

Little Lambs Inc

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Saints in Tribulation?

I was born again in 1980 after reading apocalyptic literature. God used that to soften my heart to the word of salvation. Having never read the bible before that time, but being a news hound, apocalyptic literature made perfect sense with the news of the day, even in the 1980's. I have since continued to be interested in such literature. One of the understandings of the 80's was that the church would not go through the tribulation, but rather be raptured before it occurred. When I read "God's War on Terror" in 2011, I focused on the Middle East news. With the rise of Islamic power, I began to see a rise in what I will call 'tribulation' for the Christians and the Jews in the Middle East. It has made me rethink my theories and "search the scripture to see if these things were so". Acts 17:10

The results? All 26 references to '**tribulation**' are directed to Christians and Jews except one! I think that I confused the "wrath of God" with "tribulation"! *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess 5:9* God's wrath, His fierce anger, indignation and vengeance will be carried out at the end on all unbelievers, however the tribulation is another story. 'Tribulations' are those things inflicted on and suffered by the believers and the Jews, even going into the "**great tribulation**".

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: 2 Thess 1:4

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Acts 14:22

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Rom 8:35

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Rom 12:12

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 2 Cor 1:4

For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know. 1 Thess 3:4

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Matt 24:21

*And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of **great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev 7:14*

*Immediately after the **tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matt 24:29-30

Is this 'great tribulation' here? Consider these headlines: Iraqi Christian homes marked and claimed for the state as they flee for their lives or to their death; slaughterhouses for Christians found in Iraq; in Nigeria, a major attack and slaughter of 200 Christians in just 4 days, Boko Haram forcees teen to kill parents, kidnaps Christian girls into forced slavery by the hundreds; in Pakistan, Muslims grab 12 year old Christian girl and gang rape her in order to show 'power over Christian girls'; in Iraq: Convert to Islam, he says no, and they kill him; Christians publicly beheaded for their faith in growing numbers.

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Continued: Dear Partners, I sincerely believe the tribulation is on, perhaps not yet reaching 'great tribulation' but that will come as it progresses to using nuclear weapons and army invasions. The Christians in Nigeria, Iraq, Syria, Iran, Lybia must run for their lives as they are invaded. Now that the califat is here, it is convert or die. Many have been publicly beheaded, slaughtered, raped, tortured, lost homes and possessions all because of their faith in Jesus Christ. A Catholic American was publicly beheaded by a British jihadist. Not only are Christians suffering, but any and all opposition is crushed just like the 200 captured Iraqi soldiers marched naked into the desert and killed. Even in America, we are no longer free as the gospel is attacked as 'hate speech'.

It is a time for great prayer. Prayer for courage for ourselves and our children to stand in the time of persecution and tribulation. Prayer for the saints in that part of the world. Pray for the Christians in Turkey as the seven churches of Revelation are located in Turkey, as is the seat of Satan. The prophecy of Smyrna and Thyatira mention tribulation, Thyatira mentions great tribulation. *They shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.* Luke 21:24-28

YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

Dear Salas, Hello this is Randy one of your new enrolled students. I have received your letter, study, and all that came with it. As you can see I finish and return it back as fast I could.

I been incarcerated for 3 years now. Did 2 years in the Los Angeles County Jail and 1 year in prison. In May, 2013, I was found guilty in a jury trial. Then I was sentenced to 25-to-life in state prison. God have truly pour his grace in my life and I have been walking with the Lord every since. Christ have been snatching me from my old ways daily. And I truly must say I love and him and all that he's done with me. I'm very well pleased to be in you guys study courses. Still being rooted and being builded in the faith so your courses will be much help. Well, love, care and will pray for you guys, God bless. Love, Randy

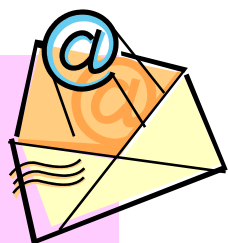


Little Lambs Inc.....I would love to have study bible on completion of my discipleship training course. I became saved in 2004 my tenth year into my prison term. I was living like hell until I heard a message from a crusade we were having here and I did not any longer care what my homies or my peers thought I got up and answered the call. I would like to say that that was it. But 2 months down the road I fell back to my ways not an excuse but I had nobody to teach me the word and 4 years went by and I felt God pulling on me so hard I came back running to Him in '08 and I was Baptized and have not turned back. I have made up my mind now I got into some classes and prayed and asked God to teach me the word and He gave me a cellmate that knows the word so I had grown. Now today I am a teacher and preacher of the word of God. I just never had the opportunity to ever have a study bible. Thank you for all you do for Jesus. Signed, Not Tired Yet Running for Jesus, Jesse, TX

Dear John & Eileen, First God bless you for what you are doing. I am so happy to be growing in the Lord with you. You are a godsend that you do not know of. I have accepted Jesus as my Savior and Master of my life. I have been trying to get Baptized here but it's not happened yet. Only in His time will it happen. My Mom died May 4, 2014, a week before Mother's Day. I was devastated and cursed God and the day I was born. For three days I did this in the hole. I didn't want to be around anyone. On the 3rd day I was emotionally empty and asked God to never let me feel alone or empty anymore and I would live my life for Him. He was fulfilled His end and I strive every day to hold my end. I love you guys. I am so afraid of what it's going to be like when I get out in February or March. I do not want any material things. I just want to serve the Lord and witness and build churches and dig wells.

Hello, John & Eileen, I want to thank you so much for your bible studies, and you being my instructors to bring me closer to our Savior. I really enjoyed the studies and learned so much. I pray that God continues to bless you and your ministry. Everything you do for the Messiah our Savior is treasures in heaven for you. Hallelujah!!!

I received the bible you sent me today. Wow, it's really nice bible, one a person can get so much good use out of it in our striving toward the goal to win the prize. Phil 3:12-14 I have to confess that as much as I love that bible I passed it on to a new friend of mine that is going home next month. He never had a bible at all and he is really proud of this one. He is just now starting his seeking God for his life. I have only known him a short time, but I know that this Bible is exactly what he needs to help him in his spiritual walk. We both thank you very much. God is so good. Thank you for everything. Dudley,



Little Lamb Grader,

You're going a wonderful job!
May God continue to bless you as
you do His will.

The book marker (enclosed in the
envelope with this note) is a small token
of my appreciation—you deserve so much
more!

Peace

Elva Petrosky

*A bright pink note was included in the study giving
 Thanks to our wonderful graders!*

Dear Ministry, First I would like to thank you all for the Beautiful, Unique and Special Bible that you sent to me. Also it will be used daily, to find Scriptures, Books, Verses also assist me to keep my walks with the Lord, Our Savior. I have learned so much from doing your Bible Courses plus this have kept me humble, compassionate and at peace with others. I've grown plus developed my spirit awareness of how important it is to keep Christ, Our Savior in my life. I will always keep in prayer, those things that I've learned through this course plus I will continue to belong to Christ, our Savior also study and pray for forgiveness. I again thank you all from the bottom of my heart and send my prayers. Danny in CA.

Dear Salas, Thank you for the Bible and a chance to study with you. The lessons were great and the Bible was unexpected. The Word lives in all of us and though we have our ups and downs in this life, it's nice to know YAH uses each and every one of us in his own way. He "YAH" used ya'll to help show me he still loves me. May our Father in heaven bless you and those you share the Word with. Thank you, I will use and keep this bible until my time comes to see our Father. Ya'll gave me a sword of Truth to use in this wicked world. I will use it always. Your Brother in Messiah, Gordon from Tx.

Poem by Jay in Virginia Beach, VA

JUST AS I AM

**The Lord Loves Me Just As I AM
 Just Like His Son the Perfect Lamb
 I Can't Wait To Meet The Creator Of Me
 Who Loves Me Now & The Way I Used To Be
 No More Worries On How I Will Live
 With the Lord On My Side I've Got More To Give
 He Took Me Out OF The Darkness & Into The Light
 For This I'll Say My Bedtime Prayers Every Night
 The Lord Does Wonders Just Look At Me
 A Whole New Person Who You'll See
 Never Thought I'd Change In a Million Years
 But Now The Lord Whispers In Both My Ears
 He Tells Me to Take His Hand
 He Promises To Take Me To A Better Land
 Forgiven For All The Wrongs I've Done
 Both Big & Small They Equal A Ton
 The Lord Loves Me Just As I Am**

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE 2014

**TUESDAYS....OVERCOMERS Bible Study,
 AVON PARK PRISON**

**TUESDAYS....MARRIAGE, FAMILY,
 PARENTING, AVON PARK PRISON**

**WEDNESDAYS...OVERCOMERS Recovery Mtg.
 BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Church 6 PM**

**THURSDAYS... MARRIAGE AND FAMILY/
 ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS
 6:45 PM LITTLE LAMBS INC**

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Esteban Gracia and Pedro Reyes, in the red and blue shirts, along with Jamie second from the right, lead the men assigned to Grace Place

Work Day at Little Lambs Inc. with lots of new faces after the May Graduation, the men of Hogar Resa spent Monday as a work day at the Ministry. No stranger to the heat, they did a lot of tree trimming, cutting the grass and raking all the leaves. Their enthusiasm is heart warming. They take care of their home at Grace Place with lots of skill and hard work. Recreation includes baseball and times spent at local beaches on the hot summer weekends. They have honed their baseball skills and are ready to challenge a game with local leagues.



Little Lambs Alumni

A group of Little Lambs close alumni gathered together to mourn the death of Martha's father last week. Hernando Correctional Institute released Martha to attend her father's funeral and she had a short two hours in Sebring. It was a time full of blessing for us as we got to personally hug and reunite with her. This group of former students and members continue to remain close and worship and serve the Lord with lots of vigor and joy here in Sebring. Some are volunteers in the office, some come whenever we need help and do all sorts of things for us. While many of the people we minister to come and go, this is a special group that have remained trusted friends from the early days of ministry in Sebring. We love them!

Our Favorite People: Graders! We want to thank all our graders just as the student on the previous page. Graders come to the office, pick up however many lessons they can handle in the week, get grading books and take this home as their assignment for the week. They spend time going over every scripture quote in the lesson, and there are many! Each and every scripture receives a check mark. They admonish, they encourage, they instruct, they discipline, they pray for each and every student as they grade. We like to say, they are making a prison visit with each inmate. We asked for graders last month and **Beth Skipper and Norm Metzger** both responded to the call. Both these awesome people had graded for us before but life happens and they had stopped. Now they have returned to help us and we are so grateful. **To all our graders: be blessed and thank you!!**

