

## Bible Bites Devotionals

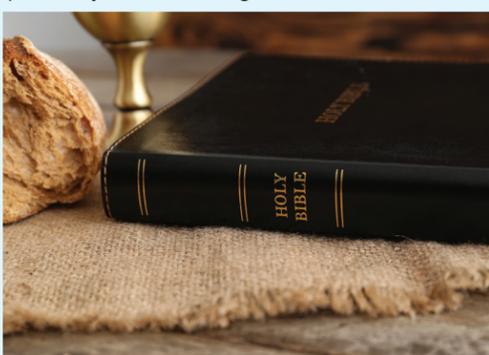
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Follow Jesus today and you will reign with Him tomorrow. Reject Jesus today and you may not even see tomorrow. 2 Timothy 2:11-12 says, "This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us." . . .

It has been said: Prophecy is meant to prepare us, not to scare us. The question is prophecy is to prepare us for what? In Old Testament times, much of prophecy was meant to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah. Other prophecies warned of coming judgment and still others the rebirth of the nation of Israel in the "latter days." In New Testament times, prophecy plays a more singular role. While New Testament prophecies include details about the spiritual state of the church and the moral state of the world, both of those elements are in relation to the proximity of the coming Great Tribulation.



### Matthew 24:21

*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

1 Thessalonians 5:9, 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8, and Revelation 3:10 all remind us that the church will not be going through the time of tribulation "such as has not been since the beginning of the world." Why, then, is the church given so much information about a time they will never see? This includes the book of Revelation, which gives the most detailed account of this time unlike any other time period in human history?

### Matthew 24:44

*Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

Notice Jesus did not say "get" ready, but rather "be" ready for the coming of the Son of Man for He is coming unexpectedly. . . .

Again, so why are we told so much about a time we will not even see or experience as



the church and have no appointment with? The answer is so we know how to escape it, and so we will sense an urgency to tell others how to as well. . . .

The Bible says there will be a one world government in the tribulation and we constantly hear of the New World Order today. The Bible says there will be a massive famine during the tribulation, and there is constant talk of a global food shortage today. The Bible says people will be under a strong delusion and believe the lie of the Antichrist during the tribulation, and today we live in a time of unprecedented delusional thinking. Men can have babies, gender is fluid, a clump of cells or a blob of fetal tissue are phrases used to describe a human child in its mother's womb in our day. All this is delusional thinking.

Everything going on in our world right now indicates that the time "such as has not been since the beginning of the world" is at hand. . . .

Jesus is coming for His church soon! What follows is a time of unprecedented cataclysmic events. If you're not ready, today is the day to get ready. If you know others who are not ready, today is the day to tell them how to be ready, even if you have told them before that the end of all things is at hand. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.



## Dead Tree Skeleton or Fragrant Blooming Rose?

As this world nears its climax, when our Father pulls the plug, and pull it He WILL, do you find yourself to be this skeletal tree, with only a very few green leaves managing to hang on, or are you the beautiful rose bush, blooming to His glory, yes, thorns and all?

*And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* Ephesians 2:1-10, RSV.



(Contributed from anonymous e-mail)

**Mergatroyd?** Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, **Mergatroyd?** "**Heavens to Mergatroyd!**"

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a **Jalopy**; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a **Jalopy?**" He had never heard of the word **jalopy!** She knew she was old ... But not that old.

Well, I hope you are **Hunky Dory** after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: **Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record;** and **Hung out to dry.**

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd **put on our best bib and tucker,** to **straighten up and fly right.**

**Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley!**

We were **in like Flynn** and **living the life of Riley;** and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being **a knucklehead, a nincompoop** or **a pill. Not for all the tea in China!**

Back in the olden days, life used to be **swell,** but when's the last time anything was **swell?** **Swell** has gone the way of **beehives, pageboys, spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes,** and **pedal pushers.**

**Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here,** but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "**Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!**" Or, "**This is a fine kettle of fish!**" We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone.

Where have all those great phrases gone? Long gone: **Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.**

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than **Carter has liver pills.** This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!) Leaves us to wonder **where Superman will find a phone booth. See ya later, alligator! Okidoki.** You'll notice they left out "**Monkey Business**"!!!

We are the children of the fabulous 50's. No one will ever have that opportunity again . . . we were given one of our most precious gifts: living in the peaceful and comfortable times, created for us by the "Greatest Generation!"

*[Amen! We were children of the Fabulous 50's and learned to love and appreciate the American Way, which assumed God as leader of our lives. Now we have to watch it all fall apart as spoiled, evil wretches destroy it all and worse, spit in God's face! -- LG]*

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