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just what if

"and if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch and find them so, blessed are those servants." luke 12:38 kjv

the tribulation - there is much disagreement among the body of Christ as to whether we will have to go through it or not. before i go any further in this discussion, i want to state clearly and firmly that i am standing in agreement with the pre-trib believers unless or until i am convinced otherwise.

but let us speculate, just as this daily is entitled - just what if? what if we do have to go through the tribulation along with everyone else. there are many strong believers and well schooled theologians who believe we will. can they all be so wrong and us so right? joel richardson is one among many. for those interested, i would point you to his video on youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u-1oNancqg>

now i do not say any of this to provoke apprehension or fear. we all have some inkling of how horrible the tribulation will be - that no flesh would be saved unless He shortened the days. i do not speculate either to persuade or dissuade you. as with all things pertaining to faith, "let each be fully convinced in his own mind." rom 14:5

up until this very time christians have known and gone through persecutions and suffered for their faith, many

at the hands of other "supposed" christians. they have born in their own bodies and shared in the suffering of Christ. many not in actual physical suffering as much as in self denial of all the lusts the world entices with; their denial of desire so complete they were as good as dead.

why would this, the last generation, be suddenly exempt from so great a grace? "[for my determined purpose is] that i may know Him [that i may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that i may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that i may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]." phil 3:10 ampc

so i ask each of you again: just what if? would your faith suddenly fade along with your hopes of a "rescue?" what if the wrath we are to be saved from only means the eternal wrath hell offers? would that not be enough for you? talk about a great falling away. we think we see one now, but that would trigger the ultimate one. to see the anti-christ stand in the temple of God, proclaiming himself as god, and realizing that three and a half years remained for him to "wear out the saints of the most High,... and they shall be given into his hand." dan 7:25 kjv

i'm just saying: even as now we should be prepared for whatever tribulation the enemy has coming towards us

through mankind, we should be preparing ourselves for whatever spiritual forces will be coming at us in even greater force - now and the "what if" of tomorrow. and even if we are allowed an escape from God's wrath poured out in the tribulation, what about the wrath that man (i.e. satan) has determined to pour out on believers before their escape manifests?

all i'm saying is: be prepared! physically and materially, as much as one possibly can in this world, but be prepared spiritually for sure. be prepared for your self, for those you hold dear and for the multitude that have gone unprepared which shall now come running to you. be ready to share what you can - materially as much as possible and spiritually in abundant supply. their hunger shall not only consist of flesh, but of spirit as well.

every tomorrow is a "what if" what if this happens or what if that happens. what if Jesus did call us all home tomorrow? after all, He's God. He can do whatever He wants because His wants are always in agreement with the Father's. are yours? if He swept us all away tomorrow, would you stand naked and unashamed with your life laid out before Him or is there some sin you would hurriedly seek to cover?

just be sure of all the "what if's." His blood is readily available now to cover all your sins, just be sure it's applied. "whom have i in heaven but You? and there is none upon earth that i desire besides You." psa 73:25 Jesus, come today, come tomorrow, come whenever - just come!