

## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

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**On September 19, 2015, we received the following comment:**

“Dear Brothers, Just got done reading the article on '[This Generation](#)' and what you have said make so much sense. It make it so clear only having application for the first century. In thinking about the Destruction of Jerusalem then, it was and still is the greatest tribulation event by man that caused the greatest lost of life. Over a million lost their lives in that one event. Such a fine thought provoking article. Take Care.”

To the author, thank you for your email. We know the article “[This Generation](#)” presents an uncommon explanation of the meaning of “this generation” as Jesus stated it at *Matthew 24:34*, but we strongly believe it is the correct one.

For our visitors who have some difficulty in believing that there is no Great Tribulation ahead of us, but that the tribulation suffered in Jerusalem in 70 C.E. was the greatest tribulation that will ever be suffered by any ‘system of things’ on our planet, we suggest they do some research about the seize on Jerusalem. It was not only the number of individuals who were killed, but it was also the circumstances under which those deaths occurred that will never be suffered by any people ever again. There are many sources on the internet that give detailed accounts of the horrendous events that occurred in Jerusalem at that time that can help us understand why it was the greatest tribulation that ever will be, such as these references:

<http://www.bible.ca/pre-flavius-josephus-70AD-Mt24-fulfilled.htm>  
[http://www.livius.org/ja-jn/jewish\\_wars/jwar04.html](http://www.livius.org/ja-jn/jewish_wars/jwar04.html)

It should also be noted that the great tribulation that befell Jerusalem was the work of men, not God. The arrogance of the Jews, the anger of the Romans, and the refusal of the Jews in Jerusalem to take Jesus advice to ‘flee to the mountains’ are the reasons why that great tribulation occurred. It was NOT the will of God; it was the will of men.

There may be difficult times ahead due to the continued refusal of men to heed the teachings of Jesus, but as Jesus said, once the good news that he taught is preached to the ends of the earth, the enlightenment that results from such teachings will bring an end to all sorts of wickedness and suffering. (*Matthew 24:14*) That is the solution to our world’s woes.

Understanding the plain meaning of Jesus’ words should be a comfort to all who are in useless fear of an upcoming Great Tribulation that would culminate in the destruction of civilization. Such teachings by quasi-Christian religions does a great disservice to Jesus, the Prince of Peace (*Isaiah 9:6*), and only serves to glorify men who are seeking followers and setting themselves up as the ‘ark of salvation’ so as to build their own storehouses.

Rather than preaching doom and gloom, all who love our Prince of Peace should be about preaching and/or sharing the **good news** that Jesus taught and have faith in the ability of Jesus’ plain and open teachings to change our world and bring about the peace we have so longed for.

The end of suffering has lingered only because Jesus' followers have not yet decided to do the work he asked of them (*Matthew 28:19-20*). When we do, we will see a welcomed and peaceful end to all distressing world conditions.

*“Elaia Luchnia”*

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