

Bad Times Ahead

RUSTY: (**Rusty** and **Crystal** enter) Crystal, I've been hearin' a lot about bad things happenin' around us and it makes me scared!

CRYSTAL: I know, Rusty, and I feel bad about bad things happening to other people, too!

RUSTY: It looks to me like things are getting worse than ever before. Years ago, there wasn't much news about hurricanes, earthquakes, tidal waves, and many people getting sick with things like cancer. Also, I've been hearin' a lot about people hatin' each other and wars that may be happenin' soon!

CRYSTAL: You seem to be very aware of things going on around you!

RUSTY: It's not hard when you watch the news on T.V. and the internet!

CRYSTAL: Rusty, did you know that Jesus told us that these things would happen?

RUSTY: Really? Where in the Bible does it talk about it?

CRYSTAL: There are several verses in the Bible, but I think that the ones preachers use most are found in Matthew 24, verses 6 and 7. Verse 6 says, "And ye will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

RUSTY: So, Jesus tells us not to worry about all these bad things, because the end is not yet. What does "the end is not yet" mean?

CRYSTAL: That's a good question, Rusty! I think that it means that all the bad things will not be over yet.

RUSTY: You mean, it's gonna get worse?

CRYSTAL: I'm afraid so, Rusty, but the Bible talks about the Rapture taking place before it gets really bad.

RUSTY: Oh, yes! I heard about the Rapture where all the Christians will be taken up to heaven someday!

CRYSTAL: That's right, Rusty! Until that day comes, we need to pray every day for God to watch over us and keep us safe and protect us.

RUSTY: What verse talks about all the bad things that will happen?

CRYSTAL: Verse 7 tells us what will be happening, so that we can know what we need to pray about. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines [or no food] pestilences [or sickness] and earthquakes in various places."

RUSTY: O.K., I understand, we need to pray about things instead of just worryin' about them, right?

CRYSTAL: Yes, Rusty, and we need to pray every day, don't we?

RUSTY: With so many bad things goin' on, we really should!

CRYSTAL: You know, when we get to heaven, we won't have anything to worry about and we will be with Jesus and His love forever! I have a song I'd like to sing called "Nothing can Compare to Eternity."
(**CRYSTAL** sings the song.)

RUSTY: Thank you for helpin' me not to worry about the bad things and that all I need to do is pray. That was some good singin', too!

CRYSTAL: You're welcome! It's O.K., Rusty and I'm glad I could help you understand those things.

RUSTY: So, in heaven, there won't be any bullies in school...in fact, there won't be any school anymore either! YAHOO!!! (**RUSTY** dances around with excitement) See ya later Crystal!

CRYSTAL: Bye, Rusty! (**BOTH** exit)

NOTHING CAN COMPARE TO ETERNITY

Gospel

♩ = 104

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1. I know that what - ev - er hap - pens to me _____
 2. He'll get me _____ through my pains _____ and aches _____
 3. I know that what - ev - er hap - pens to me _____
 4. He'll get me _____ through the smoke _____ and haze _____

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1. Noth - ing can com - pare to e - ter - ni - ty _____
 2. And see me _____ through _____ my heart - aches _____
 3. Noth - ing can com - pare to e - ter - ni - ty _____
 4. And see me _____ through _____ peri - lous days _____

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1. E - ven though the storms may come my way _____
 2. As I'm on _____ life _____ jour - ney's way _____
 3. Even though we have earth - quakes loot - ings _____
 4. As I'm on _____ life _____ jour - ney's way _____

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1. My Je - sus will be with me day by day _____
 2. I'll live with _____ Je - sus _____ some _____ day _____
 3. No jobs _____ much sick - ness and shoot - ings _____
 4. I'll live with _____ Je - sus _____ some _____ day _____

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A F#7/A# Bm

21 I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty _____ And

Detailed description: This musical staff covers measures 21 to 23. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4 (measure 21), A4 (measure 22), and B4 (measure 23). Chords are indicated above the staff: A major for measure 21, F#7/A# for measure 22, and Bm for measure 23. The lyrics 'I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty' are written below the notes, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of 'ty' to the word 'And'.

A F#7/A# Bm G

1.2.3.

25 I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty

Detailed description: This musical staff covers measures 24 to 26. It continues with the same treble clef and key signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4 (measure 24), A4 (measure 25), and B4 (measure 26). Chords are indicated above the staff: A major for measure 24, F#7/A# for measure 25, Bm for measure 26, and G major for measure 27. The lyrics 'I'll live with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty' are written below the notes. A bracket above the staff spans measures 24 to 26, with '1.2.3.' written above it, indicating a first ending. The staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

4. Bm G *D.S. and fade*

29 all e - ter - ni - ty

Detailed description: This musical staff covers measures 27 to 29. It continues with the same treble clef and key signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4 (measure 27), A4 (measure 28), and B4 (measure 29). Chords are indicated above the staff: Bm for measure 27, G major for measure 28, and G major for measure 29. The lyrics 'all e - ter - ni - ty' are written below the notes. A bracket above the staff spans measures 27 to 28, with '4.' written above it. The instruction '*D.S. and fade*' is written to the right of the staff. The staff ends with a double bar line.