

**How To Face The Last Days  
Without Fear  
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Proclamation: Titus 2:11–14

**I. Many Warnings Of Difficult Times**

- A. Know this: “Perilous” times (2 Tim. 3:1; compare Matt. 8:28 exceedingly *fierce*)
  - 1. Reason: deterioration of human character, ethics, morals
  - 2. Lovers of self . . . money . . . pleasure
- B. “Birth pangs” of God’s kingdom (Matt. 24:7–13):
  - 1. Nation (*ethnos*) against nation—ethnic
  - 2. Kingdom against kingdom—political
  - 3. Famines, pestilences, earthquakes
  - 4. Christians persecuted and hated by all nations
  - 5. Many “offended” and betray one another
  - 6. Many false prophets
  - 7. Abounding lawlessness
  - 8. Love of many Christians grows cold
- C. Need for *endurance*  
“He who *has endured* to the end . . .”

**II. Divine Perspective From Rev. Ch. 1–7**

- A. Glorified Christ
  - 1. Revealed as *Judge* (Rev. 1:10–17; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10–11)
  - 2. *Victor* over all forces of evil (Rev. 1:17–18): Sin, Satan, Death, Hades
- B. Concern for churches (lampstands) (Rev. 1:13)
  - 1. Seven stars (ministers) in His *right hand* (Rev. 1:20)
  - 2. His messages to the churches (*not to individuals*) (Rev. 2 & 3):
    - a. Five times: “I know your *works*”
    - b. Five times: “Repent”  
Commendation, correction, warning
    - c. Promises are only to “*him who overcomes*” (Rev. 21:10)  
Only two possibilities: *Overcome* or *be overcome* (Rom. 12:21)
- C. The throne room in heaven (Rev. ch. 4)  
“Throne” occurs 14 times
- D. Worship—reveals God as:
  - 1. Holy
  - 2. Almighty
  - 3. Eternal
  - 4. Creator
- E. The scroll = God’s program to close the age (Rev. ch. 5)
  - 1. v. 5—Jesus eternally “Lion of Judah” (Jewish)
  - 2. v. 6—Lion = Slain lamb – compare:
    - a. God’s foolishness and weakness (1 Cor. 1:25)
    - b. Need to *die* and *endure* (2 Tim. 2:11–12)
- F. Ever-expanding circles of worship (5:8–14):

1. 4 Living creatures and 24 elders (vv. 8–10)
  2. All angels (vv. 11–12)
  3. All the rest of Creation (v. 13)
  4. Return to 4 living creatures and 24 elders (v. 14)
- G.** Now down to earth (Rev. ch. 6):
1. The four horsemen (6:1–8):
    - a. White horse = conquering Gospel (vv. 1–2; compare Ps. 45:1–5)
    - b. Red horse = Ethnic conflict (vv. 3–4)
    - c. Black horse = Shortage and rationing (vv. 5–6) (but oil and wine preserved for the wealthy)
    - d. Pale horse = famine and death (vv. 7–8)  
(All four horses were ordered *from heaven*)
  2. Martyrs: Many already killed (6:9–10)  
Many more still to die
  3. Culminating judgments (6:12–17)
  4. Note: *Wrath of the Lamb* (v. 16)—compare Is. ch. 24
    - a. Whole earth subjected to judgment (24:1–6, 7–20)
    - b. Judgment of satanic principalities in heavenlies (24:21–22)
    - c. Christ’s kingdom established in Jerusalem (24:23)
- H.** Final outburst of evangelism by Jewish elect (Rev. ch. 7)
1. To precede release of final judgments (vv. 1–3)
  2. 144,000 Israelites sealed on their foreheads (vv. 4–8)
  3. The harvest from the whole human race (vv. 9–14)
- I.** Culmination of witness of 144,000 (Rev. ch. 14)
1. Seal = name of Son and Father (v. 1)
  2. Offering unique praise (vv. 2–3)
  3. Description of their character (vv. 4–5)  
Firstfruits from all Israel

### **III. Final Application:**

“Be saved” – Acts 2:40