TAMAR'S TESTIMONY



Why The Saints Must Go Through The *Tribulation*

Isaiah 48:10 KJV Version, "Behold, I have **refined** thee, but not with silver; **I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.**"



Let's Breakdown The Word, "*Tribulation*"!

Outline of Biblical Usage

I. A pressing, pressing together, **pressure** II. Metaph. **Oppression**, **affliction**, tribulation, distress, straits

Strong's Definition

Thlip'-sis; from G2346; pressure (literally or figuratively): – afficleted (-tion), **anguish**, burdened, **persecution**, tribulation, **trouble**.

Strong's Number [G2346]

Afflict (-ed), Affliction: "to suffer affliction, to be troubled," has reference to sufferings due to the pressure of circumstances, or the antagonism of persons"



We know that we serve a God who has *no* pleasure in wickedness and neither does He *dwell* with it. His kingdom will *continue* to be pure. Thus, no wickedness will *inherit* His kingdom.
We also know He wants to Himself a **GLORIOUS** church, **NOT** having *spot*, or *wrinkle*, or *ANY* such thing; but so His church can be **HOLY** and **WITHOUT** blemish. Spot, wrinkle, and blemish represents *imperfection*, which in turn, represents *sin*. How will He present himself a glorious church, such as this? Through *sanctification* and *cleansing*.

How will He cleanse and sanctify His church?

Through Refinement.



Based on *Isaiah 48:10*, how does The Most High CHOOSE to refine His people called by His name? Through the furnace of affliction. I love the Expanded version of this scripture:
Isaiah 48:10 EXB Version, "I have •made you pure [refined you], but not by fire, as silver is made pure.
I have purified you •by giving you troubles [Lin the furnace of affliction/suffering]."

This is a characteristic of The Most High many have not familiarize themselves with: the *PURPOSEFUL* affliction of His servants. *"But what is this purpose?"*

The purification and impression of Christ into the saint.

Daniel 11:35 EXB Version

"Some of the ·wise [Linsightful] ones will ·be killed [L stumble]. ·But the hard times must come so they can be made stronger and purer and without faults [L...in order to refine, to purify, and to cleanse them] UNTIL the time of the end comes. THEN, at the right time, the end will come."



The Most High poured out revelation of The End Times to Daniel in *Daniel 7*; *Daniel 8*; and *Daniel 11*). Also, John, in the book of Revelation is given the same prophecies, but they're expounded in *Revelation 6*; *Revelation 13*; and *Revelation 20*. Based on *Daniel 11:35*, why will the saints be killed or go through tribulation? So they can be made *STRONGER*, *PURER*, and *WITHOUT FAULTS* (blemishes).

I like the **Amplified version** of *Daniel 11:35*, as well:

"Some of those who are [spiritually] wise and have insight will fall [*as martyrs*] in order *to refine*, *to purge* and *to make those among God's people pure*, until the end time; because it is yet to come at the time appointed [by God]."



"For then shall be **GREAT** *tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."* KJV Version.

"GREAT tribulation..."

This mean there will be GREAT pressure, oppression, affliction, straits, distresses, and sufferings the saints will have to endure.
But with GREAT affliction comes what? GREAT *refinement*.
GREAT *sanctification*. GREAT *purification*. The end result will be a glorious church: holy and without blemish, fit to meet their Bridegroom at the Marriage Supper of The Lamb.

This is Why The Saints Must Go Through The Tribulation.

Disclaimer For *The Reader:*

The tribulation is **NOT** to be confused with The Most High's *WRATH*. His saints will **NOT** endure His wrath. He will seal off the 144,000 (those who **REMAIN** to the end of the tribulation), before He pours out His bowls of wrath on the earth (*Revelation 7*). The 144,000 remain to the end, so this means the rest of God's holy people will **DIE** (either through persecution or natural causes) during the tribulation. *Most* of us will be *martyrs* of Jesus Christ, which should be an honor because they will reign with Christ for a thousand years (*Revelation 20:4-5*).

It is vital that we break down the book of Revelation with the help of The Holy Spirit, so we do **NOT** remove or add anything to it (Revelation 22:18-19).

Disclaimer For *The Reader:*

PREPARE your inner spirit man (through intimacy with The Holy Spirit and digesting End Times scripture) for either calling: *to remain to the end or to die in the tribulation*. Please remember brethren: you are in a *NO lose-situation*. If you remain, you will fulfill the will of The Holy Spirit on this earth. If you die, you will be greeted with the face of Jesus Christ.

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Ephesians 5:26-27 KJV Version, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Psalm 5:4 KJV Version, "For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee."



Psalm 11:5 KJV Version, "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth."

Matthew 24:21 KJV Version, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

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