

Biblical Thinking in Troubled Times

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Phil 4:8

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Political

Daniel 4:31

Ps 75:6-7

Prov 21:1

Isa 45:1-7

Is 7:17, 18

Isaiah 40:15-17

Nature

Job 38:8-11

Luke 8:25

Matt 10:29

3. God works all things for

Our _____ – Romans 8:28

Rom 5:3

James 1:2

His _____

Isaiah 48:11

Psalm 46:10

Rev 11:13

According to His _____

Dan 11:25-30

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4. S_____ and the C_____ are behind much of what happens. After all, nature and the physical world have been cursed. Suffering is part of the consequence of sin.

Romans 8:18-22

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Ecc 9:1-3

Trials and tribulations cannot be avoided. John 16:33

5. What to do and not do.

Maintain watchfulness while avoiding "last days" mentality

1 John 2:18

Rom 13:11

2 Peter 3:4 ff

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Pray

For leaders -1 Timothy 2:1, 2

Confess our corporate sins - Daniel 9

Meditate on the Word – Example: Psalm 33

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Answers and comments

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His **_glory_**

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According to His **_will_**

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4. **Sin**_____ and the **Curse**_____ are behind much of what happens. After all, nature and the physical world have been cursed. Suffering is part of the consequence of sin.

Even suffering is ordained by God for our good and His glory. The Son of God suffered the curse. We are not better than He is.

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It's been the last days since the New Testament days so it's not good to have the Eeyore mentality that "we're doomed" so let's just give up. It's not wise to say the old days were better. See Ecc 7:10

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For God this is true, but He asks us to participate by prayer and work to accomplish good in the world.

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