Promises for Protection and Provision In these End Times

- 1. The Bible tells us that things would get worse during these end times.
 - a. 2 Tim. 3:1-7.
 - (1) Note that there will be "blasphemers".
 - (2) In religious circles we have limited our ideas about blasphemy to the idea of offending God through irreverent insults. However, blasphemy is not just insulting God but it is saying things about Him that are untrue.
 - b. Daniel 7:25
 - (1) When the Satan controlled anti-christ is manifested he will speak against the Most High. Satan attempts to discredit God in order to exalt himself and his system of rule. He will attempt to wear out the saints by this method.
 - (2) Note how the king of Assyria used blasphemies in order to wear out Israel and attempt to destroy their faith in God 2 Kings 18:29-36
 - (3) Just as he worked through the king of Assyria back then, Satan attempts to do the same thing in these end times.
- 2. God's Promises of Protection in the End Times:
 - a. Revelation 7:1-3.
 - b. Note several truths in this passage:
 - (1) God is not the One attempting to bring trouble on the earth. He has assigned His angels to hold back the trouble, giving man an opportunity to repent..
 - (2) The angels of God are described as "hurting the earth" when they are no longer holding back the forces of evil that attempt to destroy the earth. This is an example of the Hebrew idiom in which God is said to do that which He only permitted..
 - (3) God will not allow anything to happen until His saints have been sealed on their foreheads.

- c. A seal is something that sets you apart and protects you (Gen. 4:15)
- 3. God promises of provision in the end times Rev. 12:1-17
 - a. During the end times God will surely feed His people and provide for them. There is no need to spend all of your money buying all of the nasty tasting low shelf life survival food everyone is telling you that you need in order to make money from you.
 - b. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (Psalm 37:25)
 - c. God will surely protect and deliver His church when Satan attacks and persecutes it.

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