

Last Days Survival Guide – Rick Renner Lesson 1

You and I were chosen by God to live in this hour. Word of God prophecies were not written to scare us but to prepare us. This manual will address issues that we are confronted with. It will focus on solutions verses problems.

Chapter 1: Since we are living in the last round of this end time age, we must know what God has specifically stated about events in society in the last days. We need divine guidance to maneuver accurately in the midst of attacks of the enemy, waging against society.

2 Tim 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

This know also – to know something definitely, emphatically & with absolutely certainly. Something so urgent that it must be known, recognized, and acknowledged (not optional information)
Purpose is not to scare us but to prepare us to be Informed & Spiritually prepared (to sail victoriously through the stormy waters and not be overcome with evil)

Last Days – Final (very last or ultimate end of time). A point that is the farthest away Last port call of a ship. No more time remains.

Perilous – Dictionary - risky, dangerous and hazardous (**Chapter 2 is devoted to Perilous**)

Shall Come – A compound word that means "In" and "To Stand" (to stand in or to stand in the middle of): To be surrounded by to stand in the midst of whatever is being discussed. ie: Cannot be avoided. This is not the time to hide but build a spiritual wall of protection so we can live victoriously Rom 8:37

2 Thes 2:1 – Now I beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ & by our gathering together unto him
Now I beseech you – act of making an earnest appeal and expect the listener to respond (passionate appeal)
The Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ – means celebrate arrival of a royal sovereign.
Gathering together - quickly gather or collect his people to receive them to himself.

2 Thes 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

That ye be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled - To shake or waiver, to totter or be moved (not to have fright)

Mind – ones mind, intellect, will and emotions (the mind is the key)

By Spirit – do not follow strange utterance, weird revelations or euphoric proclamations.

Nor by letter - Counterfeit messages

As that the day of Christ is at hand: written to calm down Christians and for them not to be panicked.

2 Thes 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Deceive – beguile, to cheat, to trick or mislead to a false conclusion.

Renner – Of concern is the changing spiritual climate in with accommodations of the worlds system will become the Norm. The world will become increasingly hostile toward and intolerant of those who stand for moral absolutes.

~~Embrace~~ the times
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Chapter 1 Last Days Survival Guide Action Steps (to build a wall of protection around your life)

1. **Pray Every Morning:** Ps 5:3 My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up.
Eph 6:18 Pray always
2. **Read the Bble Every Day (make it the top priority of your life)**
Ps 119:105 The Word is a lamp unto my feet & a light unto my path.
Joshua 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.
Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
3. **Quickly Confess sins and receive the cleaning of Jesus' blood**
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Prov 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.
4. **Put on the Whole Armor of God**
Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
(loin belt of truth, the breastplate of righteous, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit, and the lance of prayer and supplication)
5. **Make a Covenant with your eyes Ps 101:3** I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:
Matt 6:22 Our eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light.
6. **Maintain a Strong relationship with those to whom you are spiritually accountable.**
Prov 11:14 Where no council is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.
Prov 24:6 Also says – In the multitude of counselors there is safety.
Ps 54:4 Amphd Behold, God is my helper *and* ally; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul [my upholder]
7. **Regularly attend church that teaches from the bible (holy spirit and the power/anointing of God)**
Ps 119:28 ... strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
Heb 10:25 Not forsaking **the assembling** of ourselves together, as **the** manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much **the** more, as ye see **the** day approaching.
Matt 4:4 Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God

Bob Yandian "Signs you'll see just before Jesus returns"

Matt 24 Luk2 21:6

(signposts)

3. when shall these things be? and what shall be the **sign** of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that **no man deceive you**.

⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, **I am Christ**; and shall **deceive** many.

⁶ And ye shall hear of **wars and rumours of wars**: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

⁷ For **nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom**: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ Then shall they deliver you up to be **afflicted**, and shall **kill** you: and ye shall be **hated** of all nations for my name's sake.

¹⁰ And then shall many be **offended**, and shall **betray** one another, and shall **hate** one another.

¹¹ And many **false prophets** shall rise, and shall deceive many

¹² And because **iniquity** shall abound, the **love of many shall wax cold**.

¹³ But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a **witness** unto all nations; & then shall the end come

4. **deceive** = to wander off course (people or nations) to drift from a solid path

Abandonment of truth and moral foundation

2 Thes 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

Is 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;

⁵ **1 Tim 4:1** (I am Christ) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils

2nd Tim 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having

⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables

6. **Wars, rumours of wars and commotions**

Wars mean armed conflicts, be not terrified, (use Phil 4:8)

commotions - terrorism

rumours - continual earful of news

7. **Nation against Nation**: means ethnic groups escalate, gather speed and proliferate, including religious & political parties against - Epi (force to take a superior dominant position)

7. **Famine, hunger, scarcity and economic woes**

Famine(s) (*gr*) scarcity of grain The economic measure was based on grain. Today, economic shortfalls and deficits

Wars contribute to the problem.

Mark 13:8 Famines & troubles (troubled, stirred up, anxious, agitated and upset) Distress Financial instability

7. Pestilence(s) - (gr) = diseases (from human behavior, social, political factors & economic factors) Pandemic disease

7. Earthquake(s) - seismic activity -

Romans 8:22

Luke 21:11 adds fearful sights - (fright, horror & scary) And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Great (gr) mega impact

9. Afflicted - pressure, stress or stressful situations (feeling trapped)

Killed - outright slaughter

Offended (scandalized) Christians viewed as close minded

10. Betrayed - to hand over or deliver (Luke 21:16-17) even my those close to you

Hated- utter disgust and repulsion Luke 21:12 they shall persecute you One who vigorously pursues you, lead away to prison

Luke 21:13 And it shall lead to you as a testimony Gr - "this will lead to an opportunity to witness"

Luke 21:14-15 - your adversaries shall not able to gainsay or resist = gainsay means to be able to stand against

11. Many - a multitude False Prophets - one who claims divine inspiration but is not sent by God (many false religions will grow)

12. Iniquity shall abound & the love of many shall was cold

Iniquity - lawlessness (affect the most people at once all around the world)

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient Retain - to hold or embrace

Retain - to hold or embrace Retrobate - unfit due to sin damaged mind Losses ability to discern right vs wrong

2 Thes 2:3 describes a great falling away in the last days (mutiny against authority)

Abound - increase, flourish & overflow

Many - multitudes Wax cold - loose sensitivity to Holy Spirit (develops calluses and learns to live with sin with no feeling of wrongdoing "to progressively become cold hearted" (Need 1 John 1:9)

2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine

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House to house and city to city End = completion

2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, (to make fun or mockery)

2 Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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