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How to Get Left Behind — or — How to Become a Remnant-Minded Person

1. Have a **BIG VIEW** of God.

Therefore, the Lord, the Lord Almighty... Isaiah 10.16, 23, 24, 26, 33

2. Trust that one day **ALL EVIL** will be dealt with.

*Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees,
to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of
my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. What will
you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar? vv1-3*

3. Rely on the **RIGHT THINGS** to get along in life.

*In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of Jacob, will no longer
rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the Lord, the Holy
One of Israel. v20*

4. There will be hard times. **LEARN FROM THEM.**

*"My people who live in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrians, who
beat you with a rod and lift up a club against you, as Egypt did..." v24*

The challenge from Jesus:

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leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and
narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7.13-14*

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