

PERILOUS TIMES

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Last Days Characterized by

- Outpouring of Spirit
- Perilous Times
- Message of the Father
- Transfer of Wealth

Today we shall look at the Perilous Times

NUMBER 1. The Warning

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days [a]perilous times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, [b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

NUMBER 2. Instructions to Believers

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, **11** persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. **12** Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. **13** But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. **14** But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, **15** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [c]instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

A. **BUT YOU**

- Follow Godly Leadership

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- Don't Be Surprised by persecution
2 TIMOTHY 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
- Continue to Live By the Word of God
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B. **BUT YOU**

- Learning
2 TIMOTHY 3:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*
- Living (wisdom of God)
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- Laboring
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NUMBER 3. Understanding the Times

- A. Best and Worst to come
- B. Parable of Tares

MATTHEW 13:36-43 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." **37** He answered and said to them: "He who sows

the good seed is the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. **39** The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. **40** Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. **41** The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, **42** and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

C. Glorious Church

ISAIAH 60:1-3 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

EPHESIANS 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **26** that He might [a]sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.