

## **MODULE 5: WAR ON THE SAINTS**

## 1. LEARNING OBJECTIVES – what you will learn from the module

'War on the saints' looks at the brief but intense period of trouble that precedes Christ's return. Why would a 'God of love' allow His children to suffer? What is the purpose of this 'trouble', and exactly what will happen? Module 5 considers the big picture of this traumatic (but blessed) period, when there will be a clash of two kingdoms, unprecedented natural and supernatural signs, and many miracles.

## **MODULE OVERVIEW**

- the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jewish Temple: where, when, how
- the Phobetron
- The 4 stages of tribulation
- Antichrist the 4<sup>th</sup> Beast

- the false prophet
- Armageddon
- Tribulation now the persecuted church
- our response

## 2. MODULE PRE-WORK – before you attend the module

## < READ >

Matt 24.9-29

2Thess 2.1-12 Revelation 13

Daniel 7.23-26; 8.23-25; 9.24-28

**'Study** to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth' 2Tim 2.15

#### < DO >

- look at the prophetic end-time material in your local Christian bookshop/Amazon— what is the predominant view: endure or escape?
- subscribe to 'Open Doors' or 'Persecution Watch' newsletter (see website for links)

## < THINK >

- can you see any evidence/trends for pressure coming onto the church in the UK/ West?
- how well do you think the church is prepared for this pressure?
- should the Western church be a 'special case' that avoids persecution? why?
- how often do you hear teaching/preaching on this subject in your local church?

#### < PRAY >

Ask God to give you a specific burden for the persecuted church (Heb 13.3). Pray for them <u>daily</u> as if you yourself were chained with them.

'Whatever He says to you, do it' John 2.5

## < MEMORISE >

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. **2Cor 4.17-18** 

# 3. POST-MODULE WORK – what did you learn? what will you do now?

What I learned...

What I commit to do differently from now on as a result of my learning...

'Prove yourselves **doers** of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves'. James 1.22