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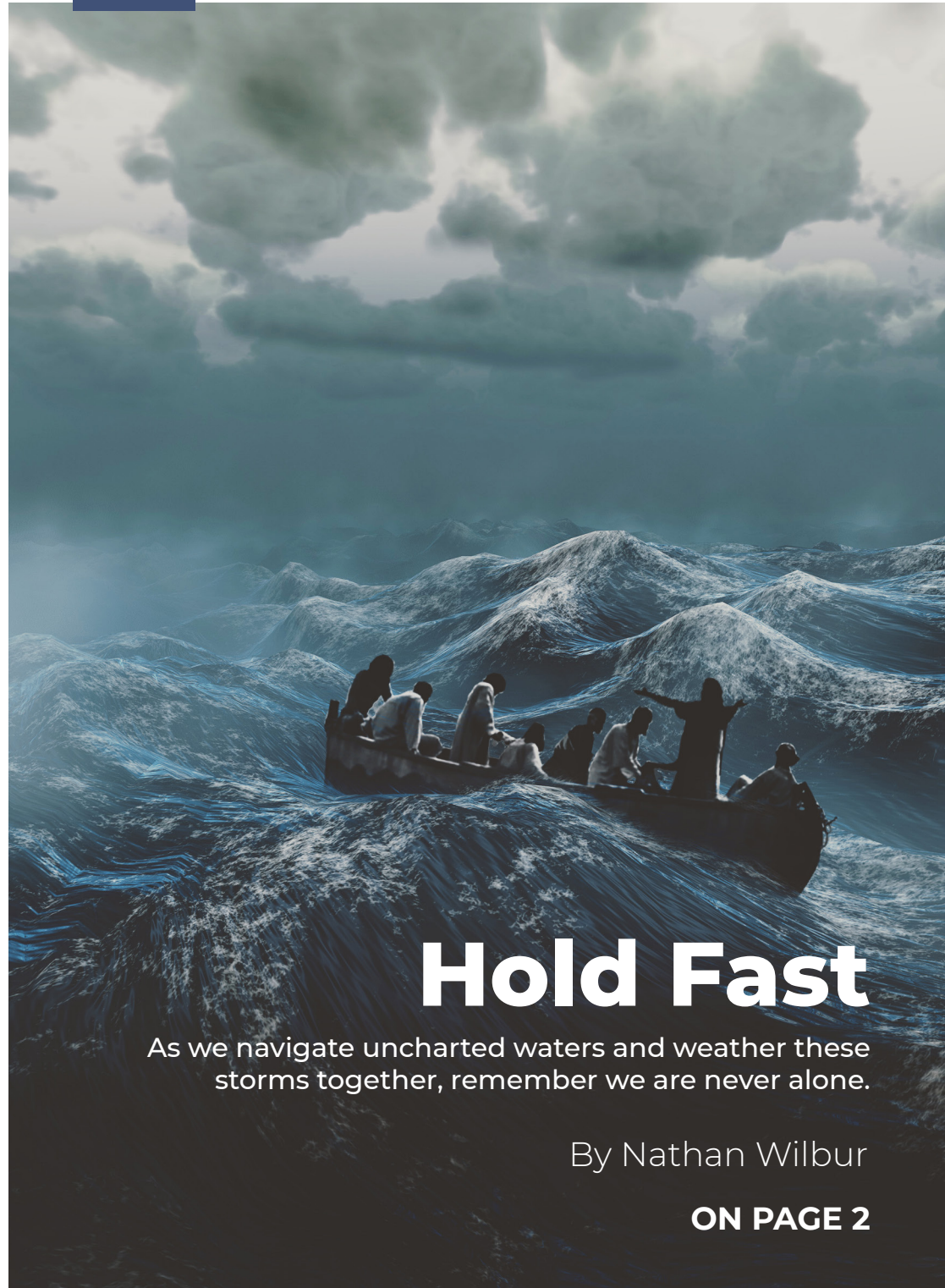
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South Tel Aviv's Poor are in a Coronavirus Crisis and you can Help!

By Mordechai Cohen

Every week, we prepare 300 hot meals and distribute them in south Tel Aviv – a haven for illegal immigrants and a hotbed of drugs, crime and prostitution. When Israel implemented a stay-at-home quarantine in March, we immediately began seeing the devastating effects on the rough streets of south Tel Aviv.

We know the faces of those who end up here, those pushed into to a life of poverty, prostitution, homelessness and crime by drug addiction. The situation in the area grows worse every year. The coronavirus closed most of the soup kitchens and halfway houses during the early months of the quarantine, making the situation even more dire.

The New Face of Need

Since Israel eased the restrictions at the end of May, we have been seeing new faces at our weekly meal outreaches. These people are not criminals or drug addicts. They are not even homeless. They have simply lost jobs and income due to the ensuing economic crisis and find themselves on the edge each week, having to choose between paying their bills and buying food. It is heartbreaking to see an increasing number of people in this situation, but we are thankful that God is giving us the opportunity to serve and minister to them.

More New Faces: Workers for the Harvest!

One of the most exciting things that has been happening recently is the fact that the Lord is sending workers into the harvest. For the last several weeks, more volunteers have been joining us to hand out meals on the street. In particular, a devoted group of on-fire young people from Jerusalem has been coming down to Tel Aviv every week to help distribute meals on the streets.

Long after the rest of us have gone to bed, they are out on the streets until six in the morning, ministering to the neediest people in our country who are unseen and forgotten: drug addicts, prostitutes and homeless. They have been sending me pictures of people kneeling on the sidewalks in prayer. God is moving!

Please keep what we are doing in prayer! God is shaking our society and giving us the opportunity to be there to minister to those who are most dramatically affected. Thanks to your faithful support of this ministry, we are able to continue being the hands and feet of the Lord here on the streets in Tel Aviv.

Your gift of \$50 can feed several homeless people. Your gift of \$500 can be the difference for 50 people between going hungry or having a meal. Yeshua said when you feed the least of his brothers, you feed him. Join with us in revealing the true face of Yeshua to Israel.



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Hold Fast

As we navigate uncharted waters and weather these storms together, remember we are never alone.



By **Nathan Wilbur**

“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty” (2 Timothy 3:1 ESV).

Growing up, my beloved grandfather, “Pop-Pop,” was a larger-than-life hero. He would teach me survival skills, go on wild adventures into the woods and take me sailing. There was really no telling where we would end up, especially in his small sailboat. He retired from the Navy after a brief tour in South Korea and always loved being around the water.

Pop-Pop did not pay much notice to weather patterns, private property posts and signs of danger. I remember one specific outing. It was a bright sunny day, not a cloud in the sky. We climbed into our water chariot for another journey. All was going well, until a big cloud came to rain on our “parade.” If you know how weather works, a strong wind usually comes right before the storm. Although I enjoy watching a storm, being in the middle of a lake experiencing it first hand, is not my preference. Right as the winds began to blow, and push us closer to the rocks, I remember him saying, **“Hold Fast!”**

That memory will always be etched in my mind. We did not sink. We eventually made it safely to shore, completely drenched and exhausted. But what stood out to me was **my grandfather’s determination that we would together fight the storm, win and make it back safely.**

I did not fully understand the significance of the words, “hold fast,” until many years later when the movie “Master and Commander” with Russell Crowe came out. One of the sailors had that very phrase tattooed on his fingers.

In a very tense and dramatic part of the movie the crew of this ship is in the midst of a battle against another ship, and the camera zooms in to highlight the tattoo.

The phrase so intrigued me that I looked it up. In sailor tradition, it means securing the ropes and rigging on the ship. Without those items being squared away, the safety of the boat and crew is in peril. It also signifies **commitment to teamwork and ensuring that the ship is first cared for, and by doing that, your fellow sailors will be safe.** Each person has a duty and with all hands on deck working together towards a common goal, they will reach their destination, no matter the challenges that arise.

This brings us back to our opening verse, **“...in the last days there will come times of difficulty...”** As we look all around the world, or even in our backyard, it seems things have gone out of control. You can see this verse literally come alive. If you are feeling trapped in your home, in a difficult economic situation, or just losing hope that life will ever return to normal, hold fast to His promises. Though we were warned about these days it’s still easy to take our eyes off our ultimate destination.

As we navigate these uncharted waters and weather these storms, remember that we are never alone. **“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”** (Isaiah 41:10). God has us in the palm of His hand and with this knowledge we can keep our focus on Him and on the lives of our fellow “sailors,” remembering we are in this together.

Hold Fast!

AT EASE? Wake Up!

**“Woe to you who are at ease in Zion ...
Woe to you who put off the day of doom” (Amos 6:1, 3).**



By **Eitan Shishkoff**

I don't think God's fooling around. Could it be that a plague blankets the world, yet has no spiritual, biblical meaning? I don't think so. It looks to me like He wants to take advantage of this virus to get our attention. It's as if the Lord is saying “OK. All bets are off. Listen to me, my children, I'm talking to you.”

And, as if the pandemic isn't enough, riots have broken out in the most prosperous country in all history, the USA. I'm in no way justifying lawlessness, but this upheaval points to real anguish experienced by African Americans—racism that has not disappeared through legislation or social action.

And though it may seem far away for some, Exodus-level clouds of locusts have devastated immense areas of Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Sudan, India, and Pakistan. It is greatly distressing to watch footage of people desperately trying to protect their fields from the all-consuming insects. This, another form of plague, has left millions exposed to extreme poverty and in danger of starvation.

The opening verses from Amos the prophet cause me to make a disturbing comparison with my own relative comfort. Sure, the corona-virus has caused some personal inconvenience. But that's nothing compared to the nearly ¼ of our working population who are unemployed in Israel. There are families who don't know how they'll pay their rent. Yes, I am “at ease in Zion.” When God says “Woe,” I know He wants me to wake up and look beyond my own circumstances.

I've never been too big on the “doomsday” view of world events. But when the Almighty warns me not to ignore (in Hebrew: dismiss, put far off) the “day of doom,” it's time for me to take another look at the Bible's perspective on the end of the world (as we know it).

One glance at the Book of Revelation and there's no doubt. Up ahead there are calamities and judgments that will make the current plagues look mild. **How can I respond** to today's new reality and prepare for tomorrow's intensified trials?

Here, Yeshua's exhortation to the congregation at Sardis rings clear, true, and relevant.

“Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God” (Revelation 3:2). Three actions are indicated.

- 1. Wake up.** It's time to arouse myself, to be alert, to snap out of any complacency or apathy.
- 2. Strengthen the things that remain.** It's time to invest afresh in my relationship with God—through His Word and a concerted life of prayer. Is there any portion of my life that's not fully dedicated and yielded to Him? If so, I need to honestly place that on the altar before Him for purification and transformation.

3. Complete your deeds in the sight of God. It's time to look around and see the needs of others, including those closest to me. Every day I can touch at least one life. Where is there suffering? Injustice? Hopelessness? Enslavement to sin? I have freely received the gift of life through Yeshua. He calls me to actively spend my life sharing His love and grace with others, every day.

The Void In Our Hearts



By **Guy Cohen**

When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him:

“Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry, for the land has committed great harlotry by departing from the Lord” (Hosea 1:2).

Hosea was a man after God’s heart, and it’s hard to understand why a man with a heart after God was told by God to take a prostitute as his wife!

In ancient Hebrew, the meaning of the word harlot (zonah) also means a wife who is not satisfied with her husband and seeks other men. It becomes a part of her personality. Even though she loved Hosea, his wife felt as though she needed more. She was trying to fill a void. In Hosea 3:1, God tells him to love this unfaithful wife just as He loves the children of Israel who turn to other gods.

Despite the fact that Israel throughout history has refused to repent for serving other gods and regularly backslides, we see God’s continuing love for Israel, His beloved.

Though they are joined through an everlasting covenant, there are still consequences for Israel’s unfaithfulness.

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Even so, God says He will not forget them and He will protect them. In the end they will return to Him and to their homes (Hosea 11).

Israel, even today, can be compared to Hosea’s wife. There is a similar emptiness of heart toward God, and a seeking after other things. Turning our backs to God comes from lack of trust, lack of love and lack of confidence in Him. Spiritual adultery = idolatry.

During the days of Hosea, the nations surrounding Israel were the Canaanites and Philistines, on the South, Egypt and the North, Assyria. The Israelites at times embraced the gods of their neighbors. However, the **God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wants our whole heart.** Yeshua, while on the cross said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do”** (Luke 23:34). Modern Israel is drawn to the same adultery of the heart. We as believers must embrace what Yeshua said, praying for forgiveness because they do not understand that they are *far away from Him, attempting to fill the void in any way they can, except by drawing closer to Him.*

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Guidance for a New Way



By **Leon Mazin**

Greetings in the name of our Messiah. It is wonderful to know that you are praying for us, as we are also praying for you. It is a joy to have you as our partners in the ministry.

Around the globe we are all experiencing a new place, a new way. Something similar happened when the sons of Israel entered the Promised Land after 40 years in the wilderness. In spite of their rebellion, God guided them in the way they should go, following the ark and the priests:

“When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it ... that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before” (Joshua 3:3-4).

Today God is renewing the way for us, saying, “Seek the way. Become the priesthood, so that you will not be the blind leading the blind.” How do we do it? Verse 3 tells us: by carrying the Ark, the presence of God. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” Everyone needs an answer. Regardless of place or culture, the answer is Yeshua. Peace and healing are in Him. These are days of new opportunities—of God giving nations a chance to reconcile with Him! And these days are challenging us to abide in Him, to be bearers of His presence.

After some slightly “epic” theological thoughts, we will dive into a few practical matters...

We have resumed the work of our Music and Art School, with **our vision to identify and release the gifts and talents of children and to foster them through music and arts.** And furthermore, to reach out to new immigrant children returning to Israel!

80% of our students have returned to classes—about 135 persons. The others are not able to return, as their parents cannot afford the much-needed education that we are offering their children to **keep them away from the streets and to occupy them usefully in a safe environment.**



We have long planned to launch the program called “foster a student.” **This is a wonderful chance to offer a talented child a sound education in music and art and to show them the love of Yeshua.** Do not miss this opportunity to partner in the spiritual restoration of Israel and its upcoming generation. You can make a lasting difference in the future of Israel.

We count on your prayer support and offerings to enable us to continue and even expand our present ministry. **We thank the Lord that you have partnered with us in reaching the people of Israel, in the Land of Israel with the message of Messiah.**

Please pray also for our congregants and those we reach out to, for “victory over fear.” Many are anxious about the consequences of the Coronavirus on the economy. But the Holy Spirit gives victory when we pray!

May mercy and peace be upon you from our Heavenly Father and Our mutual Savior, Yeshua.

We love you!
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How Can We Help Grow God's Kingdom?



By **Yonatan**

The world around us is collapsing in many ways. Though it seems like it will last forever, we know this world is temporal and the real reality lies in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Yeshua teaches on many aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let's focus on two parables that each illustrate a different detail but are also connected.

“He presented to them another parable, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. It's the smallest of all seeds; yet when it's full grown, it's greater than the other herbs. It becomes like a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.’” (Matthew 13:31-33)

1. Exponential Growth

The particular characteristic of the kingdom that Yeshua focused on is its **growth pattern**. It begins as something quite small but expands and grows into something very large. Today we read in the news about the way the coronavirus spreads exponentially. One sick person infects 2-3 people. Each of those infect another 2-3 and so on. From one sick person we can see hundreds and even thousands of sick people in a very short time. This is the type of exponential growth we're talking about.

2. Growth through Investing in People

Once we understand this characteristic of the kingdom then the logical next question is – how does it expand? This brings us to the second parable – The Parable of the Talents that we find in Matthew 25:14-30. I recommend you read the whole parable.

“[The Kingdom of Heaven] is like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and handed over his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey.”

Normally we think about our relationship with God as father and sons and daughters. The focus of that relationship is on God's love and mercy in our lives. Understanding this aspect is of course quite important. But in this parable Yeshua taught about another aspect of the kingdom – the relationship between master and servants. In this parable the master gave talents (silver coins) to three servants and it's important to note that he did this not for their personal use but rather as an investment of his resources. That means he expected to gain a profit from his investment. We read that he gave a different amount to each one according to their ability.

The next question: if we understand that **God invests in us**, then **what are we supposed to invest in?** The answer is simple: invest in people. We see, for example, in politics how people want to have influence and they argue over positions and offices. The titles we achieve will not remain. Our investment in temporal things does not last. The only thing that lasts in God's creation is people.

If we want to influence the world around us we need to invest in people.

Like in the parable, let's draw out abilities God has given those around us. If I invest in 2-3 people and they in turn invest in 2-3 people, and so on, then the kingdom grows exponentially.

We must note that God does not need us. He can work in any way He chooses. The point is that He wants to use us. He has given us abilities, gifts of the Spirit, placed us in certain circumstances in life, etc. He has done so not just as a personal blessing, but rather so that we will take His investment in us and in turn invest in others! We need to understand that **God expects and even requires that we use our abilities and gifts in order to invest in others**. Let's participate in God expanding His Kingdom.

Israel Shuts Down Messianic Hebrew Channel

How we Responded



By **Ron Cantor**

HOT cable company chose to drop Shelanu TV. We have no doubt that this was due to pressure from the Israeli government, who were in their own right, pressured by anti-Messianic Orthodox groups, but we are not discouraged. In fact, we are excited.

“*Shelanu*” means “ours” in Hebrew. This station is sending out the message to Hebrew-speaking Israelis, that **Yeshua is “ours”** after many centuries in which Jews thought of Jesus as an outsider. Yes, he opened the way of salvation to the nations, but he is a Son of Israel.

Like they say, there is no such thing as bad publicity. Because of the media exposure and controversy of HOT being pressured to drop us, tens of thousands of Israelis have heard of Shelanu. We are now putting all our efforts into the internet channel www.shelanu.tv and continuing to make great content in Hebrew, while using the funds that HOT must return to advertise “**The channel that was too Hot for Hot!**” Please keep praying for Shelanu TV to reach Israelis with the good news of Yeshua the Messiah!

Here are portions of the official press release that we put out, of which the Jerusalem Post and Haaretz printed large portions:

“Last night we learned that HOT Cable company has chosen not to reapply for a license for Shelanu TV, which effectively ends Shelanu TV’s era on the HOT cable network. We, HOT and Shelanu, both knew that in a free and democratic society, we would have received approval for our new license. And if not, we would have won in court...”

“We have no doubt that government officials, who understood it the same way, put tremendous pressure on HOT to disassociate itself from Shelanu TV. This way the Israeli government would not be accused of denying anyone’s freedoms and Shelanu TV would be gone from the airways.

“**First** we want to say thank you to HOT for sticking with us as long as they did. Quite honestly, we expected them to drop us two months ago, when the controversy began. We hold no ill will against them. They were in a no-win situation and we are a small client.

“**Second**, we are considering taking legal action against Chairman Asher Biton for knowingly deceiving the public in saying that Shelanu’s license, that he himself granted, was to target an audience that was Christian and not Jewish ...

“We do not wish to harm Mr. Biton in anyway, knowing that he himself has been the target of anti-Messianic groups like Yad Lachim, putting incredible pressure on him to revoke our license, but he has told all Israel and many in the international community that we used deceptive tactics to get the license, when in fact we were upfront with HOT executives from day one. This has been the headline or primary quote in dozens of local and international articles over the past few days ... We ask Mr. Biton to issue an apology and clarification that there was no stipulation that our content was only supposed to be for Christians. If he corrects the matter, we will take no legal action.

“**Third**, we will take Shelanu TV to the internet. As Israelis who love our country and know the laws, we will not be silenced. We will continue, in a spirit of love, despite being persecuted by our own government, to be a voice against BDS and seek support from evangelicals all over the world for Israel. We will stand with Israel, even if our government does not stand with us.

“Make no mistake—as Israelis ... we are hurt and devastated that our country’s leaders would act against us. But at the same, we are happy that they put pressure on HOT to drop us rather than to take the unprecedented, anti-democratic move of stripping the Messianic Jewish and Christian Arab communities of their freedoms of speech and expression. That would have set horrible precedent for the only democracy in the Middle East.”



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Why Tribulation?!



By Asher Intrater

There will be increasing tribulation in the end times. It is not that God desires difficulties for us; however, there are reasons that these spiritual battles “must” take place.

Revelation 1:1 –
things which must take place swiftly
Revelation 4:1 –
things which must take place after this
Revelation 22:6 –
things which must take place shortly

The necessary tribulations include even the beast government (17:10) and the release of satanic forces (20:3)! As the plagues of Egypt were an essential part of the salvation of Israel, so must there be plagues in the end times before the Second Coming. The rabbis say that “the last redemption (Messiah – End times) will be like the first redemption (Moses – Exodus).”

[Our very own Dan Juster wrote a whole book on this theme: *Passover: The Key That Unlocks the Book of Revelation*.

Here are five reasons that the tribulations “must” take place:

1. Persuading people to repent

The final judgment is soon to take place. God wants to do everything to cause people to repent before the judgment. The purpose of the tribulation is repentance. Even so, most people will not repent.

Revelation 9:20 –
the rest of mankind ... did not repent
Revelation 9:21 –
... they did not repent
Revelation 16:9 –
... they did not repent
Revelation 16:11 –
... they did not repent

Although most of the wicked will not repent, some will.

2. Proving God’s justice

When believers see the judgments, they will become more convinced of the righteousness of God’s justice. We will break out in songs of worship, praising God, not only for His mercy, but also for His judgments.

“Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways ... for your judgments have been manifested” (Revelation 15:3-4).

Because the final judgment is approaching, all good and evil must be exposed. While the wicked will be more stubborn, the righteous will be more repentant.

3. Punishing evil

Rewarding righteousness and punishing evil is basic to justice. Rewarding righteousness is not enough; God wants to punish evil. The plagues are part of that justice.

“Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment” (Exodus 12:12).

God could have brought the Israelites out of Egypt without plagues, but He wanted not only to save the innocent, but also to punish the wicked. His judgment included destroying the power of the demon gods that the Egyptians worshiped.

4. Panic of the devil

Many of the end-times tribulations are an attack of the devil. That is also a sign of our victory. The devil is angry and afraid. He knows his time is short and that he is losing the battle.

“The devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short.” (Revelation 12:12).

Satan’s anger is a sign of his panic. Satan is losing. We are overcoming him by the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:10).

5. Purifying our faith

When our faith holds fast in the midst of trials and tests, it becomes even stronger. Our character and integrity are developed.

Revelation 1:9 –
your companion in tribulation
and patience
Revelation 13:10 –
here is the patience and the faith
of the saints
Revelation 14:12 –
here is the patience of the saints

End-times tribulations are like a fiery furnace. If we remain faithful, our patience and perseverance will be developed. Our faith will be refined like gold.