

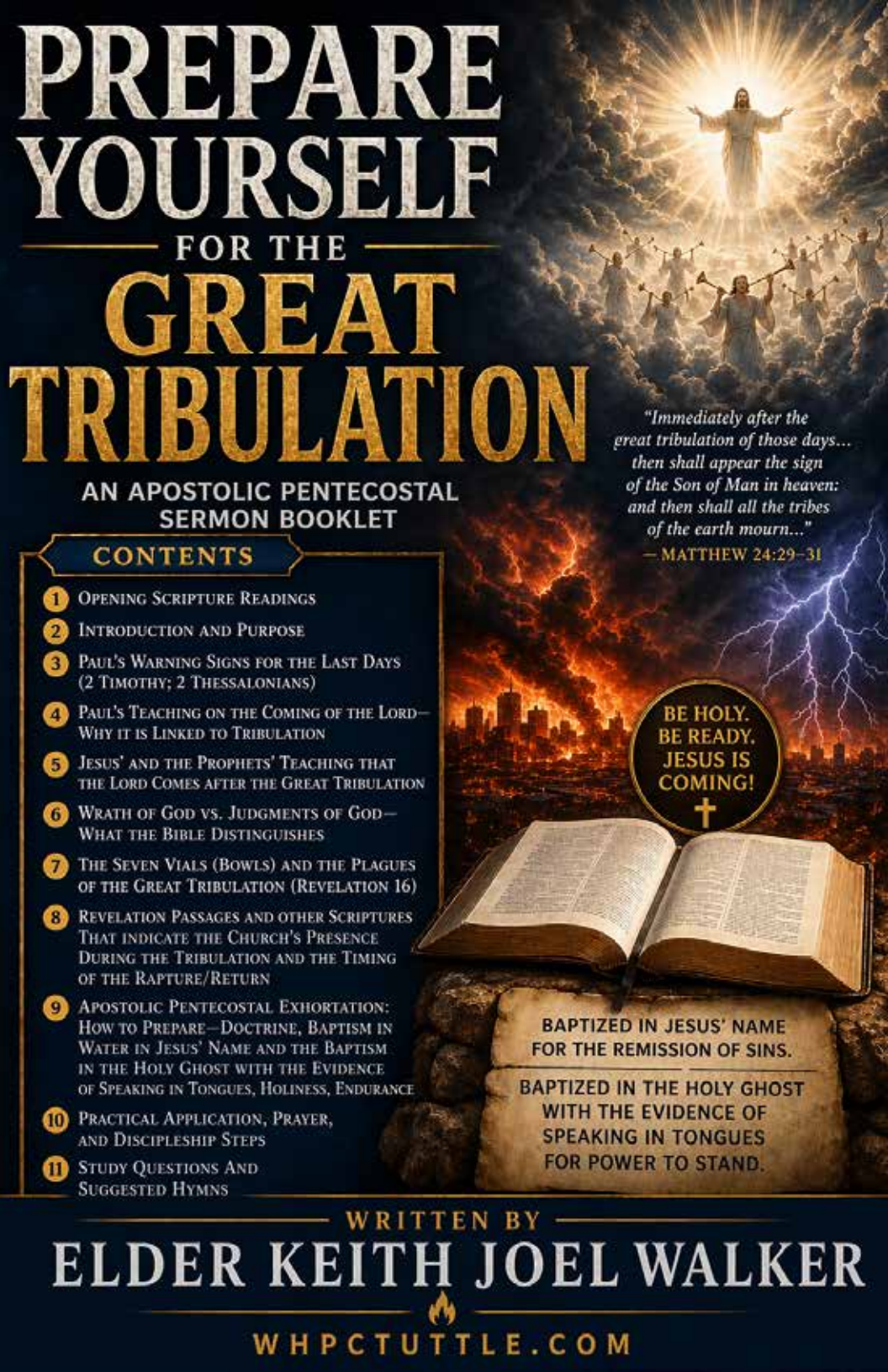
PREPARE YOURSELF

FOR THE GREAT TRIBULATION

AN APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL
SERMON BOOKLET

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"Immediately after the great tribulation of those days... then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn..."

— MATTHEW 24:29–31

BE HOLY.
BE READY.
JESUS IS
COMING!



BAPTIZED IN JESUS' NAME
FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY GHOST
WITH THE EVIDENCE OF
SPEAKING IN TONGUES
FOR POWER TO STAND.

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Purpose: To awaken the saints to the signs of the times, to call the church to holiness and power in Jesus Name water baptism and the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues -Jesus' name, and to set forth biblical reasons to expect the church to endure the Great Tribulation and be gathered at the Lord's coming at its close.

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1 — Opening Scripture Readings

- Matthew 24:29–31
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 5:1–9
- 2 Timothy 3:1–6; 4:1–3
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1–17
- Revelation 16; Revelation 19; Zechariah 14

2 — Introduction and Purpose

The Lord Jesus Christ warned His disciples to watch (Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21). Paul warned the church to be ready and sober for the Day of the Lord (1 Thess. 5). My booklet sets forth the biblical signs Paul and other writers gave, explains God's judgments in the last days, lists the bowl judgments, and presents biblical reasons for believing the church will go through the Great Tribulation with the return/rapture occurring at or following that period. The aim is not to stir fear but holiness, repentance, and readiness in Jesus' name.

3 — Paul's Warning Signs for the Last Days

From 2 Timothy 3:1–6 — moral and spiritual condition:

- Perilous times will come.
- People will be:
- Lovers of self
- Lovers of money
- Boastful
- Proud
- Blasphemers
- Disobedient to parents
- Unthankful
- Unholy
- Unloving
- Unforgiving
- Slanderers
- Without self-control
- Brutal (fierce)
- Despisers of good
- Traitors
- Reckless (headstrong)
- Conceited (haughty)
- Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God
- They will have a form of godliness but deny its power.
- Such people will infiltrate and mislead (seek to turn away from the faith, exploiting the vulnerable).

From 2 Timothy 4:1–3 — doctrinal and ecclesial signs:

- A time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine.
- Instead of truth they will seek teachers who will tell them what they want to hear.
- People will turn away their ears from the truth and be turned aside to myths.
- Preaching the Word becomes imperative — to reprove, rebuke, exhort with patience.

From 2 Thessalonians 2:1–17 — apostasy, the man of lawlessness, deception:

- A great falling away (apostasy) will occur.
- The “man of lawlessness” (antichrist figure) will be revealed.
- There is a restrainer now; when he is removed, the lawless one will be revealed.
- The lawless one will exalt himself, sit in God’s temple, and claim to be God.
- He will perform signs and lying wonders to deceive.
- Those who refuse the love of the truth will be given over to strong delusion and believe the lie.
- Believers are comforted: God will give endurance and faith; we have been chosen for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in truth.

4 — Paul’s Teachings Pointing to a Post-Tribulation Aspect of the Lord Jesus Christ Coming

Key Pauline passages that tie the coming and the Day of the Lord to tribulation, judgment, and the revelation of wickedness:

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 — the dead in Christ rise first, then those alive are caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. (This passage describes the manner of the Lord’s coming and the gathering of believers.)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1–9 — The Day of the Lord comes like a thief; believers are called to sobriety and readiness. “For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ” (v. 9).
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 — Paul says when the Lord is revealed from heaven in flaming fire, He will take vengeance on those who do not know God and obey not the gospel. The coming of the Lord is pictured with vengeance and judgment on those who afflicted the church — linking suffering of the saints and the Lord’s return in judgment.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12 — The coming of our Lord and our gathering is linked with the revelation of the man of lawlessness and the apostasy. The Lord’s coming takes place after the appearance of the lawless one (i.e., after the apostasy and deception).

- 1 Corinthians 15:51–52 — At “the last trumpet” the dead will be raised. The term last trumpet suggests a culminating trumpet — consistent with Jesus’ language in Matt. 24:31 (He will send His angels with a great sound of trumpet, and gather His elect).

Taken together: Paul warns that apostasy, persecution, the revelation of the lawless one, and divine judgment are part of the context in which the Lord returns and believers are gathered. These data support a reading in which the church will be present through severe trials and that the final gathering accompanies the Lord’s visible, victorious coming.

5 — Jesus’ and the Prophets’ Teaching: The Lord Comes After Great Tribulation

- Matthew 24:29–31: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days... then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man... He will send out His angels and gather His elect.” (Clear sequence: tribulation coming gathering.)
- Mark 13:24–27; Luke 21:25–28 — parallel passages.
- Zechariah 12–14 and Zechariah 14:1–9 — speak of the nations gathering against Jerusalem, the Lord’s intervention, and His coming to fight for Jerusalem; immediate deliverance follows that day.
- Revelation 19:11–21 — Christ comes as King

of kings and Lord of lords, defeats the nations at Armageddon. Revelation 19:14 (“And the armies which were in heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”) pictures the victorious return of Christ with His faithful.

6 — Wrath of God vs. Judgments of God — A biblical distinction

- Judgments of God:
- Can be corrective, revealing, or part of prophetic discipline (e.g., God sending calamity to warn and call to repentance).
- Often occur progressively throughout history (seals, trumpets, bowls in Revelation illustrate a sequence of judgments).
- Scripture examples: the trumpet and bowl judgments (Revelation 8–11; 16), warnings from prophets.
- Purpose: to bring sinners to conviction, to vindicate the righteous, to execute God’s righteousness and holiness in history.
- Wrath of God:
- Especially denotes God’s final and full outpouring of righteous anger against persisted, impenitent rebellion.
- Often associated with final punishment and the culmination of God’s judicial work (eternal judgment).

- Scripture examples: Romans 1:18–32, Revelation 14:9–11; Revelation 15–16 (the seven last plagues are called “the wrath of God”—Rev. 15:1; Rev. 16 describes the bowls).
- The user’s point referencing Zechariah 14 and Revelation 19: these passages portray the Lord’s wrath and final victory poured out at His coming to battle (Armageddon) — a culmination.

The practical pastoral point: while believers are promised salvation from final wrath (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9), God may permit or bring judgments that test, refine, and purify the church. We must not confuse discipline and prophetic judgment with the final, eternal wrath that will be experienced by the impenitent.

7 — The Seven Vials (Bowls) — The Bowl Judgments Poured Out During the Great Tribulation (Revelation 16)

Revelation 16 lists the seven bowls:

1. First bowl — painful sores on those with the mark of the beast and who worship his image (16:1–2).
2. Second bowl — the sea becomes blood like that of a dead man; every living thing dies in the sea (16:3).
3. Third bowl — rivers and springs became blood

(16:4–7).

4. Fourth bowl — the sun scorches people with fierce heat; they blaspheme God but do not repent (16:8–9).

5. Fifth bowl — darkness and pain on the kingdom of the beast; people gnaw their tongues and blaspheme God (16:10–11).

6. Sixth bowl — the Euphrates dries up to prepare the way for the kings of the east; demonic spirits gather the kings to Armageddon (16:12–16).

7. Seventh bowl — great earthquake, huge hail, cities fall, islands and mountains disappear; great hailstones hurt people; it is “the greatest earthquake” and is accompanied by voices, thunder, lightning — final judgment imagery (16:17–21).

Note: These bowl judgments are presented as final plagues poured out upon the earth in the end-time sequence. They occur in the context of the Great Tribulation and lead into the final conflict at Armageddon.

8 — Revelation and Biblical Passages Supporting Church Presence in Tribulation and Rapture at the End

Passages that can be used to argue that the Apostolic Pentecostal Message church of Acts 2.38 - Jesus Name Church will endure tribulation and be gathered

at the Lord's revealed coming at the end:

- Matthew 24:9–31 — persecution and tribulation precede the coming and the gathering of the elect.
- Mark 13; Luke 21 — parallel synoptic teachings.
- Revelation 7:9–17 — a great multitude standing before the throne who “came out of the great tribulation” (v. 14). This text shows redeemed ones who have endured tribulation and are now in God's presence. If they are redeemed church-age saints, it argues the church endures tribulation; if many are martyrs from the tribulation, it still shows believers are present in that period.
- Revelation 14:12–13 — patience of the saints who keep God's commandments and faith in Jesus; blessed are the dead who die in the Lord (a tribulation context).
- Revelation 19:11–16 — the Lord returns in judgment; His armies in heaven follow Him (this describes the gathering of the saints at His visible return).
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 — the revelation of the Lord in flaming fire to punish those who do not obey the gospel; the Lord is glorified in His saints at that time (linking vindication of saints with His coming).
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12 — the coming of the Lord and the gathering is linked to the revelation of the man of lawlessness (after apostasy).
- 1 Corinthians 15:50–54; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 —

description of the resurrection and transformation at the last trumpet.

- Zechariah 14:1–9 — national conflict, then the Lord’s coming to fight for Jerusalem and establish His rule — a climactic, visible return.

How these passages are used: Taken cumulatively, the New Testament pictures a period of intense tribulation, apostasy, and deception (many of Paul’s warnings). Revelation pictures plagues and bowls and culminates in Armageddon. The Lord’s visible, glorious return to defeat the nations is the event that follows or coincides with the end-time judgments and after which the saints are vindicated and gathered. The apostolic argument here is that the church will be purified, tested, and present in these events, not removed before them.

9 — Apostolic Pentecostal Exhortation — How to Prepare

Essential elements for preparation in Apostolic Pentecostal conviction:

- Repentance and Holiness: “Be holy, for I am holy.” Personal sanctification of life and speech; separate from worldliness.
- Water Baptism in Jesus’ Name: Obedient baptism in

the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

- Baptism with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues : Seek the promise of the Father; evidence in speaking with other tongues (Acts pattern).
- Prayer, fasting, and Scripture: Be rooted in the Word; be men and women of prayer.
- Watchfulness and sobriety: “Be sober” (1 Thess. 5), watch, pray; do not fall asleep spiritually.
- Preach the Gospel: Evangelize before the end; the Lord will use faithful witnesses.
- Endurance and faith: Be ready to endure persecution. Paul promised endurance; Revelation calls for endurance of the saints (Rev. 13:10; 14:12).
- Community care: Strengthen one another; feed the hungry, encourage the faint-hearted.
- Stewardship of truth: Hold to Apostolic doctrine — the name of Jesus, the need for holiness, the power of the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

10 — Practical Application and Steps

- Personal inventory: Are you baptized in Jesus’ name? Have you received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues ? Are you living in holiness?
- Family readiness: household devotions, Scripture

memorization, prayer posture for children.

- Church readiness: faithful preaching, discipleship classes on last things, practical emergency plans that do not replace spiritual preparation.
- Evangelism plan: share the gospel boldly — the Lord commands preaching the Word (2 Tim. 4:2).
- Prayer plan: corporate watch nights, focused intercession for the nations and for those who will face the beast.

11 — Closing Prayer (Outline)

A short, apostolic Pentecostal prayer to be prayed aloud:

- Adore Jesus who is God the Father , the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Repentance and confession.
- Ask for baptism in Jesus' name for those who have not obeyed.
- Ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues for Salvation and power and comfort.
- Pray for endurance, holiness, and bold witness.
- Pray for protection in God's sovereign will and for the salvation of the lost.

Study Questions (for small groups)

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:1–7. Which signs do you see in our culture today? How should the church respond?
2. How do you understand 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12 in light of Matthew 24? What is the role of the restrainer?
3. Read Revelation 16. How should believers live when they know such plagues are coming?
4. How do the promises of 1 Thessalonians 4 and 5 encourage us to live holy and watchful lives?
5. How should Apostolic baptism and Spirit baptism shape our readiness for the tribulation?

Suggested Hymns and Choruses

- “When the Lord Comes” (chorus/hymn)
- “Are You Washed in the Blood?”
- “Onward, Christian Soldiers” (as an encouragement)
- Spirit-led praise and worship in Jesus’ name

Final Exhortation

The hour is late. The Word of God warns, but it also comforts: we are not abandoned. God has chosen us for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and

belief in the truth (2 Thess. 2:13). Prepare hearts, proclaim Jesus' name, be baptized in Jesus Name only for the remission of sins obedience, seek Baptism the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues and be water baptized in Jesus Name for Remission of sins for power to stand. Endure to the end, for then shall be the blessed appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be found faithful.

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