

Tribulation is Coming; Are You Prepared?

I know we are all tired of hearing it; prepare, prepare, prepare. To some it may feel like the famine will not happen. It may seem as if tribulation is far away and we may escape it in our lifetime. Well sis, I have bad news for you. Famine, pestilence, and tribulation are here. It just depends on where you live and how you live. With that in mind, let's talk about the things we need to consider when it comes to the trials that await us.

First, jobs will be harder to come by due to the decline in the economy. No matter how secure you think your job is, understand layoffs may be unavoidable as businesses may close or companies downsize to stay afloat. You may be thinking to yourself, "my skill set will allow me to get another job in no time!" However, what if it gets to a point where you can no longer pass a simple background check? Allow that to sink in. The reality is the nations are against us and have started to flag some of our backgrounds. According to Psalms 83:3 KJV "They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones." Employers will look you up and see the government has labeled you or your lord as part of an extremist group. Now what will you do? It may be wise to start working on your extra income now. You said you always wanted to sell your food on Sundays, well now is the time. You always wanted to make jewelry, right? Get to it. You want to get into real estate? There is no time like the present. Anything can become a source of extra income if you find the right market. However you decide you decide to bring in additional income, give it your all, treat it like a real business and you might surprise yourself. Please plan to market outside of just repentant Israel. Selling to solely to those in the body is not a sustainable business plan. I have a worldly associate that started her own professional photography business by only taking pictures on Sundays. She found a mentor in this field, took some classes, and took herself seriously. In one year, she was making over \$50,000 by only taking pictures 1 day a week. She was able to quit her 9-5 corporate job to pursue her new found passion full time and be home with her children. The moral of the story is, have more than one stream of income.

Secondly, by now, we should have invested in food preservation equipment. Whether you have a canner, dehydrator, freeze dryer, or all of the above, you should be preserving food. Also, get your family in the habit of only eating foods in season, which is cheaper, and buy in bulk when prices are rock bottom. Create meals that are shelf stable and challenge yourself to put up food for rainy days. By doing this, you are also storing up money for rainy days. Trust me, paying almost \$3 a pound for grapes in the winter is not worth it. They don't even taste good in the winter! However, sweet potatoes, winter squash, and lettuce will make great chili and soups, and if you make these items in bulk, you can eat half and preserve half for later. One thing I learned is you can make two pots of chili in the same amount of time as you would make one. Let that sink in.

Lastly, be a mini homesteader. Plant your own garden and learn to cook from scratch. It can be as cheap or as expensive as you want it to be. Just like the Feast of Tabernacles, the first year of gardening is always the most expensive but after the first year, it is just maintenance costs. Seeds cost a lot less than starter plants. Starter plants cost a lot less than buying from the



supermarket. By growing your own food, you will be amazed at your results and how much money you save. Please do not say you don't have the space. There are so many videos on YouTube of people growing in spaces as small as apartment balconies. If you live on a ground floor apartment, maybe speak to your lending office about moving up a floor so your balcony is not easily accessible to animals and people. Also, as I mentioned, cook from scratch. Cooking from scratch is so rewarding because you can control the ingredients in your food. I baked my first loaf of bread from scratch today and let me tell you, I have never felt more accomplished. We are being destroyed by genetically modified ingredients, bioengineered ingredients, and sugar. We have the ability to control much more of these things right now if we just make our food from scratch. If you are able, get some chickens or quails. The eggs and meat you will enjoy may prove to be priceless not only for you, but for others in the body. Ezekiel 4:13 KJV "And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them." As the prophet Ezekiel said, we will not escape the defiled bread of this land, but we can lessen the the negative effects if we take appropriate precautions. The heathen are actually preparing for the worse and they do not have a Messiah coming. How much more should we be on our game.

We are spoiled in Babylon and we need to get back to our roots. If the impending tribulation is not motivation enough, think about how favorably your lord will see you as a wife that is getting back to the ways of her foremothers by doing these things. Don't be an ostrich. It is all fun and games until you have to watch your children go hungry.

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