

Ready Now: Tribulation

2 Timothy 3:1

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

Matthew 24:21

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

Matthew 24:4-13

⁴ Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:3

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Part of Matthew 24 has already _____

Revelation 13:7-8

⁷ It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

Luke 21:20

²⁰ “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.

Matthew 24:19

¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

Matthew 24:34

³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

Near _____, far _____

Zephaniah 1:2-3

² *"I will sweep away everything
from the face of the earth,"
declares the Lord.*

³ *"I will sweep away both man and beast;
I will sweep away the birds in the sky
and the fish in the sea—
and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble."
"When I destroy all mankind
on the face of the earth,"
declares the Lord,*

1 John 2:18

¹⁸ *Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.*

Acts 14:22

²² *strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.*

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4

³ *so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them. ⁴In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.*

We will enter_____

Revelation 13:5-10

⁵ *The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. ⁶It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.*

⁹ *Whoever has ears, let them hear.*

¹⁰ *"If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity they will go.*

*If anyone is to be killed with the sword,
with the sword they will be killed."*

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.

The response to tribulation is the same in every age: _____

Revelation 14:12

¹² This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

What do I need to do now to build this kind of faith?