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Ezekiel 30:3, *“For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.”*

This time of year we typically have overcast dark days. There are certainly sunny days in Winter, but with the weather beginning to warm somewhat there are numerous overcast, cloudy days.

Sunny bright days make one feel good and uplifted. Cloudy days tend to have the opposite effect. Be they cloudy or clear, we should appreciate any day the LORD has made like the Psalmist said in Psalm 118:24, *“This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”*

Even though we do rejoice in each day the LORD has made, there are days we enjoy more than others. I remember when we moved to the farm in January 1993. There were a near record number of days the sun did not shine. For about 30 days or so there were heavy, thick clouds. Even the newspaper carried an

article about how many days in row had been overcast. When the sun did finally show itself from behind the cloud cover after about a month you could tell the difference in the countenance of people. They were happy and uplifted.

In Ezekiel 30:3 the people were being told that the day of the LORD was near, and it was a cloudy day. When the end comes for those out of the LORD it will be a time of darkness and gloom like never seen before. It will be eternal. Unlike the weather, there will be no hope of a bright day. Jude 13 lets us know the darkness of the lost will not end. *“Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.”*

The day of the LORD coming upon the people is describe as gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness in Joel 2:1-2, *“¹Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; ²A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.*

We cannot control the weather, but it is totally within our power to control what our end will be. Will it be a cloudy day, dark and overcast, or a bright and shining day? The LORD told Daniel in Daniel 12:3, *“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”* Jesus said of the saved in Matthew 13:41, *“Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.*

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—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

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I Peter 4:12, “*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.*”

There is much happening in the world that is very much against the teachings of the Bible. Laws are passed that are an obvious abomination to the LORD. Even when there are not laws opposing the Bible, there will be many more firey trials and oppressions that come upon us. There will many godly people who are overlooked for jobs or promotions because of holding to the truth. Friends will depart. Firey trials will come.

With time the people of God will probably become more outcast because we are not in line with the beliefs that are presented in the media. Unless we are politically correct the world will have little use for us.

I truly feel it will become more obvious as time progresses. We will become less respected, but this is no surprise. In the above verse Peter said not to think it strange concerning the firey trial.

How should we react? How should this make us feel? The very next verse has the answer. I Peter 4:13, “*But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*”

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Sunday, February 5, 2017		
Classes	16	Philippians 2:19-30
Preaching	18	
Contribution	\$852.00	
Evening	14	Singing - Psalm 79:1-13
Wednesday, February 8, 2017		
Classes	17	Daniel 2:1-49

Visitors— Feb 8 (Wed) Kaylee Bunnell (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

When was a secret revealed unto Daniel?

Last Week's Answer— Bread (Proverbs 28:19)

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We can acutally rejoice in these things that will come upon us. We are partakers with Christ's sufferings. The Greek word for partaker, koinoneo, can be translated fellowship, sharer or partner. We could not be there to help and comfort Christ during His suffereings upon the cross, but, by our firey trials now, we are partakers and sharers with His suffering. What a wonderful honor to be partakers and sharers in the suffering of Christ.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)