

# Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

## Lesson 21

### LIVING WITHOUT A MEDIATOR



Jesus told His disciples that conditions in the world at the time of His coming will be similar to those in the days of Noah. When Noah entered the ark, and God closed the door, those who had refused to enter carried on their daily pleasures for seven days. But it was now too late to find refuge in the ark, and there was no other opportunity to escape the Flood. The destinies of all had been decided. The sudden flood came upon the earth and the wicked perished while Noah and his family were safe in the ark.

We today are facing a time when our opportunity to accept the salvation of Jesus will end, and the door of God's mercy will be shut. We may not know the exact time of the close of probation, for it will come "as a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2) to those who are in darkness. Then the inhabitants of the earth will have to live for a period when there is no heavenly Intercessor. "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor." Isaiah 59:16.

## A. THE TIME OF TROUBLE

### 1. When Michael stands up, what event will follow? Daniel 12:1

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**NOTE:** Michael is one of the many names of Jesus in the Bible, as we can see by comparing Scriptures. In Jude 9 He is called the archangel. In 1 Thessalonians 4:1 the "voice of the archangel" is connected with the saints' resurrection, which occurs when the dead hear the voice of the Son of man, Jesus (John 5:28). Thus Michael is identified as Jesus.

Michael's standing up refers to the closing of the work of judgment and mediation, when the solemn proclamation will be made, "he that is



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unjust, let him be unjust still:... he that is holy, let him be holy still."  
Revelation 22:11. The "time of trouble" is also called the "day of  
wrath." Zephaniah 1:15

## ~ NOTES ~

2. **What garment is mentioned, which suggests the work Jesus will do when His priestly ministry is finished? Isaiah 59:16-17**

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**NOTE:** Read Revelation 19:11-13, which gives another prophet's picture of Jesus in the day of judgment.

3. **How is God's wrath against the wicked conveyed to earth by seven angels? Revelation 15:1; 16:1**

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**NOTE:** One mighty angel slew 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night. 2 Kings 19:35. But here seven angels are charged with God's vengeance against the wicked.

4. **Who will receive the wrath of God? Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:5-6**

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**NOTE:** God has been loving and longsuffering. He has given His Son for the salvation of all. But many have rejected God's grace and His redemption and they now suffer the results of their own wicked choices.. Those who refuse to obey God will finally be subjected to the plagues.

5. **Who could enter the temple during the time of the seven plagues? Revelation 15:8**

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**NOTE:** That "no man could enter into the temple" means that there is no longer any provision for the forgiveness of sins. Thus the people on

**18. Why was Jacob so persistent in wrestling with the Stranger?  
Genesis 32:25, 26**

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**NOTE:** He did not let the Man go until he was blessed, for Jacob knew that the Man was the Lord (Genesis 32:11, 24-30). The people of God will face a similar experience during the time of trouble. They will not have any unconfessed sins of which to repent, but because they feel their unworthiness, they will go through deep distress and anguish. Nevertheless, the people of God, through the faith of Jesus, will not sin. Their concern is whether they have truly honoured and fitly represented their God.

**SUMMARY**

The time of trouble will come after Jesus finishes the work of intercession. During that time the people of God will live without a Mediator. Only those who have complete victory over every sin will be able to endure this hour of trouble. The seven last plagues will fall upon the wicked who are disobedient to the law and the truth of God. The righteous will not be affected by the wrath of God, but they will go through such an experience as Jacob's trouble. In His mercy, God will protect His people by His heavenly angels. In this present hour, if we are fully surrendered to the grace of Christ, we can face the solemn future with certainty.

**PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

Today, I want Jesus to give me the victory over every sin so that I may face the time of trouble with full confidence in God.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

earth live without a Mediator during the time when the seven last plagues fall upon the earth.

**6. Where were the seven angels directed to pour their vials?  
Revelation 16:1**

**B. THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES**

**7. What are the effects of the vials of God's wrath? Revelation 16,**

**1) verse 2**

**2) verse 3**

**3) verse 4**

**4) verse 8**

**5) verse 10**

**6) verse 12**

**7) verses 17, 21**

**C. PROTECTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**8. While great troubles ravage the earth, what is God's promise to**

**His people? Psalm 32:7; Psalm 27:5**

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**9. How can we be hid in God? Colossians 3:3 (Colossians 2:13)**

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Comment: "Dead" means dead to self, and fully alive to the will of Christ. That is how we must live, both in prosperity and in the time of trouble.

**10. In what way can we die to self? Galatians 2:20**

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Comment: Being crucified with Christ means dying to self, so that self no longer directs our lives. Christ now fills our horizon and is the center of our thoughts. We willingly make Him Master and respond to His direction in all things, for we know He brings us everything for our good.

**11. When we are crucified with Christ, what do we not serve?  
Romans 6:6-7**

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Comment: Those who are hid in God have died to self through the cross of Jesus. They do not sin so long as they are sustained by the power of God. This continual victory is what sustains God's people during the time of trouble. "In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and [there shall be] none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve." Jeremiah 50:20

**12. Will God protect His people during the time of wrath?  
Isaiah 26:20**

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**13. How will the plagues affect God's people? Psalm 91:10**

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**14. Who protects God's people in troublous times? Psalm 91:11**

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**D. THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE**

**15. How does Jeremiah characterize the time of deep trouble for God's people? Jeremiah 30:7**

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**16. How was Jacob in trouble? Genesis 32:11**

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Comment: Jacob's time of trouble occurred when he learned of his older brother Esau's plan of revenge. Previously Jacob had stolen Esau's

birthright by fraud. Because of Esau's infidelity, God planned to give Jacob, the younger twin, the desired birthright blessing, but Jacob impatiently went ahead of God by practicing deception. By deep repentance, Jacob did eventually receive God's blessing (Genesis 27:30-36; 28:10-22).

**17. What was Jacob doing during the night of his brother's planned revenge? Genesis 32:24**

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**NOTE:** In his time of anguish and distress, Jacob sought help from God through prayer. Suddenly, there appeared a Man who wrestled with Jacob until the break of day. The unseen wrestler proved to be the Lord. Genesis 32:30; Hosea 12:2-5