

## The Persecution of Israel in the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 12:13-17 When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon[a] for a time, times, and half a time. 15 Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. 16 But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. 17 And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God’s commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus. (NLT)

Zechariah 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. (NKJ)

1. Satan will severely persecute the woman, Israel, and all believers who refuse to deny Christ.

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2. The woman (Israel) and believers will be delivered by the wings of an eagle.

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Revelation 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. (NKJ)

3. The serpent, the devil, will attempt to flood Israel and believers with tribulation after tribulation.

Revelation 12:15 Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. (NLT)

Isaiah 43:1-2 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. 2 When you pass

through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. (NKJ)

4. There will be great help coming from the earth.

Revelation 12:16 But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. (NLT)

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (NKJ)

The believer's life is a battlefield. Immediately upon receiving Christ, the believer finds himself in a constant struggle. He is engaged in an unceasing fight, an unending war.

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1) The belt of truth.

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, (NKJ)

2) The breastplate of righteousness.

Ephesians 6:14 having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (NKJ)

Philippians 3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— (ESV)

3) Feet protected by the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (NKJ)

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (NKJ)

4) The shield of faith.

Ephesians 6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (NKJ)

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our[a] faith. (NKJ)

5) The helmet of salvation.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; (NKJ)

John 10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. (NKJ)

6) The sword of the spirit, the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; (NKJ)

Romans 8:36-39 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." [a] 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJ)