

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, [12] Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; [13] Looking for that <u>blessed hope</u>, and <u>the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ</u>; [14] Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Yes, just as Noah found Grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8), God, who delivered salvation through an Ark of wood, has in these last days brought salvation to us in the form of His Son Jesus: ("For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" – John 3:16).

God teaches believers to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts; and He instructs us to live soberly, righteously and godly in **THIS** present world. We are **LOOKING** for our blessed hope and anticipating His glorious appearing, who is our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All biblical prophecies that need to be fulfilled before our Lord's return <u>have</u> been fulfilled. He could return at any moment. And when He does, He'll come in the air; He will call with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God and those believers who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we who believe ("...*the Lord knoweth them that are His*..." – 2 Timothy 2:19), and which are still alive on this earth will be caught up together in the air with them (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18).

This will bring to an **END** the age of Grace. The Bride of Jesus Christ will be gone and the world will be completely unaware of it. Why? God's word says that the day of the Lord will come as a **THIEF IN THE NIGHT** (1 **Thessalonians 5:2**). Thieves come secretly.

After the true believers are gone, the <u>satanic trinity</u> will reveal itself to the world, for they are <u>unable to do so now</u>, because the Holy Spirit is still in the world. This time period (*seven years*) is called "*The Time of Jacob's Trouble* (Jeremiah 30:7)," "*A Time of Trouble* (Daniel 12:1)," "*Great Tribulation* (Matthew 24:21, 29; Revelation 2:22; 7:14)," and "*The Hour of Temptation*. (Revelation 3:10)."

Be aware of these times we are living in <u>now</u>, for this <u>satanic trinity</u> is known by many names, which include <u>the Beast</u> and <u>the False Prophet</u>, which are two men; and they are governed by <u>the spirit of Satan, known as the Dragon</u> – **Revelation 20:2**). Interestingly, **Islam** is the **ONLY** religion that is **LOOKING** for **TWO** men to come and bring peace

on the earth. According to the <u>Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad</u>, they will be the Mahdi (*known as the 12^{th} Imam*) and his prophet.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God is our **<u>Blessed Hope</u>** for everlasting life because He paid the price for our sin, which is death (**Romans 6:23**). Will you be "*looking for him*" when He returns? Or will you miss Him, as did the Jews?

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