

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.