

Questions About Fleeing During Time of Tribulation

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Pastor Ed made two short statements about what we're to do when the Sabbath observance...I don't remember his precise words...to paraphrase him, I think he said we're to adopt a survivalist type of response and to go underground to meet as Christians.

Answer:

Yes, in one of the messages, I mentioned that **as we near the final crisis foretold in Revelation**, particularly involving **Sabbath observance and religious liberty**, God's people may need to **adopt a mindset of spiritual preparedness and practical readiness**. That includes:

1. Spiritual Preparation First

We're not saved by fleeing into the wilderness—but by abiding in Christ. The first and most vital preparation is having the **seal of God** (Revelation 7:3) and being **rooted in truth and faith**, no matter the cost. That means:

- Studying God's Word deeply.
- Strengthening your walk with Jesus.
- Trusting fully in the Holy Spirit for guidance.

2. Practical Readiness

When laws begin to **forbid worship on the true Sabbath** and enforce counterfeit worship (Revelation 13), there may come a time when God's faithful people must:

- **Step back from society** (like the Waldenses or early Christians) to maintain faithfulness.
- **Worship in secret** or small underground gatherings—not to hide in fear, but to honor God in truth.
- **Live simply** and rely on God's providence more than the systems of the world.

This isn't about panic or stockpiling—it's about **trusting God fully** while using wisdom. Jesus said:

"When they persecute you in one city, flee to another." – *Matthew 10:23*

“Your bread and water shall be sure.” – *Isaiah 33:16*

We’ve see. This history repeat itself: God’s people have often been “**driven to the deserts and mountains, even to solitary places**” to keep the faith alive.

3. Hope, Not Fear

This message was never about doom—but about **courage, conviction, and confidence in God**. The same Jesus who went through Gethsemane and the cross will walk with us through the final trials.