



"Kept from the Hour of Testing"

Revelation 3:10

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

"7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. 8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. 12 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'" [Rev 3:7-13 ESV]

INTRODUCTION

Jesus knows your works that you...

- 1) ...have kept His word.**
- 2) ...have not denied His name.**
- 3) ...have kept my word about patient endurance. v10**

In Prophecy a near prophetic event is to be a type for a distant antitype - a prophetic fulfillment of God's plan.

- 1) Eliakim was a type of the ascended Christ**
- 2) The Passover Lamb was a type of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**
- 3) Psalm 23 the Lord is my shepherd was a type of Christ the good shepherd.**

The three behold phrases tell of the future benefits of the believer's service.

- 1) A near future open door of ministry opportunity for the Philadelphians.**
- 2) A more distant prophetic fulfillment of deliverance from the tribulation.**
- 3) A far distant prophetic fulfillment of life in the New Heavens and New Earth.**

- 1. Christs will keep the _____ faithful church from the hour of trial.**

"10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that [hour] which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.'" [Rev 3:10 NASB95]

- 1) Christ prophesies an hour of testing to come upon the _____ world.**

- 1. It is a _____ test that comes upon the whole world.**

"21 Furthermore, they did not repent of their murders, of their magic spells, of their sexual immorality, or of their stealing." [Rev 9:21 NET]

"9 Thus people were scorched by the terrible heat, yet they blasphemed the name of God, who has ruling authority over these plagues, and they would not repent and give him glory." [Rev 16:9 NET]

2. Christ will keep the church from the _____ of global judgment.

I also will keep you from the hour of testing

1) Deliverance _____ the hour is different from preservation in or through that hour.

🔊 "27 'Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, **'Father, save Me from this hour'?** But for this purpose I came to this hour.'" [Jhn 12:27 NASB95]

2) Deliverance from the _____ of the Lamb is different from the _____ of the Evil One.

🔊 "15 'I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil [one.]" [Jhn 17:15 NASB95]

🔊 "9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ," [1Th 5:9 NASB95]

3) Jesus desired to be saved from the _____ of the event of the cross.

🔊 "27 'Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, **'Father, save Me from this hour'?** But for this purpose I came to this hour.'" [Jhn 12:27 NASB95]

2. Christ promises an _____ 2nd coming.

"11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.'" [Rev 3:11]

1) Christ returns to bring _____ upon those who have been tested .

1. Christ 2nd coming is in _____ phases.

1) He comes to _____ the church from the hour of wrath.

I also will keep you from the hour of testing

In the _____ view of prophecy Christ raptures the church...

(1) ...to _____ the church before the judgment of the whole world.

🔊 "9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, [that is] Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come." [1Th 1:9-10 NASB95]

(2) ...and takes it _____ to a home that He has prepared in His Father's house.

🔊 "2 'In **My Father's house** are **many dwelling places**; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 'If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, [there] you may be also.'" [Jhn 14:2-3 NASB95]

(3) ...never to be _____ from the presence of the resurrected Christ.

🔊 "16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of [the] archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so **we shall always be with the Lord.**" [1Th 4:16-17 NASB95]

(4) ...not in a immediate-in-time way but in an _____ [sudden and unexpected] way.

'I am coming quickly;

Section 16 – The Blessed Hope

We believe that the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the coming of the Lord Jesus in the air to receive to himself the dead in Christ and believers who are alive at His coming, otherwise known as the Rapture and translation of the church. (I Corinthians 15:51-57; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14).

(5) ...before the completion of Daniel's _____ or the time of Jacob's trouble.

Section 17 – The Tribulation

We believe that the Rapture of the Church will be followed by the fulfillment of Israel's seventieth week, the latter half of which is the time of Jacob's trouble, the great tribulation. (Daniel 9:27; Jeremiah 30:7; Matthew 24:15-21; Revelation 6-19).

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2) Christ returns to earth to _____ the hour of testing.

'I am coming quickly;

In the _____ view of prophecy...

(1) Christ _____ to judge the nations.

☞ "31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;" [Mat 25:31-32]

(2) ...He brings the church back _____ to earth with him at His 2nd coming.

☞ "11 Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; 12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also [do] for you; 13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus **with all His saints.**" [1Th 3:11-13]

(3) ...He takes the _____ of David to rule the kingdom of God on earth.

Section 18 – The Second Coming of Christ

We believe the great tribulation will be climaxed by the (premillennial) return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to set up His kingdom. (Zechariah 14:4-11; Matthew 24: 27-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:6).

2. His soon coming is encouragement for the church to “_____ what they have.”

hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

The church is to hold fast...

1) ...to the _____ of the gospel.

☞ "1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain." [1Co 15:1-2 NASB95]

2) ... to the keeping of His word, not denying His name, and persevering in _____ warfare.

☞ 8 "'I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have **kept my word** and have **not denied my name...** 10 you have **kept** my word about **patient endurance**, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

3) ...so that no one may take away their _____ that God gives to the one who overcomes.

☞ "28 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'" [Mat 25:28 NASB95]

► **God gives opportunity for God-ordained works. If we fail to complete what He has given for us to do someone else will complete what God has ordained.**

"4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" [1Jo 5:4-5 NASB95]

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND GLORIOUS APPEARING

RAPTURE

1. Christ comes for His own (John 14:3; 1Thess. 4:17; 2Thess. 2:1).
2. He comes in the air (1 Thess. 4:17)
3. He claims His bride
4. Removal of believers (1 Thess 4:17).
5. Only His own see Him (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
6. Tribulation begins.
7. Saved are delivered from wrath (1 Thess. 1:10; 5-9)
8. No signs precede Rapture (1 Thess. 5:1-3).
9. Focus: Lord and Church (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
10. World is deceived. (2 Thess. 2:3-12)

GLORIOUS APPEARING

1. Christ comes with His own (1 Thess. 3:13; Jude 14; Rev. 19:14).
2. He comes to the earth (Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11).
3. He comes with His bride (Rev. 19:6-14).
4. Manifestation of Christ (Mal. 4:2).
5. Every eye shall see Him (Rev. 1:7).
6. Millennial Kingdom begins.
7. Unsaved experience the wrath of God (Rev. 6:12-17).
8. Signs precede glorious appearing (Luke 21:11, 15).
9. Focus: Israel and Kingdom (Matthew 24:14).
10. Satan is bound (Rev. 20:1-2).