

# A Great Purpose for Great Persecution

*Persecution is coming to God's children; from The Gospel of Mark 13:9-13*

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

1:19 *Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.*

6:9 *When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;*

20:4 *Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

7:9 *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;*

11:5 *if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.*

11:15 *Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."*

14:14 *Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.*

19:6 *"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns*

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## MARK 13

#1 RELIGIOUS DECEPTION 5-6

#2 INTERNATIONAL DISCENSION 7-8a

#3 NATURAL DISASTERS 8b

## #4 Individual persecution D \_\_\_\_\_ 9-13

9 "But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. 10 "The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 "When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit. 12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 "You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ OUT 9-10 *But be on your guard;*

The R \_\_\_\_\_ 9a *for they will deliver you*

The R \_\_\_\_\_ 9b *and you will be flogged*

The R \_\_\_\_\_ 9c

1 The JEWS *for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues,*

2 The GENTILES *and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake,*

**The R** \_\_\_\_\_ 9d *as a testimony to them*

2 Timothy 3:12 *All who live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*

Revelation 6:9 *... I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.*

**The R** \_\_\_\_\_ 10 *The gospel must first be preached to all the nations*

Matthew 24:14 *This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.* Romans 16 *has been made known to all the nations* Matthew 28 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations* Colossians 4 *Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace ...* Acts 4:12 *there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> DEPEND ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ 11-13a

1 **Do not be** \_\_\_\_\_ 11a *When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say*

2 \_\_\_\_\_ **what the Spirit gives you at that moment** 11b *but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 21:15 *for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute*

3 **Accept how** \_\_\_\_\_ **the Tribulation will be** 12-13a

**A=** \_\_\_\_\_ **betraying family, resulting in death** 12a *Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.*

Micah 7:6 *For son treats father contemptuously, Daughter rises up against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies are the men of his own household. Luke 21:16-17 you will be betrayed by parents and brothers and relative and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on account of My name.*

**B=Universal** \_\_\_\_\_ **by everyone because of Christ** 13a *You will be hated by all because of My name*

1 John 3:13 *Do not be surprised if the world hates you* John 15:18-21 *If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. ...a slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> FOCUS ON GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ 13b *but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved*

James 1:3 *knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Daniel 12:12 *How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!*

1 **Depend on the** \_\_\_\_\_ **now** Ephesians 5:18 *be filled with the Spirit*

2 **Manifest your heart** \_\_\_\_\_ **now** Luke 14:26 *If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.*

3 **Share the** \_\_\_\_\_ **now** Acts 1:8 *HIS witnesses-to the remotest part of the earth*

4 \_\_\_\_\_ **with Christ now** 1 John 2:19 *They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us*

5 \_\_\_\_\_ **to Christ now** Acts 4:12 *there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved*