

### Where is The Persecution Going To Come From?

**Acts 1:3** After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. **4** On one occasion, while he was eating with them,.....

**6** So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them: "**It is not for you to know the times or dates** the Father has set by his own authority.

**Matthew 25:3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.

**4** The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. **5** The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. **6** "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

*(Daniel 12:2 (ESV) And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. )*

**John 8:30** Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. **31** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "**If you** hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

**32** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **33** They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" **34** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. **35** Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

**36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. **37** I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. **38** I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father." **39** "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did.

**40** As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. **41** You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

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**42** Jesus said **to them**, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. **43** Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

**44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, **not holding to the truth**, for there is **no truth** in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **45** Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! **46** Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? **47** He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." **48** **The Jews** answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" **49** "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. **50** I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. **51** I tell you the truth, if anyone **keeps my word**, he will never see death." (*death of the age*) **52** At this **the Jews** exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. **53** Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" **54** Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. **55** Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word.

**56** Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." So Abraham's hope is the same as our Hope, seeing Christ's day, we will see what that means in a minute. **57** "You are not yet fifty years old," **the Jews** (*still the same Jews from verse 31 who had believed*) said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" **58** "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" **59** At this, **they** (*the same Jews who had believed from verse 31*) picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

**2 Corinthians 11:13** For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. **14** And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

**15** It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.