8-3-2025 Sunday Sermon Message
Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Isaiah 34:1-10
Title: **The Imminent Great Tribulation, Judgment, and the Rapture of the Church**

God prophesied that through the prophet Isaiah, He would judge the nations and people of the whole world with wrath. His prophecy is for this age, which is the last time.

God has waited patiently for the past 6,000 years as six days. Jesus, who finally came into the world, also said about this day:

" For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened".(Matthew 24:21-22)

The prophet Jeremiah testified about the great tribulation that it would be "a time of Jacob's trouble" and a time of refining the Israelites who did not believe in Jesus as the Messiah:

"And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
5 For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?
7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it."(Jeremiah 30:4-7)

The prophet Hosea prophesied about the suffering Israelites in Jacob's trouble:

" I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."(Hos. 5:15-6:2)

He prophesied that the suffering Jews during the Great Tribulation would finally repent and recovered and enter and live in the Millennial Kingdom (the third day) for them.

God is telling all the nations and Jews of the world to repent, just as Isaiah prophesied:

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.
2 For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.
3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.
4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.
5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment."(Isaiah 34:1-5)

The prophet Isaiah also prophesied that Christ would appear in his wrath after the Great Tribulation:

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.
[2] Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?
[3] I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.
[4] For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come."(Isaiah 63:1-4)

The apostle Paul testified of what would happen just before the great tribulation of God's wrath:

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
[2] For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
[3] For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
[4] But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
[5] Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
[6] Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."(1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

The apostle Paul testified that church of God would not enter into the great tribulation, but would be taken to heaven:

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
[9] For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."(1 Thessalonians 5:8-9)

According to the Word of God, we must clearly discern spiritually that there will be an imminent great tribulation and the rapture of the church before us.

The world's politicians and the United Nations are planning to recognize the Palestinian government on September 23 , and vote on whether Israel and the Palestinian government should coexist together in the promised land that God has given to Israel. It is truly an attempt to part God's land. Many countries are already agreeing with the two state solution. Through this resolution, they will say "**peace and safety"** that they have achieved the long-awaited peace in the Middle East and world peace. At that moment, they will come to sudden destruction.

The prophet Joel also prophesied about this day:

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:
[10] Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.
[11] Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord.
[12] Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.
[13] Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

[14] Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." (Joel 3:9-14)

However, the church of God shall be raptured into heaven just before the great tribulation. Now is the time to come to our senses and prepare for that day that is imminent.
Amen! Hallelujah!