

Lesson 8

Tribulation

What is the Tribulation?

What is the Great Tribulation?

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Tribulation Events:

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The Judgments

1. Of Jesus Christ **John 12:31**

- Nature -** Bearing the believer's sins
2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:26-28; 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18
- Occasion -** Christ lifted up on the cross, world judged, Satan defeated
John 12:31
- Result -** Death of Christ, justification and security of the believer
John 5:24; Romans 5:9, 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13

2. Of the believer by himself **2 Corinthians 11:31-32; 2 Samuel 7:14-15**

- Nature -** The believer's condemnation of himself for permitting his own sinful ways and habits
2 Samuel 12:13-14
- Occasion -** Self-judgment of the believer as a son to avoid chastisement by his heavenly Father
Hebrews 12:7
- Result -** If neglected, the Father's chastening follows, but never condemnation
1 Corinthians 11:32; 5:5

3. Of the believer's works **2 Corinthians 5:10 ; Hebrews 9:27**

- Nature -** Quality of the believer's life as a servant
1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Matthew 12:36
(in no sense for sins, Hebrews 10:17)
- Occasion -** At the coming of the Lord / *or at Rapture ?*
1 Corinthians 4:1-5, 9:24-27; Romans 14:10; Galatians 6:7; Colossians 3:24-25; 2 Timothy 4:8
- Result -** Reward for faithful service, loss of reward
1 Corinthians 3:8, 14-15; Revelation 22:12

4. Of the Gentile survivors of the Tribulation
Matthew 25:31-46; Joel 3:1-3

Nature - Point of testing is the treatment of Christ's brothers, i.e., the Jewish people during the Tribulation

Occasion - At Christ's return in glory to set up His millennial kingdom

Result - Entrance into or exclusion from the millennial kingdom

5. Jewish survivors of the Tribulation
Ezekiel 20:33-44

Nature - Subjects will be living Israelites re-gathered at the end of the Tribulation

Occasion - At Christ's return in glory to set up His millennial kingdom

Result - Entrance or non-entrance into the land for kingdom blessing
Psalm 50:1-7; Malachi 3:2-5, 4:1-2

6. Of the fallen angels
Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 Corinthians 6:3

Nature - Subjects will be the angels who rebelled with Satan
Revelation 12:3-4

Occasion - Evidently after the millennium, at the end of history

Result - Satan and evil angels relegated to the lake of fire, Gehenna, eternal hell
Revelation 20:10

7. Of the unsaved
Revelation 20:11-15

Nature - Only the wicked dead, perhaps Satan and fallen angels are finally judged also at this time

Occasion - Basis of judgment is according to works to determine degree of punishment of the lost

Result - Second death, or lake of fire – not annihilation
Revelation 19:30, 20:10, 14-15

Rapture: Tribulation, & Millennium

Why a Seven-year period between Rapture and millennium? God's judgment unveiled on the unbelieving.

[2 Peter 3: 3-7]

The Tribulation occurs as the:

- Retribution** toward followers of Satan
- Redemption** to believers
- Restoration** for believing in Jesus

Why **seven** years? (remember how seven represents completion and perfection in Bible)

*Seventieth week of Daniel = last **seven** year period before millennium:

Daniel 9:24-27 and 12

1. **Revelation 11:3** says that God's two witnesses will prophecy at Jerusalem for "one thousand two hundred and sixty days..." (1260 divided by 360 = 3 ½ years), = the second half of the tribulation.
2. **Revelation 12:6** says that the woman, Israel, will be hidden in the wilderness for "one thousand two hundred and sixty days..." (1260 divided by 360 = 3 ½ years) = the second half of the tribulation
3. **Revelations 13:5** says that the "beast" (Antichrist) with the big "mouth" was granted to "**continue**" for "forty-two months..." (42 divided by 12 = 3 ½ years) = the second half of the tribulation
4. **Daniel 7:25** says that the saints will be given into the hands of the "little horn" (Antichrist) for "a time and times and half a time..." (This is a Jewish idiomatic expression where the term "time" means one year) ($1+2+\frac{1}{2} = 3\frac{1}{2}$ years) = the second half of the tribulation
5. **Daniel 12:11** says that from the time that the sacrifice is caused to cease until the "abomination of desolation" is "set up" will be "one thousand two hundred and ninety days..." (1290 divided by 360 = 3 ½ years and an extra 30 days) We don't really know what the extra 30 days are about here. At this point it is still a mystery.
6. **Daniel 12:12** says that their will be "one thousand three hundred and thirty five days..." to the "day" when all who arrive there will be called "blessed..." (1335 divided by 360 = 3 ½ years and an extra 75 days) Undoubtedly this is referring to a "red letter" day that will occur in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ calculated from the day that sacrifice was stopped at the middle of the Tribulation.

The "Day of the Lord" Prophecy in O.T.:

Understanding that God *will* Judge all Israel and Judah (along with the Gentiles) so that His people of Truth might be redeemed and restored, God Destroys sin/death and establishes Christ as Messiah & King over all world.

Jacob's (= Israel's) Trouble [Jer. 30:1-11]

*"Day of Lord" prophecies in O.T. encompass **all** of end-time events (pre-trib., tribulation, and all war(s) & Armageddon)*

1. Time of Great Destruction [Is. 2: 1-12, Is. 22: 1-5, Is. 34: 1-14, Jer 46:3-6, 10, Ezek 7:5-7, Joel 1:15]
2. Time of Reckoning [Is. 2: 12, Is 34:8, Obad. 15]
3. Destruction of Idols and pagan worship [Is 12:18, Ezek 30: 13-14]
4. Physical Manifestations of Destruction [Is 2:18-20, Is 13:6-9, Is 22: 1-25, Jer. 46:1-25, Ezek 7:1-20, Am 5:18-20]
5. Inescapable Judgment: Sudden, unbearable, and final [Jer. 46:6-12, Ezek 13:5, Amos 9: 5-9]
6. Remnant will turn to God: Both Jews and Gentiles [Zeph. 1:7-8, 2: 1-3, 3-8]
7. God delegates the Nations [Zech 14:3-7, 14:12-15]

Jesus Taught of this time: Matt 24:4-14, Mark 13:5-13, Luke 21: 8-19]

- Time of Great deception: Signs before hand and during.
- Warns of abomination of desolation Dan. 9:27, 11:31, 12:11
- Day of the Lord of Jesus Christ... New Testament
 - *Crucifixion= mini day of the Lord
- Day of Judgment
- Time when Satan tries to usurp God's power [2 Thess. 2: 2-12]
- God ultimately unleashes His power on the earth in Sovereign display, initiating the Kingdom of God on earth for good

deceived into living in a lifestyle that only brings constant pain and suffering instead of the freedom and paradise that God offers. The world's leaders will declare that there was no rapture, that a mass hysteria took place, and the news media will follow the party line. Then to make things easier, shortly after the rapture, one-fourth of the world's population will be decimated due to wars, famine and plague. Those who were raptured will be counted as amongst the dead.

After the Rapture

Shortly after the rapture, a seven year period known in the Bible as the Great Tribulation will take place. It will begin with the signing of a peace agreement between Israel and her enemies and it will end with the physical return of Jesus Christ to set up His kingdom on earth. In between will be seven years of terror for those on earth. The following events and trends will take place in that seven year period :

- A man will arise who will achieve victory after victory both in politics and in war. This man, who should be easily identified by his rapid rise and popularity, is your anti-christ. Many people believe that this person must be Jewish. That is, in order for Jews to accept him as Messiah, only a Jew will suffice. This is not necessarily the case; the Bible does not specify that he is a Jew, and it does not specify nationality. Only God-fearing Jews will require a Jewish Messiah. The liberal ungodly Jews who dominate Israel will be as lost when it comes to Biblical truth as the gentiles of the world and will be deceived by his charisma, and more than likely, the desires of the world's media. Currently the new nick-name for the United States is the Great Satan. This may have some significance.
- Violence will increase in all parts of the world both nation against nation (ethnic wars) and domestically. Men will indiscriminately slay one another as peace will be removed from the earth.
- There will be extreme inflation, poverty, and lack of food as one day's wages will buy enough food for one day for one person.
- In a very short period of time, one-quarter of the earth's population will be killed due to wars, famine, pestilence and wild beasts. These wild beasts could very well be viruses, bacteria and other microbes. In late 1995 Time magazine ran a cover story on the rise of new infections and called microbes "malevolent little beasts".
- Many people will experience a religious conversion and become followers of Jesus Christ and most of these people will be hunted down and killed.
- There will be a great earthquake, the sun will be blackened, the moon will turn red and all mountains and islands (which are underwater mountains) will be moved.
- There will be a brief period of calm on the earth following this great earthquake which will give those who survive a false sense of security. Then,
- A third of the earth, one-third of all trees and all the green grass will be burned up due to a comet or meteor that hits the earth. Then,
- A meteor will hit the earth causing the sea to become like blood, killing one-third of all sea creatures and destroying one-third of all shipping. Then,
- A "star" named Wormwood will fall from the sky and poison one-third of all fresh water killing many people.
- The sun, moon and stars will be darkened by one-third. The day and night will be reduced by one-third. There is some speculation that this means the rotation of the earth will be changed so that a day lasts only 16 hours instead of 24 hours.
- Fearsome locust-like beings will be released from underground who only attack people who are not followers of Jesus Christ. These attacks will be very painful but last only 5 months.
- An army of 200 million horse-like creatures will kill one-third of mankind.
- Two men (known as witnesses, see item 7 below) of Jewish origin will preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 3 1/2 years and be killed at the midpoint of the 7 year tribulation. These two will be

you and those like you. Should you get caught, your fate will be either death or slavery. If you receive this manual before the rapture and plan to be around after the rapture, then start storing up food and living supplies and put them into hiding in some remote and difficult to access area. You should include weaponry to defend yourself and medical supplies as part of your living supplies.

Safety Concerns

This era will be the most violent of times in the history of the world. Death, brutality and destruction will be part of everyday life. One of the defining characteristics of the last days following the rapture will be a lack of peace. There will be civil wars throughout the world: people will kill one another indiscriminately, random acts of violence will fill people with fear. Car jackings, home invasions, drive by shootings, bombings will all increase with an intensity that will leave people with absolutely no sense of security.

In order to survive this time, you need to remove yourself from society and live in a remote area that is difficult to access. Getting together with a group of like-minded people would provide additional support and safety. As mentioned earlier, stock up on food, medicines, living supplies, weaponry and gold. You will need enough for 7 years. Don't plan on being able to supplement your food with hunting and fishing because the stocks of wild animals and fish will have been depleted and destroyed by the 3 1/2 year worldwide draught and three successive meteor-like or comet-like objects that strike the earth sometime after the rapture. The 3 1/2 year draught is brought on by the two witnesses. The first object from outer space to strike the earth will destroy 1/3 of all trees and all the green grass on earth. The second object, more like a meteor, strikes the sea and destroys 1/3 of all sea creatures and 1/3 of all shipping. The third object turns 1/3 of all fresh water poisonous and kills many people. Needless to say all of this will also seriously deplete the food supplies for the world's population causing food prices to skyrocket. Those people in the world who never before missed a meal or worried about food will become very familiar with hunger pangs and the feeling of going without food for long periods of time. This will be one of the causes of the increased violence as people become more self centered, short tempered, and competitive for the food sources in short supply. As Jesus spoke to His disciples about these days He said, "people will betray one another and hate one another...the love of many will grow cold."

Health Concerns

Prior to the rapture, the world experienced an increase in health related catastrophes, an increase in new infectious diseases and an increase in the return of diseases thought to have been eradicated or brought under control. The 1980's and 1990's brought on AIDS, EBOLA virus, flesh eating bacteria, the return of tuberculosis, incurable gonorrhea, herpes and many other virtually incurable sexually transmitted diseases. After the rapture things do not get better, as one quarter of the world's population will die as the result of wars, famine and plague. Sometime after the two witnesses are murdered and after people are required to take the mark on the right hand or forehead, there will be a terrible plague causing a loathsome and malignant ulcer on the bodies of those who have taken the mark. This will be a very ugly and very painful sore that will make life miserable for those who

have it. This sore will cover the body and remove the pleasure from sexual relations. People will avoid sexual relations due to the pain.

In addition to all this, because of the poor economic situation worldwide and the 3 1/2 year draught that depletes the world's supply of water, sanitation practices will deteriorate even in what were advanced nations in Europe and North America. With the short supply of water, there won't be sufficient water for flushing toilets, taking baths, washing clothes and transporting wastewater to treatment facilities. This will result in the increase of typhus, cholera, salmonella and E.coli infections.

However, since you have decided to reject Christ's offer to join in the rapture, your concern is how to maintain good health in the post rapture era. You must build a supply of multiple vitamins with particular emphasis on anti-oxidants such as C and E and minerals. It will also be necessary to have a supply of disinfectants, particularly one that can be added to water to make it potable.

Above all, do not accept the mark of the beast on your right hand or forehead. If you do take the mark then nothing can be done for you -- you will suffer the malignant ulcer making the rest of your life almost unbearable. Did you ever have a canker sore in your mouth? If so, then you know how painful that was---just one little canker sore. Now think of having canker sores all over your body, on your genitalia, in your mouth. Think how painful and unbearable your life will be. Don't take that mark.

The Seals

Revelation 6:1-8:6

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| 1. | White Horse – | Antichrist |
| 2. | Red Horse – | War |
| 3. | Black Horse - | Famine |
| 4. | Pale Horse - | Death |
| 5. | Souls under the alter - | Martyrdom |
| 6. | Natural, physical, calamity - | Fear upon all men |
| 7. | Silence - | 7 trumpets begin |

The Trumpets

Revelation 8:7-11:19

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| 1. | Hail, fire, blood - | 1/3 of earth's vegetation destroyed |
| 2. | Burning mountain - | 1/3 of sea turns to blood |
| 3. | Star falls from heaven - | 1/3 of rivers become contaminated |
| 4. | Heavenly bodies are struck - | 1/3 of light is lost |
| 5. | First "woe" - | plague of terrible locusts |
| 6. | Second "woe" - | 1/3 of mankind is killed |
| 7. | Third "woe" - | 7 bowls begin |

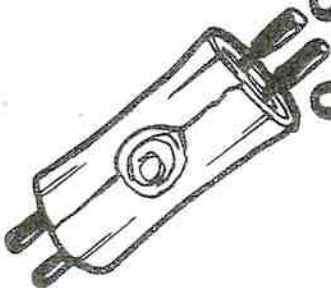
The Bowls

Revelation 15:1-16:21

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| 1. | Foul sores - | those with mark of the beast are afflicted |
| 2. | Seas become blood - | all sea creatures die |
| 3. | Rivers become blood – | those who killed martyrs must drink blood |
| 4. | Sun becomes scorching - | those burned by the sun blaspheme God |
| 5. | Darkness - | great pain inflicted on those who follow the beast |
| 6. | Euphrates River dried up - | wicked nations of the earth gather at Armageddon |
| 7. | Thunder, lightening, earthquake - | God's fierce wrath upon Babylon |

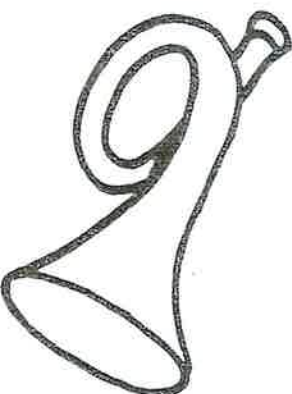
THE SEAL JUDGMENTS 6

- 1st - COLD WAR
- 2d - OPEN WAR
- 3d - FAMINE
- 4th - DEATH
- 5th - MARTYRDOM
- 6th - DISTURBANCES
- 7th - (8:1-6)



THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS 8-9

- 1st - EARTH AFFECTED
- 2d - SEA AFFECTED
- 3d - WATERS AFFECTED
- 4th - HEAVENS AFFECTED
- 5th - MEN AFFECTED
- 6th - DEATH
- 7th - (11:15-19)



THE BOWL JUDGMENTS 16

- 1st - SORES
- 2d - SEA AFFECTED
- 3d - RIVERS AFFECTED
- 4th - SCORCHING
- 5th - DARKNESS
- 6th - EUPHRATES DRIED UP
- 7th - DESTRUCTION










AΩ The seals, Trumpets and Bowls of Revelation








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