

## Discovering the Discipline of Patience

James 5:7-12\*

Patience is a virtue possessed by few and sought by many. We are living in a society that champions the word *instant*. But to be patient, as James uses the word, is much more than passively waiting for the time to pass. Patience is the discipline, and the art, of enduring through life's adversities.

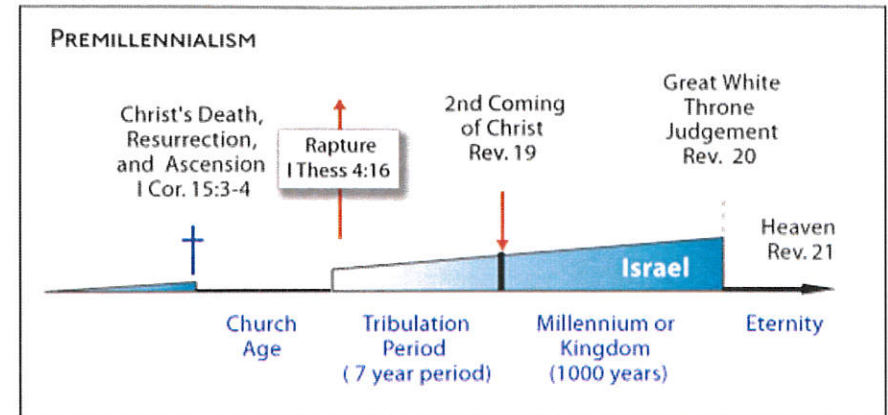
### The discipline of waiting (7-9)

### The discipline of endurance (10-11)

### The discipline of truthfulness (12)

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## Future Events in James 5:7-12



### James 5:7-12 (NASB95)

- 7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until **the coming of the Lord**. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.
- 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, **for the coming of the Lord is near**.
- 9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, **so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door**.
- 10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
- 11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and *is* merciful.
- 12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, **so that you may not fall under judgment**.

### 2 Peter 3:3-9 (NASB95)

- 3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts,
- 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."
- 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water,
- 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.
- 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
- 8 But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.
- 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.