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CAN IT BE POSTPONED?

The leaders of the Jewish community targeted Jesus Christ for death. According to the Book of Acts, many members of the local church that Jesus Christ established in Jerusalem (His disciples) also faced discrimination and death. Many of them, like James, were killed because they followed biblical teachings and because they sought to share God's Divine Word with others (*Acts 12:1-5; Matthew 4:21*). The majority of the citizens allowed it to happen because their leaders convinced them that it was the right thing to do and they followed in blind obedience.

This reminds us of the conditions that the saved will experience in the near future. Just as the leaders targeted Jesus Christ for discrimination and death and just as the leaders targeted the saved for discrimination and possible annihilation, so laws have already been written that are aimed at discrimination of those who follow biblical teachings and seek to share God's Divine Word. Those laws will be enforced with the silent consent of the majority of our citizens.

Can it be postponed so that it does not happen in our lifetime? Yes, it can be delayed but only if our nation turns back to the sovereign Lord of this universe in repentance and faith. *"12 The LORD appeared to Solomon during the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this place for my house of sacrifice. 13 If I close heaven so that there is no rain, if I command the locust to devour the land, if I send pestilence among my people, 14 and if my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land. 15 Now my eyes shall be open and my ears attentive to the prayer of this place". 2nd Chronicles 7:12-15 The New American Bible*

"18 When the just cry out, the LORD hears and rescues them from all distress". Psalm 34 The New American Bible