

The Time of [Jesus]’s Trouble

Jesus in the wilderness - Matthew 4:1-11, comforted, strengthened, ministered to by angels.

- The **southern slopes of Mount Hermon**... A peak in this area rising to 2,236 m (7,336 ft) is the **highest elevation in Israeli-controlled territory**. [Link](#).
- “Then it was that **the divinity of Christ came to the aid of His humanity**. With divine authority He commanded, “Get thee behind Me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.” Ms92-1908.31

Jesus assaulted - Luke 4:16-30, angels “shut him in from his enemies” DA 240.1

Jesus in the garden - Luke 22:40-44, comforted, strengthened, ministered to by angels.

- “The dense blackness was an emblem of the soul-agony and horror that encompassed the Son of God. He had felt it in the garden of Gethsemane, when from his pores were forced drops of blood, and where **he would have died had not an angel been sent from the courts of Heaven** to invigorate the divine sufferer, that he might tread his blood-stained path to Calvary” 3SP 163.2.

Sodom and Gomorra - delivered by angels (as it was in the days of Lot... Luke 17:28)

2Kings 6:13 ¶ And [the king of Syria] said, Go and spy where [Elisha] *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

2Kings 6:14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

2Kings 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

2Kings 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

2Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his [eyes](#), that he may see. And the LORD opened the [eyes](#) of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and [chariots](#) of fire round about Elisha.

Psalms 68:17 The [chariots](#) of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of [angels](#): the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.

End times in Psalm 91

- “Could men see with heavenly vision, they would **behold companies of angels that excel in strength stationed about those who have kept the word of Christ’s patience**. With sympathizing tenderness, **angels have witnessed their distress and have heard their prayers. They are waiting the word of their Commander** to snatch them from their

peril. But they must wait yet a little longer. The people of God must drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism. The very delay, so painful to them, is the best answer to their petitions. As they endeavor to wait trustingly for the Lord to work they are led to exercise faith, hope, and patience, which have been too little exercised during their religious experience. Yet for the elect's sake the time of trouble will be shortened. "Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him? ... I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." Luke 18:7, 8. The end will come more quickly than men expect. The wheat will be gathered and bound in sheaves for the garner of God; the tares will be bound as fagots for the fires of destruction. GC 630.2

- **The heavenly sentinels, faithful to their trust, continue their watch.** Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavor to take their lives. But **none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul.** Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages; but the swords raised against them break and fall powerless as a straw. Others are **defended by angels in the form of men of war.** GC 631.1
- **In all ages, God has wrought through holy angels** for the succor and deliverance of His people. **Celestial beings have taken an active part in the affairs of men.** They have appeared clothed in **garments that shone as the lightning;** they have come **as men in the garb of wayfarers.** Angels have appeared **in human form** to men of God. They have **rested, as if weary,** under the oaks at noon. They have **accepted the hospitalities of human homes.** They have **acted as guides** to benighted travelers. They have, **with their own hands, kindled the fires** at the altar. They **have opened prison doors** and set free the servants of the Lord. Clothed with the panoply of heaven, **they came to roll away the stone from the Saviour's tomb.** GC 631.2
- In the **form of men, angels are often in the assemblies of the righteous;** and they **visit the assemblies of the wicked, as they went to Sodom, to make a record of their deeds, to determine whether they have passed the boundary of God's forbearance.** The Lord delights in mercy; and for the sake of a few who really serve Him, He restrains calamities and prolongs the tranquillity of multitudes. Little do sinners against God realize that they are indebted for their own lives to the faithful few whom they delight to ridicule and oppress. GC 631.3
- Though the **rulers of this world** know it not, yet **often in their councils angels have been spokesmen.** Human eyes have looked upon them; human ears have listened to their appeals; human lips have opposed their suggestions and ridiculed their counsels; human hands have met them with insult and abuse. In the council hall and the court of justice these heavenly messengers have shown an intimate acquaintance with human history; they have proved themselves better able to plead the cause of the oppressed than were their ablest and most eloquent defenders. They have defeated purposes and arrested evils that would have greatly retarded the work of God and would have caused great suffering to His people. In the hour of peril and distress "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7." GC 632.1