

## HEROES OF FAITH – ENOCH

**Scripture ref's; Gen. 5-18/31; Heb.11-5/6; Jude 14/15; Rev.14-6/7**

The story of Enoch is full of instruction for us. He is the first man to go alive into the presence of GOD in Heaven, and therefore is a wonderful type of those who will be alive at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of our Blessed LORD, and will be translated into new bodies alive at His Appearing. He was surrounded by longevity; his father Jared at 962 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest liver before the Flood; his son Methuselah longest at 969 years, (he died in the year of the Flood) his grandson Lamech lived to 777 years, a very significant number, and his great grandson Noah was the hero of the Flood. The following is said of Enoch.

1. Enoch at 65 became a father and then walked with GOD for 300 years.
2. He had this testimony that he pleased GOD; “without faith it is impossible to please GOD!”
3. It was an act of faith on Enoch's part; “**By faith** Enoch was translated that he should not see death”.
4. He was given a vision of the ages and prophesied the second coming of CHRIST more than 5,000 years ahead.
5. He is most likely the “angel” of Rev.14 who proclaims “the Everlasting Gospel” from Heaven.
6. He is one of GOD'S 3 Witnesses of the birth, transfiguration, resurrection & translation of Christ.

Enoch's life must have been of great repute, for when he disappeared they searched everywhere, but “he was not found”. Anyone with a clear testimony of “walking with GOD” will always stand out in the crowd.

Enoch's walk of 300 years with GOD is tremendously prophetic; the Bible speaks of those who bring forth fruit, some 30, some 60, and some 100 fold, and 3 x 100 indicates a perfection of our triune being of spirit, soul and body; this is the state that Enoch must have attained to, and he was ready, “by faith”, to step with GOD into the eternal realm! He was not a hermit, but had a normal and probably very spiritual family; he was a man like us who knew his GOD!

Let us have our faith firmly grounded in GOD'S ability to bring us to Glory. Heb.6-1 “let us go on unto perfection”!

300 speaks of the 3 great Feasts of Israel, Passover, Pentecost & Tabernacles, and it was commanded that every male should be at these Feasts and bring an offering; Deut. 16-/16. “Yom Kippur”, the Day of Atonement, that began the Feast of Tabernacles, was the most holy day of all.

The Tabernacle of Moses had 3 areas, the Outer Court, the Holy Place, & the Most Holy, each having an entrance veil of 100 sq. cubits, again 3 x 100, and GOD's intention is that we should “press on”, ready for the Day of Atonement. Note that in Rev.11-2 those still in the Outer Court will suffer during the final 3-1/2 years of the “Day of Vengeance”.

In O.T. times only the priests could enter the Holy Place, and the High Priest but once a year into the Most Holy, but today we are given the priesthood of all believers, and we “have boldness to enter into the Holiest of all thru' the Blood of JESUS,” Heb.10-19.

Enoch, by faith, long before the Tabernacle was ever built, entered into the Holiest of all.

Enoch is one of GOD'S 3 Heavenly Witnesses, together with Moses & Elijah; I believe they were the 3 Wise Men who came from the East, “lit. Gk. A rising of light”, or from the “Sunrising”, from the Father in Heaven, to witness the birth of His Beloved Son; Matt.2-1/2; we know that Moses & Elijah were seen with JESUS on the Mt. of Transfiguration, Matt.17-1/5; there were two (young) men in and at the Tomb, Luke 24 -1/8; and two men, dressed in white, at His Ascension, who also prophesied His return, Acts 1-10/11, “My two witnesses”, could be none other than Moses & Elijah, judging by their works, are prominent during the “Day of Judgment”, Rev.11-3/12, and Enoch is most probably the “angel who proclaims the “Everlasting Gospel” Rev,14- 6/7. The last merciful call of GOD to every nation and tongue to repent and worship GOD before the Door of Salvation is closed. The “Great and Terrible Day of the LORD” (Joel 2/11) is at hand!

In the light of all these things, “what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness” 2 Pet. 3-11/14.

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## FAITH

**HEB.11-1/4** FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE, THE GROUND SUPPORT OR BASIS, OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE, THE PERSUASION, OF THINGS NOT SEEN! It can be discovered by following the instruction given in Prov.2-1/7, which lists 8 things to do if you want to “understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of GOD”. Some things in the Bible are “hard to understand” 2 Pet.3-15/16. So we need to approach this subject with an open heart and a willingness to learn, to come to JESUS, “who is meek and lowly in heart”. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge” Prov.1- 6. In O.T. times, Habakkuk (2-1/ 4) was told to “write the vision - the just shall live by faith”; Luther read this and sparked the reformation. What power there is in just one verse.

There are so many verse on “faith”, so I just quote a few

Matt.11-22 Have in faith in GOD (or have the faith of GOD).

Mar 9-23 All things are possible to him that believeth.

Matt.17-20 If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence & it shall.

Eph.2-8 By grace are ye saved through faith.

2 Thess. 1-11 We pray- that GOD would fulfil the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power.

Eph.6-13/18 Put on the whole armour of GOD - above all taking the shield of Faith to quench Satan’s fiery darts.

1 Pet.1-3/9 v.5 Kept by the power of GOD through faith; v.7 the trial of your faith- is much more precious than gold; and v.9 receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Ps.46-1/5 GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, tho’ the earth be removed and tho’ the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

What wonderful promises we have; all GOD asks is, that we believe that He will do what He says He will do!

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### ABEL – THE PATTERN SAINT.

**Heb.11- 4** By faith Abel offered unto GOD a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, GOD testifying of his gifts, and by it he being dead yet speaketh. – What a testimony !

By offering a blood sacrifice of a lamb or goat, he acknowledged his need of a Redeemer, and settled for ever the fact that man is saved by grace alone, and not by works of his own. (Once saved we learn to do good works).

Abel understood the promise of GOD to Eve, believed the words of his parents, and by obedience and faith was made righteous, GOD testifying to it. (Did GOD speak to Abel from Heaven, as he did to Cain?)

This was a clear statement from the very beginning that salvation comes only through the sacrifice of the LAMB OF GOD! Cain had not learned this lesson and thus GOD rejected his offering from his own efforts; Cain’s rejection of GOD’S rebuke and his anger led him into deeper sin and murder, as it will with those who consciously reject GOD’S free offer of Salvation John.3-16. Today we see so many rejecting GOD and His Ways and ripening themselves for the judgment which is about to fall on the whole world before our LORD returns in Glory & Power.

Let us therefore seek the grace of GOD at all times, acknowledging our utter dependence on Him for salvation, that we may walk worthy of His calling, in humbleness of mind, esteeming others better than ourselves, in meekness and humility, in the Love of GOD, loving one another, and rejoicing in and giving thanks to our Wonderful Saviour, singing and making melody in our hearts to the LORD.

May GOD quicken His Word to all our hearts and minds. Amen.

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## NOAH – FORERUNNER OF THE LAST DAYS

**Heb.11-7** Noah, warned of GOD of things to come, moved with fear, built an ark and saved his house, by which he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which is by faith! - The gospel for these end times in a nutshell. JESUS has warned us of things that will happen at the end of this age and to pray that we be accounted worthy to escape the great tribulation that is coming on all the earth to try it. Luke 21-36.

Noah, with Daniel & Job, were accounted as 3 of the most righteous men of the O.T., Ezek.14-1.

Gen. 6 & 7-1/10. The world had become so evil that GOD decided to reduce man's life span from 900+ to 120 years, v3, and to destroy all life on the Earth saving Noah and his family and 7 pairs of all clean animals and 2 pairs of all others. Noah was a man of great intensity of purpose, enduring the mocking and scoffing of the world and preaching the Word of GOD during the, most likely 40 years, that he and his sons were building the huge ark; depending on which cubit you use, it was either 525 ft. long x 87 ft. wide and 52 ft. high, or 450' x 75' x 45'.

Noah's task outwardly seemed the height of madness; it had never rained, Gen.2-5/6, the ark was built on land, where would the water come from? No wonder they scoffed, just as men do today when we preach the gospel of GOD as Creator of the Universe and everything that is therein, and JESUS as Saviour and soon coming King.

JESUS warned us of this in Matt. 24-37/42 and Luke 17-2 6/30, "as it was in days of Noah, so shall it be -".

When the Ark Was finished GOD gave a final 7 days before He shut the Door (as He did to the foolish virgins in Matt.26-10. Straight is the gate and narrow the Way which leads to life, Matt. 7-13/14). Then it rained 40 days and 40 nights, the flood was on the Earth for 150 days, (5 months) and Noah and family were in the Ark for 12 months and 10 days. The Scriptures seem to indicate that in the Mercy of GOD, when the rain (for the first time) began to fall, those who believed in GOD and perhaps helped building the ark, but could not accept Noah's radical message, (we have similar people in the church today!) still had the opportunity to repent and make peace with GOD as they sought higher ground, for death was not instantaneous. JESUS preached to the spirits in prison which were disobedient in the days of Noah, (1 Pet.3-8/22 & 2 Pet.2- 5) during the 3 days and 3 nights He was in Hades, before He wrested the keys of death and Hell from Satan, opened the prison doors and "led captivity captive" all the way thro' the gates of Heaven, Ps.24-7/10 (ref.study on "Life after Death). In like manner, during the times of GOD'S judgments upon the earth, there will be those who are ready and be "taken out", (Isa.26-20/21) and others left who will suffer martyrdom, Rev. 6-9/11, in those final 3-1/ years of "the day of vengeance" of our GOD, Isa.61-2.

There is significance in the sending forth of the raven which went "to and fro", (as Satan did, Job 1-7), the Dove that came back with an olive leaf, (a type of the nation of Israel) O.T., and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dove which left the ark, N.T.

The Dove is a type of the Holy Spirit, as in the anointing (Christing) of JESUS, Matt.3-16, when He became "Messiah the Prince" as referred to in Dan.9-25. In the O.T. the Holy Spirit worked with men, but in the N.T. He remained on Earth and came to dwell in our hearts, John 14-16/17, as on the Day of Pentecost, Acts.2.

The name Noah means "rest"; as Noah by faith became the saviour of the human race, so JESUS became the Saviour of the world to all that have faith; Israel did not enter into their rest, because of unbelief, and we are told to beware lest there also be in us a heart of unbelief. Heb.3-7/12 & 4-9/12.

Noah understood we are saved by the sacrifice of One to come, Gen.3-15, and sacrificed clean animals.

In Gen.9 GOD set the rainbow in the sky as a token of the Everlasting Covenant He made both with man and beast that He will never again destroy them all; (7 times affirmed) by this we know that there will be animals in the Millennium, the curse will be lifted, wild animals will be our friends, and will eat grass like the ox. There will also be spirit animals in Heaven, 2 Kings 2-11, & 6-17

Some types of the No.40, the No. of trials, testing and tribulation. Moses was twice 40 days and nights on Mt. Sinai, Elijah went 40 days & nights to Mt. Sinai, JESUS was tested and tempted of the devil 40 days & nights in the wilderness, and the Children of Israel wandered 40 years in the wilderness because they rebelled after the spies spent 40 days searching out the land. With Noah, it was probably 40 years of preaching and building the ark, (?) followed by 40 days & nights of rain, 'til all flesh died. It is now almost 40 jubilees of years since JESUS ascended, promising to return, first for judgment on the ungodly, and then to set up His Kingdom on Earth.

Seeing that all these great people of faith "received not the promise", GOD having provided something better for us, **that they without us should not be made perfect" Heb.11-39/40, "what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy manner of living and godliness". 2 Pet.3/11**

What a multitude of lessons we can learn from the account of Noah and the Flood.

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## ABRAHAM - THE FRIEND OF GOD

**Heb.11-8/12 & 16/19** "By Faith" Abraham heard GOD, left everything and went out in pursuit of a Promised Land; dwelt in tents, looking for a (Heavenly) City built of GOD. Begat a son Isaac when 100 years old, the beginning of a promised seed who would be as the stars for multitude; by faith offered up Isaac to GOD. A wonderful pattern of GOD's offering up His Beloved Son as the Lamb of GOD for our Salvation !  
A picture also of our walk with GOD; we're on a journey of Faith, heading for a Heavenly City, the New Jerusalem.

Genesis is the book of beginnings and contains patterns that GOD establishes for our edification, primarily amongst them is the necessity of shedding blood for the remission of sin.

Hence the SON of GOD was "foreordained before the foundation of the World" to be the Lamb slain for us, 1 Pet.1-19/20, and in Rev.13-8 He is called "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the World". (e.g. after Lucifer's rebellion and on Adam's sin)

GOD had plainly declared "In the day thou eatest thereof (the forbidden tree) thou shalt surely die!" Why did not Adam surely die the day he sinned? Only one explanation. The Lamb was taken the same day & 4000 years later He was slain. 4 days of GOD'S time. In like manner the Passover lamb was kept 4 days.

GOD surely slew a lamb/s to make coats of skins for Adam & Eve. He was establishing the law "that without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins" Heb.9-22

Adam must have understood this law and passed it on to his family; thus Abel offered up the firstlings of his flock and was accepted as righteous, whilst Cain offered of his own works and was rejected. "Saved by Grace alone".

(Enoch, an uncircumcised man, was translated (1 Cor.15-51/52) & became one of GOD'S witnesses, thus signifying that salvation is open to all - John 3-16; this was a message for the Jews who looked down on the uncircumcised.)

Noah built an ark, 8 saved, 40 days judgment – the significance of the No.40; after they landed Noah sacrificed clean animals – again blood was shed.

Abram; In Gen.14-18/20 met Melchizedek, "King of Peace & King of Righteousness" Heb.7-1/4, called a man yet He could be none other than a preincarnate appearance of the Son of GOD. Abram paid tithes to Him.

(Abram was a natural man who twice lied about his wife, Sarah, and begat Ishmael, to our sorrow today.)

Gen.15-1/5 GOD promised his seed would be as "the stars of Heaven"; later "as the sands of the seashore" 22-17, and earlier "as the dust of the Earth" 13-16 (also to Jacob). When we consider the billions and trillions involved it is evident that these promises are future; the human race must be an ongoing race; it is absolutely impossible for these promises of GOD to be fulfilled before the second coming of our LORD. Read also Zech.14.

GOD then got Abraham to make a Covenantal Sacrifice of a 3 yr old heifer, goat and ram, a turtledove & pigeon Gen.17 Abram 99 years old. The LORD, the Almighty GOD, appears and changes his name to Abraham, and Sarai's to Sarah (adding 2 H's from His Own Name of Jehovah (JHVH) reiterates His Promise of a seed by an Everlasting Covenant, with the sign of circumcision, promise of a son & when Abraham laughs, names the son Isaac (Laughter).

Gen.18 The LORD appears in the form of 3 men, (F., S & H,S.). The mystery of the Tri-unity of the Godhead, co-equal co-eternal, perfect in unity yet differing in function; the Father supreme, the architect of the ages, the designer of all life, the universe and everything contained therein, including a beautiful Earth for us to enjoy; the Son as the Word of GOD, looks into the heart of the Father and speaks forth by His powerful Word, , all wisdom and knowledge; and the Holy Spirit, the executive member of the Godhead, Who as the Spirit of Power, by the Word of Faith, brings into being and sustains, everything that is and ever was.

Likewise we are made in the image of GOD, spirit, soul and body; our spirit (or heart – not the natural organ) corresponds with the Father, from which come the deepest desires and longings of our being; then with our soul; our minds, emotions and will, we plan or speak forth what is in our hearts, and with our bodies we work to bring those things to pass, and we need the anointing of the blessed Holy Spirit within us to accomplish this. In the Greek there are 3 words to do with “Anointing”, viz. Chrio, the Anointer, Christos, the Anointed, and Chrisma, the Anointing, \_ F. S & H.S.

When GOD spoke to Moses in the wilderness, He said, tell the Ch. Of Israel that the I AM, the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob sent me unto you (Ex.3-1 4/15). These 3 are types of the Godhead, Abram as the Father who gave up his beloved son Isaac, and Jacob, the father of the 12 tribes of Israel, as a type of the fruitful Holy Spirit sent forth on the Day of Pentecost for the building of the Church, which is to become the Bride of Christ.

In Gen. 24 is the story of Abraham sending Eliezer, his servant, to find a bride for Isaac of his father’s brethren; also a type of the Holy Spirit coming to Earth at Pentecost to find a Bride for GOD’S Beloved Son, JESUS.

GOD’S 3 Witnesses, Enoch, Moses & Elijah, are types of the Godhead; Enoch, who prophesied the 2nd coming of Christ, whose 300 years with GOD brought him to perfection, whose unending life speaks of the Eternal Father, Moses, who talked with GOD face to face, and brought, Israel out of bondage, who died and was resurrected, as a type of the Son, and Elijah, the mighty prophet who stopped and opened the heavens, called down fire from Heaven and destroyed the prophets of Baal and went up to Heaven in a chariot of fire, as a type of the Holy Spirit.

GOD has appeared In many ways; as a pillar of cloud by day and as a pillar of fire by night to guide and protect the children of Israel; He appeared in glory over the Mercy Seat between the 2 cherubim, in the Most Holy Place; the Ark contained the tables of the Law, the pot of manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, each speaking of F, S & H.S.

All these things are in the O.T. but the Scribes & Pharisees did not understand, and crucified their LORD. Ps.19 The Heaven declare the Glory of GOD, the Sun illustrating the Father as the source, the Moon reflecting only the light of the Sun, and the innumerable Stars the work of the Holy Spirit. GOD appeared to Moses in the wilderness in a burning bush (nec tamen consumebatur = our P.C. motto). He appeared as a Fire on Mt. Sinai. Isaiah in ch. 6 saw Him “High & lifted up, & His Train filled the Temple”. Ezekiel in ch.4 & 10 saw visions of the Almighty in great glory, as a whirlwind, a great cloud and as a fire attended by 4 Living Ones and the Cherubim.

In Matt. 3-16 when JESUS came out of the water of baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a Dove, and the Father spoke from Heaven, “This is My Beloved Son”. (Messiah the Prince prophesied in Dan.9-25) In John 14, JESUS promised the Father would send the Holy Spirit in His Name to be our Comforter, and to lead us into all the Truth, and in v.23 He said that if we loved Him and kept His words, both He and the Father would come and make their abode with us.. Acts 2; On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came as a “mighty rushing wind” and it filled all the house where they were sitting, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues. The birthday of the Church !!

There are some great pictures of the LORD in Revelation. In ch, 1-8 as Alpha & Omega, the beginning and the end, V11/18, the Head of the Church; in ch.4, GOD sitting on a throne, like blazing stones with a rainbow round about; In ch.5 with a 7 sealed book in His right hand; only the “Lion of the tribe of Judah” could open it, but John saw a “Lamb as it had been slain”, having 7 horns, (symbols of power) and 7 eyes, (symbols of wisdom), which are the 7 Spirits of GOD. In ch. 10, tho” described as a “Mighty Angel”, it could be none other than the LORD Himself as He took possession of the Earth and the 7 Thunders utter their voices in judgment on the wicked.

In ch. 19 JESUS returns to Earth in glory and majesty, first for the marriage of eternity, to wed His spotless Bride, then as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, slaying His enemies, casting the antichrist and the false prophet into the lake of fire, and binding Satan for 1000 years, and bringing in His Glorious reign over all the Earth for His 1000 yr. Millennial reign before the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection, the new Heavens and Earth, as described in ch’s. 22 & 23, when GOD shall dwell among mankind, and we shall be His people and He shall be Our Own GOD. Ps. 67-6.

How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out; we can only sit at His Feet and look up to Him in worship and adoration, waiting for that day when we shall know even as we are known.

## THOSE WHO DIED IN FAITH

**Heb,11-13 & 32/40.** We now sum up the great adventures and trials of the people of the O.T

Note in the names given Paul overlooks Job, Joshua, Daniel, Isaiah etc., but includes Barak, the fearful man who would not go to war unless Deborah the Judge went with him, resulting in the honour of the victory going to a woman, Jael, perhaps to encourage some of us who may also have failed the test of faith.

They

(1) subdued kingdoms, (2) wrought righteousness, (3) obtained promises, (4) stopped the mouths of lions, (5) quenched the violence of fire, (6) escaped the edge of the sword, (7) out of weakness were made strong, (8) waxed valiant in fight, (9) turned to flight the armies of the aliens, (10) women received their dead raised to life again; ---

- whilst others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection -- .  
v.35/40 lists 13 forms of trials they endured, of whom the world was not worthy; these all died in faith, having obtained a good report thru' faith, and will one day be joined with us in the Glory of the Resurrection.  
It's like a catalogue of ' good news and bad news"; however we will concentrate in this study on the "good news".

Let us compare these 10 stories of faith in the O.T. with our situation today, and see how blessed we are in Christ !!

1. By the new birth and baptism in the Holy Spirit we are made members of a Heavenly Kingdom, John 3-; we are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Eph.2- 6; with a promise to rule and reign with Him, Rev.3-21.
2. Matt.5-6 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. In Christ is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, 1 Cor.1-30. Rightousness is GOD'S gift to us. Rom.5-17
3. . All the promises of GOD in Christ are yea and amen to us to the glory of GOD. 2 Cor.1-20, also ch.7-1.  
2 Pet.1-4 Whereby are given to us exceeding great and precious promises.
4. 1 Pet. 5-8 We are to resist the devil who goes about as a roaring lion, and Jas. 4-7 says, Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Rom.8-37 In all these things we are more than conquerors thru' Him that loved us.  
. Rev.12-11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.
5. Matt.3-11 He will baptise you with the Holy Ghost and Fire. Acts 1-8 You shall receive power and be My witnesses after the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Acts 2-1/4, v8. On the Day of Pentecost, a rushing mighty wind, cloven tongues of fire, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in other tongues.
6. Eph. 6-13 We are told to take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of GOD (our only weapon).  
Heb.4-12 The Word of GOD is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword.
7. Eph. 6-10 (out of our weakness) we are told to "be strong in the LORD and in the power of His Might "  
2 Tim.2-1 Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (The riches of His Grace.) How blessed we are !!
8. 1 Tim.6-12 Fight the good fight of Faith. 2.Tim.4-7 Paul said "I have fought a good fight". Are we doing that?
9. Rom.8-37 GOD has made us more than conquerors thru' Him that loved us. 1 Cor.15- 57 Thanks be to GOD which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph.1-19 The exceeding greatness of His Power towards us who believe, according to His Mighty Power when He raised Christ Jesus from the dead.
10. GOD can and still does raise people from the dead, nevertheless we look forward to that great Day of the Resurrection when all the righteous shall be raised into glorified eternal spiritual bodies in which we shall live and enjoy the Love and Glory of Our Own GOD through all Eternity.

Let us be thankful for the glories of GOD'S Grace to us and all the blessings therefrom and be zealous in good works; let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of GOD in Christ Jesus, Phil.3-14, for in the days that lie ahead GOD'S people will need to operate in all the fullness of the promises and power of GOD. In Daniel 11-32 it says "the people that know their GOD shall be strong and do exploits"; whilst on the other hand many Christians will suffer persecution and martyrdom before they enter into glory. So let us watch & pray.