
- 2.) I am thy God
- 3.) I will strengthen thee
- 4.) I will help thee
- 5.) I will uphold thee

Wow. Sounds like we don't have anything to worry about. And it's true. If we are faithful to Him, he will be faithful to us.

I love that word "help" in this verse. The translation is very weak. In fact, the translators have turned it into such an understatement, it is almost laughable. In reality, in the Hebrew, it is the word *azar*, and it means to "surround with protection and aid."

### H5826

עזר

'âzar

aw-zar'

A primitive root; to *surround*, that is, *protect* or *aid*: - help, succour.

In other words, the promise "I will help thee" should read "I will surround thee with protection and aid."

The word "uphold" in this verse is translated from the Hebrew word *tamak*, and it means "to sustain, keep fast, help, follow close, hold up, maintain, retain," etc.

### H8551

תמך

tâmak

taw-mak'

A primitive root; to **sustain**; by implication to *obtain*, **keep fast**; figuratively **to help**, **follow close**: - (take, up-) **hold (up), maintain, retain**, stay (up).

In other words, our heavenly Father is not going to take His eyes off His elect the entire time of the great delivering up. He will be right there with them, and for them!

So when it comes that time to be delivered up, if you are so privileged as to be one selected, remember your heavenly Father's direct orders: "Fear not"...and "Be thou not dismayed"!

After all, it is one of the greatest privileges you can imagine. And God *guarantees* He will be with you to strengthen you, help you and uphold you. You will be surrounded with protection and aid from on high, from Him -- the mightiest power in the universe.

Who could ask for anything more? But wait...there is indeed even more to come.

**Isa 41:11** Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

That's another phenomenal promise. I do hope you're claiming these promises, as you mark them carefully in the buds of your mind for future use. You can depend upon your heavenly Father. You can trust Him to keep His Word.

Do you remember in Mark 13:13, where it stated, "and ye shall be hated of all men, for my name's sake"? Well, here we learn that "all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish."

Do you see why I often say we can afford to be a bit generous with people who hate us? Our heavenly Father has their number. And He will deal with them.

The bottom line is that the enemies of God and His elect will perish (short of sincere repentance during the millennium, of course).

The conclusion of Christ's parable of the tares in Matthew chapter 13 was based upon these promises. Do you remember what He said?

**Mat 13:40** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

**Mat 13:41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Mat 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

**Mat 13:43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Again, I hope you are claiming these precious promises as you are filing them away in the forefront of your mind for later use.

**Isa 41:12** Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

Your adversaries at that time who seek to persecute (and prosecute) you, will be defeated soundly at Christ's return, and reserved for the burning in the great lake of fire (short of sincere repentance, of course). But *you* will be saved.

**Isa 41:13** For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

You just can't get any better than that, my friend. At that time, your own Father, God Almighty, will hold your right hand, encourage you, and "help" you. And yes, it's that Hebrew word *azar* again, meaning "to surround with protection and aid."

Do you notice He keeps admonishing you to "Fear not!" After all, what could you possibly have to fear when you've been told "I'm going to be right there with you, to hold you up, strengthen you, and take care of you"?

**Isa 41:14** Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Once again, the direct order from your heavenly Father to "Fear not"!

The phrase "Fear not, thou worm Jacob" in this verse is a Hebrew euphemism meaning "Don't fear your weaknesses."

You might be old and frail. You might be sickly. You might be young, and inexperienced in dealing with people. Maybe you're not such a great social speaker. It does not matter. What matters is that you are *faithful* to your heavenly Father, in Christ Jesus. He will do the rest!

He repeatedly tells you to "Fear not." That is a direct order. He says "I <u>will</u> help thee." Do you understand that? He has made it part of His *will* (your inheritance) to help you. And yes, the word "help" used here is that Hebrew word *azar* again, meaning "to surround with protection and aid"! He keeps repeating it for emphasis, so you will get it through your head that He is *serious* about this. You have nothing to fear.

**Isa 41:15** Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

When Father puts the words into your mouth at those trials after you've been delivered up, your testimony against the rulers and kings will be like a "new sharp threshing instrument."

That means the enemy doesn't have a snowball's chance in hell of getting away with their intransigence. A threshing instrument is used to crush grain so severely that the edible wheat is separated from the hard chaff, and the straw is turned to fodder for the farm animals. God's Words, spoken through your mouth at the trials of the elect, is going to separate the wheat from the chaff, like a threshing instrument. For the enemy, it will be a verbal beating unlike anything they've ever experienced, for God is about to pour out His wrath upon them.

And frankly, it will be a beautiful sight to behold as the enemy withers under those words as they come forth.

**Isa 41:16** Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

I hate to keep repeating myself, but I do hope you are claiming these promises. They are part and parcel of your inheritance in Christ. And they are more valuable than any riches you could ever imagine.

Your heavenly Father here promises you that there will be no more enemy left at that time. Their power will be completely destroyed. Satan himself will be bound and thrown into the pit by Michael for the duration of the millenium (Revelation 20:1-3), so that God's children will have a chance to learn His Word unimpeded by deception, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

So rejoice, and give all glory to God, our heavenly Father. All glory to God! You can rejoice even *now*, for it is written. And as it is written, so it shall come to pass.

# A Special Message From God To His Virgin Bride

Psalm 46 is titled "To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, a Song Upon Alamoth."

Historically, the sons of Korah were an important branch of the tabernacle singers. In other words, the Word of God flowed from their mouths in song.

The sons of Korah were saved by grace in the wilderness when their father, Korah, led an ill-fated rebellion against Moses and Aaron, and was swallowed up by the earth in a great earthquake sent by God.

The word *Alamoth* of course, means a young woman, particularly a *virgin*.

In the prophetic sense, this Alamoth is symbolic of Christ's virgin bride, composed of that body of faithful believers who stand firm for the true Christ when the antichrist arrives, and refuse to take part in the antichrist's false kingdom wedding.

In other words, this Psalm is directed specifically to God's faithful elect who know and help spread His Word, who hold firm to it, and who, like a faithful virgin bride who remains true to her betrothed, will not submit to the seductive words of the antichrist when he arrives pretending to be Jesus Christ.

Naturally, this beautiful Psalm contains even more precious promises from our heavenly Father to His faithful elect at the time of the great delivering up. Let's take a look at those promises...

**Psa 46:1** To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth. God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Again, this is a message to God's virgin bride, which is to say, those who refuse to jump into bed, spiritually speaking, with Satan when he arrives in Jerusalem pretending to be the Messiah. It is an attitude adjustment, in a sense, helping us know *how we are to think* about being delivered up to Satan.

These faithful servants acknowledge *God* as their refuge and strength, and their "very present help in trouble."

As you can see below, the word "refuge" in this verse is *machaseh*, meaning a shelter or place of refuge. If you follow it through in your Strong's Concordance, you'll see it's from the Hebrew root word *chasah*, meaning to flee for protection. God is that refuge to which we can always flee for protection when the trouble (tribulation) strikes.

### H4268

מחסה מחסה

machaseh machseh

makh-as-eh', makh-seh'

From <u>H2620</u>; a **shelter** (literally or figuratively): - hope, (place of) **refuge**, **shelter**, **trust**.

The word "trouble" in this verse is the Hebrew word *tsarah*, and is directly related to the word Tyre. (Of course, the word Tyre means rock. And as we know from Ezekiel 28 Satan is the king of Tyre, which is to say, he is the false rock of Deuteronomy 32:31, whereas Jesus Christ is the true Rock.)

But the word *tsarah* itself means "tightness" and implies great adversity, as if being stuck between a rock and a hard place. It can also be translated "tribulation, anguish, distress."

In short, it refers to the time of Jacob's trouble – the trouble from the king of Tyre (i.e,. Satan) that takes place during the tribulation when God's elect are delivered up to trial.

### H6869

#### צרה

tsârâh

tsaw-raw'

Feminine of <u>H6862</u>; *tightness* (that is, figuratively *trouble*); transitively a female *rival:* - adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble.

There will be trouble, indeed, which is to say, adversity and affliction and anguish and distress. But the verse tells us that our heavenly Father is "a very present help in trouble."

Let's take a look at that word "help." In the Hebrew it's the word *ezra*, from the root word *azar* which we studied earlier in God's message to His elect in Isaiah 41. Do you remember? It means "to be surrounded with protection and aid."

Do you understand that? When God's elect are delivered up to those trials before Satan, it is a very tight spot for them. But our heavenly Father has promised to surround each and every one of them with protection and aid. He will be that "very present help" when the trouble starts.

**Psa 46:2** Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Here, the virgins themselves speak. In Isaiah 41, we were ordered by God not to fear. And we were given many reassurances of Father's helping hand. In this verse, the faithful virgins proclaim aloud they will not submit to fear, even as this flesh earth age is ended, and the millennium age is ushered in.

After all, during the great delivering up of God's elect in the tribulation of the antichrist, it is God's *adversaries* who have the most need to fear. They are the ones about to be indicted by God Almighty for their sins, just before the wrath of God is poured out upon them. *Not* His faithful servants.

**Psa 46:3** Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

"Selah" means to pause at the end of the verse, meditate on it, and then connect it with the carrying thought in the following verse. When you do this, you get an additional understanding, even a blessing.

The waters are symbolic of the peoples. They roar and are troubled, because of the controversy between Satan and God's elect, who stand firmly on His Word.

The word "troubled" is the Hebrew word *chamar*. Do you remember the word "troubles" from Mark 13:8? It was the Greek word tarache, and it meant "a disturbance, that is, **(of water)** *roiling*, or **(of a mob)** *sedition:* - **trouble** (-ing)." You might consider this word *chamar* to be the Hebrew equivalent of that word, for it means "to boil up."

Yes, the people will boil up with anger against God's elect. As we studied earlier, in Mark 13:13, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake."

The mountains, of course, are symbolic of the nations. They will "shake with the swelling thereof," meaning, in the Hebrew, they will "quake with prideful arrogance."

Nevertheless, though the waters boil and the mountains shake, God's virgin bride will <u>not</u> fear. And why not? Let's find out by connecting the thought with the very next verse, as the "Selah" directs us to do...

**Psa 46:4** There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

This "river" and its "streams" are composed of the Living Water – God's Word of Life – that streams forth from His throne in Jerusalem and goes forth to the nations, once He has defeated the antichrist.

Let's take a closer look at it, from the great book of Revelation:

- **Rev 22:1** And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- **Rev 22:2** In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
- **Rev 22:3** And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
- Rev 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.
- **Rev 22:5** And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
- **Rev 22:6** And he said unto me, <u>These sayings are faithful and true</u>: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
- **Rev 22:7** Behold, I come quickly: <u>blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.</u>

God's virgin bride does not fear the time of the delivering up, because she knows it ushers in the very presence of Christ Jesus in the Holy Place in Jerusalem, bringing Satan's short reign to a screeching halt, and bringing the offer of salvation to "whosoever will drink of the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

Now do you see the beautiful message to God's elect – His virgin bride – between verses three and four above? Now do you see why we are to pause on verse three and meditate on it, before proceeding to verse four, and connecting the two?

**Psa 46:5** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

That is another PROMISE. Again, I hope you are claiming these promises as we go through them. God's virgin bride – the many-membered body of the elect -- has no need to fear, for God dwells in the midst of her.

We will not be moved by the roiling of the waters (peoples) and the shaking of the mountains (kingdoms), because God is with us.

The phrase "and that right early" means "at the turning of the morning," or better stated, "when the morning dawns."

This of course is at Christ's second advent, which takes place at the seventh trump. He arrives to rescue His elect, and dispel the darkness of Satan's brief reign. It will take Him all of five minutes. And it will be a wondrous thing to behold.

**Psa 46:6** The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: <u>he uttered his voice</u>, the earth melted.

This is the day of our Lord and Savior's arrival, at the seventh trump! He speaks through His elect, and then this flesh earth age will be over, as the trumpet sounds. The elements (i.e., Satanic aspects) of the heavens and the earth will be melted with fervent heat, as it is foretold in the great book of II Peter 3:10 – "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Yes, when God's voice is trumpeted forth through His elect around the world, this flesh earth age will be over and the millennial age will begin, followed by the rejuvenated heaven and earth, which is to say, the eternity.

As these two Scriptures in the great book of Revelation foretell:

**Rev 10:7** But in the days of the <u>voice</u> of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

**Rev 11:15** And the seventh angel <u>sounded</u>; and there were great <u>voices</u> in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

The bottom line is that when our heavenly Father speaks through His elect at those trials, it's all over for the heathen, and for Satan's one-world system. He returns at that point, pours out His wrath upon the enemy, and begins to rule and reign with His elect.

**Rev 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

The faithful witnesses of God, going all of the way back through the ages, will live (eternally) and reign with Christ throughout the millennium.

**Psa 46:7** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Note the "Selah." Once again, we are to pause, and meditate on the meaning of this verse, before proceeding to the next one, and then connecting the two, mentally.

Did you notice that this time the special title "the LORD of hosts" is used? In the Hebrew, that is *Yahveh Tsebaah* (or Sabaoth, in the Greek). It means God AND His great army of faithful angels. They are with us at that time of the great delivering up.

As it is written in the great book of Jude 1:14-15, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

And again in Revelation 19:14, "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

That should bring you great comfort, knowing that your heavenly Father and the hosts of heaven are with us at the time of the great delivering up.

The virgins also state unequivocally in this verse, "God is our refuge." The word "refuge" in this case is the Hebrew word *misgab*. It means a high cliff, or a lofty, inaccessible place, and implies great *altitude*.

# H4869

כזשוב

miśgâb

mis-aawb'

From <u>H7682</u>; **properly a cliff (or other lofty or inaccessible place)**; abstractly **altitude**; figuratively a *refuge*; *misgab*; a place in Moab: - defence, high fort (tower), refuge. <u>H4869</u>; Misgab, a place in Moab: - Misgab.

Speaking spiritually, the enemy can't even reach you where your heavenly Father has you. That refuge is too high for them. It is *inaccessible* to them. Because you are in Christ, and they are *not*.

So stay in Christ. In Christ, you are inaccessible to the adversary, as far as being spiritually harmed goes.

As it is written:

**Joh 10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

**Joh 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, <u>neither shall</u> any man pluck them out of my hand.

**Joh 10:29** My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; <u>and no man is able to</u> pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 I and my Father are one.

You can't beat that kind of protection. Stay in Christ, and the time of the great delivering up will be your time to shine on His behalf.

**Psa 46:8** Come, <u>behold</u> the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

Now let's connect this verse to the previous verse.

Father says to behold -i.e., look *intently* -- at His work. What will you see?

At this point in the game, it's all over for the desolator and his little helpers. You remember what we learned in Mark 13:2? The great stones that make up the temple and other buildings of Jerusalem will be turned to sand.

Jerusalem will be cleansed of Satan's stench, because that is where our heavenly Father intends to set up His eternal kingdom when He brings New Jerusalem down from above at the end of the millennium teaching period (Rev. 3:12, Rev. 21:2).

In a nutshell, those who take refuge in our heavenly Father will be there, to see with their own eyes the enemy soundly defeated. After His elect have been delivered up, and He has spoken through them at those trials, the armies of heaven will reveal themselves along with our Lord and Savior. And it will be all over for the antichrist and those who persecuted His election.

Let that knowledge strengthen you, beloved. Your heavenly Father has it all under control.

**Psa 46:9** He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

At Christ's second advent, which takes place at the sound of the seventh trump, the great battle against the nation of Rosh (Russia) described in Ezekiel 38 will be fulfilled, the communist enemy destroyed by God Himself. Simultaneously, the great battle of Armageddon, outside of Jerusalem, will take place, destroying Satan's very seat, and conquering him and all of his followers.

Satan's world economic system – which boasted a false world peace for a short time -- will be destroyed, in accord with Revelation chapter 18. The merchants of the earth – the Kenites and their followers who benefited greatly from Satan's merchant system -- will wail and gnash their teeth, as they watch it go down in flames and smoke.

And that will end all wars in this flesh earth age, which also will be over as our Lord and Savior ushers in the millennium teaching period.

God's purpose in this is to let the nations of the world know *He* is in charge, indeed, to let them know that He IS God!

**Psa 46:10** Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

That will be the time for the peoples of the world to be still, and listen for a change. They will know He is God at that time, for He will have defeated all of His enemies in one fell swoop. And He will indeed be exalted. For on the day of His arrival to this earth at the sound of the seventh trump, to rescue His elect and to destroy the Satanic system, every knee will bow to Him.

**Php 2:10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

You can count on it, for it is written.

**Psa 46:11** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Once again, we see a "Selah," directing us to pause, and think about the verse. And since this is the last verse in this Psalm (note it is verse 11, for those familiar with the acrostics of the elevens), you will need to connect it with the very next Psalm, which is to say Psalm 47. I will leave it up to you to do so, in a home study. But I promise, you will be blessed from the message, if you do.

Once again in this verse the virgins are speaking. And once again they use that special title of our heavenly Father, "The LORD of hosts" (*Yahveh Tsebaah*) meaning God <u>and</u> his great heavenly armies.

The elect know that He and his armies are right there with them, hovering directly overhead. Symbolically speaking, He is that great eagle above us. And we dwell in His shadow. Even NOW.

What's more, He is our refuge, our very high tower. And as long as we are in Him, we are *inaccessible* to Satan and his minions, spiritually speaking. They cannot deceive us. They cannot spiritually harm us. The God of Jacob is all we need.

# A Psalm of Great Promise To God's Elect During the Time of Trouble

Psalm 91 is another of those great Psalms that contain many promises and words of instruction from our heavenly Father, made specifically to His faithful elect in relation to the time of the great delivering up, also known as the tribulation of the antichrist.

Let's take a look at it

**Psa 91:1** He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

As we learned earlier, we dwell in the true Christ. He is our high place of refuge. Yet He is unknown to most, unreachable to them, because they are so busy worshiping the "any moment now" Christ, which is to say, the antichrist, that they've never taken the time to get to know Him by studying His Word in-depth.

On the other hand, God's elect love and embrace His Word, and partake of it daily. They recognize it as their spiritual food. "Give us this day, our daily bread." And it is *through the daily study of His Word* that they become one with Christ Jesus, learning the difference between the true Christ and the false Christ in the process.

God's elect "abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Yes, He is that hovering presence above us. As it is written, in the great book of Deuteronomy 32:11, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him."

It is the doctrine of God sealed into your mind that sets you apart from the rest. You are part of the fellowship of the mystery, who understand the key of David, which is to say...what really transpired in the garden of Eden...the difference between the false Jews of Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 and our brother true Judah...where God's People true Israel are situated today...where the throne over true Israel is situated today with that royal lineage ruling upon it in fulfillment of God's Word...who the false Christ is...and which "Christ" arrives to this earth at the 6<sup>th</sup> trump and which Christ arrives at the 7<sup>th</sup> trump.

In short, it is God's elect who are privy to the secret things of His Word that all others miss or ignore. We dwell in Him, in that secret place of knowledge that others completely miss.

**Psa 91:2** I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Can you say the same? God's elect know that during the time of the great delivering up, they can trust in Yahveh, our heavenly Father.

**Psa 91:3** Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

That is a divine promise. The word "surely" leaves no room for doubt.

The snare of the fowler is the deceptive trap of the antichrist that leads to the apostasy, which is to say the great falling away from the truth of God's Word. And the noisome pestilence is Satan's great locust army, composed of his fallen angels, the ten supernatural kings that arrive with him, the Kenites (false Jews of Revelation 2:9 and 3:9) and all those of the religious community worldwide who will unwittingly embrace Satan as their lord and savior. By the way, the word "deliver" in this verse is quite interesting. It is the Hebrew word *natsal*, and it means "to snatch away, to defend, deliver, escape, pluck, recover, preserve, rescue, save."

# H5337

נצל

nâtsal

naw-tsal'

A primitive root; **to** *snatch* **away**, whether in a good or a bad sense: - X at all, **defend**, **deliver** (self), **escape**, X without fail, part, **pluck**, **preserve**, **recover**, **rescue**, rid, **save**, spoil, strip, X surely, take (out).

Don't read a "rapture" into that. It is not written. This verse simply means Father is going to *rescue* His elect, as promised, after they've been delivered up to the antichrist. You can't be rescued unless you've first been delivered up.

Indeed, it will be the very words that pour forth from your mouth at that time, via the Holy Spirit of God, that will bowl the enemy over, rendering the incapable of any further mischief. Jesus will then do the rest, as He arrives at the sound of the seventh trump.

**Psa 91:4** He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

Again, these are divine promises. If you are one of His elect -- and you *are* if you understand this study -- you need to be claiming these promises in Jesus' name, as you file them away permanently into the forefront of your mind.

Again, our heavenly Father is that hovering presence above you, symbolized by the great eagle of Deuteronomy 32:11. It is His Word of truth – the very Word you are reading – that will be your shield and buckler, which are put for the components of the Gospel Armor spelled out in Ephesians chapter 6: 10-18.

Are you familiar with the Gospel Armor? You'd better be, for it is the Gospel Armor that allows you to "stand against the wiles of the devil" during the time of the great delivering up. The time is growing late, my friend. These are merely the basics. You need to know them:

- **Eph 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- **Eph 6:11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- **Eph 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- **Eph 6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- **Eph 6:14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with <u>truth</u>, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- **Eph 6:15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- **Eph 6:16** Above all, taking the shield of <u>faith</u>, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- **Eph 6:17** And take the helmet of <u>salvation</u>, and the sword of the Spirit, <u>which is the</u> word of God:
- **Eph 6:18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

It is God's Word that is your protective shield and buckler. But you have to be more than passing familiar with it. So stay in His Word daily. Absorb it. Meditate on it. He will do the rest.

**Psa 91:5** Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

More precious promises from your heavenly Father.

With God's Word firmly established in your mind and spirit, you will <u>not</u> be afraid when the Prince of Darkness sets foot on this earth pretending to be Jesus and sending forth his fiery darts of deception. You know exactly what to expect. As a certain Pastor is fond of saying, "It's no great step for a stepper."

**Psa 91:6** Nor for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

That "pestilence that walketh in darkness" is the deceptive doctrine set forth by Satan's locust army, and the "destruction that wasteth at noonday" is the effect of that deception. Whether in the darkness, or in broad daylight, Satan's deception can only bring about spiritual destruction for those who embrace it, thinking it is true. Satan's doctrine spiritually destroys people when they listen to it and buy into it.

Indeed, it is Satan's doctrine that leaves people with the mark of the beast, which is to say, it is what makes people think he really is "Jesus," and the fallen angels with him really are the angels of God coming to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Had the Christians of this earth known their heavenly Father's Word, they would have known in advance to expect this. But they will be taken completely by surprise, because they have been taught by their pastors that Jesus can come "any moment now." Therefore, they will unwittingly embrace with open arms the first miracle-working supernatural being who sets foot on this earth claiming to be the God.

But as the verse above states, in conjunction with the previous verse, God's elect will NOT fall for it. They will not be afraid. They will not be shaken. They will not submit to it. Our heavenly Father has promised it, in these very verses. But only for those who know His Word, and stand firm in it.

**Psa 91:7** A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

That's one beautiful promise, my friend! Again, I hope you are claiming these promises, even as you log them away in the forefront of your mind for later recall and use.

The deception is going to take a *lot* of Christian souls down with it. Thousands, and even tens of thousands, all around you. They will fall for Satan's big lie, because he will work miracles in their sight (Rev. 13:14) and he will bring about peace and provide for all of their flesh needs through his policies (Daniel 11:24).

But it will not fool you. You know your Father's Word. Therefore, you know better.

**Psa 91:8** Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Another divine promise! You will behold Satan's downfall with your very own eyes. Why? Well, if you're one of those who have been delivered up to Satan so that God can speak through you, you'll be standing right there when the jig is up for him. And what a wonderful day that will be!

As the Scriptures have foretold of that day in Isaiah chapter 14:

**Isa 14:12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

- **Isa 14:13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
- **Isa 14:14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.
- **Isa 14:15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
- **Isa 14:16** They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;
- **Isa 14:17** *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners?
- **Isa 14:18** All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.
- **Isa 14:19** But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.
- **Isa 14:20** Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.
- **Isa 14:21** Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.
- **Isa 14:22** For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

Yes, Satan and his followers are going down. And if you are one of God's elect that's been delivered up at that time, you're going to see his downfall with your own eyes. You have your heavenly Father's Word on it.

**Psa 91:9** Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

Spiritually speaking, your habitation is <u>in</u> the true Christ, the Living Word of God. You are in Him when you are in His Word, with understanding.

**Psa 91:10** There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

More great promises, straight from your heavenly Father!

When you are in God's Word, the evil of Satanic deception has no hold on you. The plague of lies that come forth from his great locust army of deceivers is not in the least bit inviting to you.

Everyone else sees them as beautiful angels, and God-loving religious leaders. But you see right through the deception, because you know your heavenly Father's Word. Satan's deception is about as inviting to you as a rat hair in your ice cream.

**Psa 91:11** For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Angels are messengers. They have been given a charge to watch over God's elect during the time of the great delivering up. Simply put, God's messengers keep the truth flowing. And it is the truth that protects you from the deception of Satan.

Do your part, and the angels will do theirs. Stay in His Word every day. Christ said "I am the way, the truth and the life." That is the "way" (i.e., path) God's elect need be most concerned about staying in.

**Psa 91:12** They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

You can translate the last part of that verse, "should you dash your foot against a stone." The angels won't stop you from doing it. If you're dumb enough to kick a stone (i.e., try to take Satan on by yourself, with your own words), you're going to pay the price. It will hurt.

But what the verse has reference to is God's mercy. If you stumble, they'll give you a lift, a reminder of whose hands you're really in, and what your purpose on this earth is. As it's written in Psalm 94:18, "When I said 'My foot slippeth,' Thy mercy, oh Lord, held me up."

**Psa 91:13** Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Another wonderful divine promise you can count on. The lion is Satan. As it is written in I Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

The adder, of course, is a poisonous serpent, also symbolic of Satan, that old deceptive serpent of the garden of Eden who seduced mother Eve with his wiles. But he will <u>not</u> seduce God's elect. He is not appealing to them, for they know he is a fake.

Our heavenly Father promises that His elect will tread upon the lion and adder. Indeed, the elect will trample the adversary and his minions under foot, with God's Word, when our heavenly Father speaks through them.

What a great day that will be! How would you like to be one of those so privileged to take part in it?

**Psa 91:14** Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

It is those who set their love upon the Lord God that will be delivered. Not those who set their love upon the false Christ, thinking they have found salvation and deliverance in him.

Instead, those who worship the antichrist, thinking he is their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, will be in for a very rude awakening. They will be so embarrassed in the end, after God speaks through His elect and wakes the world up to the fact that they've been wallowing at the feet of the antichrist, that they will pray for the very mountains to fall on them (Revelation 6:16).

By the way, the word "deliver" in the verse above is a very interesting word. It is the Hebrew word *palat*. And when used in the causative sense, as it is in this verse, it does indeed mean "to deliver." But it means it in the sense of delivering a calf from the birth canal. And yes, it can also mean "to carry away safe, cause to escape."

### H6403

פלט

pâlaț

paw-lat'

A primitive root; to *slip* out, that is, *escape*; **causatively to** *deliver***: - calve**, **carry away safe**, **deliver**, **(cause to) escape**.

You see, our heavenly Father has a plan. And part of that plan is to rescue His elect after they've been delivered up to the synagogues of Satan and He speaks through their mouths at those great trials that will be taking place in the final days of Satan's short reign on this earth.

Just as a man helps deliver a calf from its mother's birth canal, and sets it beside its mother to be cleaned and nourished, so our heavenly Father will be there to deliver us from the tight spot we are in, which is to say, deliver us out of the synagogues of Satan and take us to the side of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God's elect will be delivered (rescued), and carried away safely. As it is written in Mark 13:7, "And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

And as it is written again, in Matthew 24:31, "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

It all happens at the sound of the seventh trump, just after God's elect have delivered their testimony.

**Psa 91:15** He shall call upon me, and <u>I will</u> answer him: <u>I will</u> be with him in trouble; <u>I</u> will deliver him, and honour him.

More great promises, my friend, straight from the mouth of your heavenly Father. Don't forget to claim them as you file them away for later use.

God has written it into His <u>will</u> that He will be there to rescue His elect. That means it is part and parcel of *your inheritance in Christ*. He says:

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"I will answer him."
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Those are some powerful, wonderful and even astonishing promises. And they are *yours*, if you're in Christ.

The word "deliver" as used in this verse is the Hebrew word *chalats*. It means "to pull off, to strip, to depart, to deliver." But it can also mean to "equip for a fight," and to "strengthen."

# H2502

חלץ

châlats

khaw-lats'

A primitive root; to *pull* off; hence (intensively) to *strip*, (reflexively) to *depart*; by implication to *deliver*, *equip* (for fight); *present*, **strengthen**: - arm (self), (go, ready) armed (X man, soldier), deliver, draw out, make fat, loose, (ready) prepared, put off, take away, withdraw self.

And the word "honor" in the verse above is the Hebrew word kabad, which in this sense means "to promote to honor" or even "to enrich" (think spiritually).

# H3513

כבד כבד

kâbad kâbêd

kaw-bad, kaw-bade'

A primitive root; to be heavy, that is, in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable); causatively to make weighty (in the same two senses): - abounding with, more grievously afflict, boast, be chargeable, X be dim, glorify, be (make) glorious (things), glory, (very) great, be grievous, harden, be (make) heavy, be heavier, lay heavily, (bring to, come to, do, get, be had in) honour (self), (be) honourable (man), lade, X more be laid, make self many, nobles, prevail, promote (to honour), be rich, be (go) sore, stop.

If you stay in Christ, and follow God's simple instructions, allowing him to speak through you at those trials after you are delivered up to the synagogues of Satan, your heavenly Father promises to *strengthen you and promote you to honor*.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I will be with him in trouble."

<sup>&</sup>quot;I will deliver him, and honour him."

**Psa 91:16** With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

This means eternal life.

In the Hebrew, the phrase "long life" actually means "length of days." The word "satisfy" means "to satiate" or "to fill to overflowing." And in the Hebrew, the word "salvation" is *yeshuah* – yes, the very name of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Yeshuah Messiah. In the Hebrew it means "saved, delivered, given the victory, prosperity, and health."

You can accurately translate this verse, "With length of days I will fill him to overflowing, and cause him to see my victory, deliverance and salvation."

# H3444

ישועה

y<sup>e</sup>shû'âh

yesh-oo'-aw

Feminine passive participle of <u>H3467</u>; something **saved**, that is, (abstractly) **deliverance**; hence **aid**, **victory**, **prosperity**: - **deliverance**, **health**, help (-ing), **salvation**, save, **saving (health)**, welfare.

Your heavenly Father takes care of His own. You have His Word on it.

- He has promised you eternal life, in return for your faithfulness.
- He has promised you that during the great time of delivering up, He will be with you every step of the way, to lead, guide and protect you.
- He has promised to do all of the talking, through your mouth.
- And when it is over, He has promised to rescue and deliver you, and allow you to see with your own eyes the downfall of Satan and his wicked ones.
- After that He has promised you honor, prosperity (think spiritually) and most importantly of all, eternal life.

What more could you possibly ask for?

# **Due Praise for Our Heavenly Father**

Considering what we've learned, I think it is only appropriate to end this study with a Psalm of praise, from David, who the Scriptures tell us was a man after God's own heart.

I've chosen a Psalm that will need no explanation of the verses whatsoever. Our heavenly Father deserves our praise, pure and simple.

- **Psa 103:1** A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- **Psa 103:2** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- **Psa 103:3** Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- **Psa 103:4** Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- **Psa 103:5** Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- **Psa 103:6** The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
- **Psa 103:7** He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- **Psa 103:8** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- **Psa 103:9** He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- **Psa 103:10** He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- **Psa 103:11** For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
- **Psa 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
- **Psa 103:13** Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
- **Psa 103:14** For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.
- **Psa 103:15** As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
- **Psa 103:16** For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- **Psa 103:17** But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
- **Psa 103:18** To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

**Psa 103:19** The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

**Psa 103:20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Psa 103:21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

**Psa 103:22** Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

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