God's People always have and will continue to suffer persecution and tribulation. When the enemy persecutes the people of God, they are persecuting God Himself.

Deuteronomy 30:7

"The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

Job 19:22

"Why do you persecute me as God does, And are not satisfied with my flesh?

Job 19:28

"If you say, 'How shall we <u>persecute</u> him?' And 'What pretext for a case against him can we find?'

Job 30:21

"You have become cruel to me; With the might of Your hand You persecute me.

Psalms 31:15

My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me.

Psalms 69:26

For they have <u>persecuted</u> him whom You Yourself have smitten, And they tell of the pain of those whom You have wounded.

Psalms 109:16

Because he did not remember to show lovingkindness, But <u>persecuted</u> the afflicted and needy man, And the despondent in heart, to put *them* to death.

Psalms 119:84

How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

Psalms 119:86

All Your commandments are faithful; They have <u>persecuted</u> me with a lie; help me!

Psalms 119:157

Many are my <u>persecutors</u> and my adversaries, *Yet* I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.

Psalms 119:161

Shin. Princes persecute me without cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your words.

Psalms 129:1

<<A Song of Ascents.>> "Many times they have <u>persecuted</u> me from my youth up," Let

Israel now say,

Psalms 129:2

"Many times they have <u>persecuted</u> me from my youth up; Yet they have not prevailed against me.

Psalms 142:6

"Give heed to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my <u>persecutors</u>, For they are too strong for me.

Psalms 143:3

For the enemy has <u>persecuted</u> my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.

Isaiah 14:6

Which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, Which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained <u>persecution</u>.

Jeremiah 15:15

You who know, O LORD, Remember me, take notice of me, And take vengeance for me on my <u>persecutors</u>. Do not, in view of Your patience, take me away; Know that for Your sake I endure reproach.

Jeremiah 17:18

Let those who <u>persecute</u> me be put to shame, but as for me, let me not be put to shame; Let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed. Bring on them a day of disaster, And crush them with twofold destruction!

Jeremiah 20:11

But the LORD is with me like a dread champion; Therefore my <u>persecutors</u> will stumble and not prevail. They will be utterly ashamed, because they have failed, With an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

Matthew 5:10

"Blessed are those who have been <u>persecuted</u> for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:11

"Blessed are you when *people* insult you and <u>persecute</u> you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

Matthew 5:12

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:44

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 10:23

"But whenever they <u>persecute</u> you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish *going through* the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

Matthew 13:21

yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

Matthew 23:34

"Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city,

Mark 4:17

and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or <u>persecution</u> arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.

Mark 10:30

but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with <u>persecutions</u>; and in the age to come, eternal life.

Luke 11:49

"For this reason also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will persecute,

Luke 21:12

"But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will <u>persecute</u> you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.

John 5:16

For this reason the Jews were <u>persecuting</u> Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

John 15:20

"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Acts 7:52

"Which one of the prophets did your fathers not <u>persecute</u>? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

Acts 8:1

Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great <u>persecution</u> began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 9:4

and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Acts 9:5

And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

Acts 11:19

So then those who were scattered because of the <u>persecution</u> that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

Acts 13:50

But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a <u>persecution</u> against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

Acts 22:4

"I <u>persecuted</u> this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons,

Acts 22:7

and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'

Acts 22:8

"And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'

Acts 26:14

"And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you <u>persecuting</u> Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

Acts 26:15

"And I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

Romans 8:35

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or <u>persecution</u>, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 12:14

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

1 Corinthians 4:12

and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure;

1 Corinthians 15:9

For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

2 Corinthians 4:9

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with <u>persecutions</u>, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Galatians 1:13

For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to <u>persecute</u> the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it;

Galatians 1:23

but only, they kept hearing, "He who once <u>persecuted</u> us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy."

Galatians 4:29

But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh <u>persecuted</u> him *who was born* according to the Spirit, so it is now also.

Galatians 5:11

But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still <u>persecuted</u>? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.

Galatians 6:12

Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be

circumcised, simply so that they will not be <u>persecuted</u> for the cross of Christ.

Philippians 3:6

as to zeal, a <u>persecutor</u> of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your <u>persecutions</u> and afflictions which you endure.

1 Timothy 1:13

even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a <u>persecutor</u> and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

2 Timothy 3:11

<u>persecutions</u>, *and* sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium *and* at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Revelation 12:13

And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he <u>persecuted</u> the woman who gave birth to the male *child*.