

THE TRIBULATION

Revelation 6-19

**In the tribulation near the end of the age,
God's wrath will be revealed as never before**

I. THE PRELUDE

A. BELIEVERS WILL BE RAPTURED - I Thess. 4:13-18 and I Cor. 15:51-57

B. CHRISTIANS WILL BE SAVED FROM WRATH - I Thess. 1:10, 5:9 and Rev. 3:10

II. THE PARTICULARS

- A somewhat loose chronology of the seven-year period

A. A SCHMOOZING TIME - Early in the tribulation

1. The lawless one revealed - II Thess. 2:8-12
2. A peace treaty with Israel will be initiated - Dan. 9:24-27
3. Here is one who comes on a white horse! - Rev. 6:1-2

B. A SHIFTING TIME - Middle of the Tribulation

1. The Two Witnesses are killed and then resurrected - Rev. 11:1-12
2. Satan is kicked out of having access to heaven - Rev. 12:7-9
3. Satan attacks the Jewish people at this time - Rev. 12:13
4. Israel turns to Christ for spiritual salvation - Rom. 11:25-27, Zech. 12:10 and 13:8-9

C. A SHAKEDOWN TIME

1. The rise of an evil empire - Rev. 13:1-8
2. The satanic control of commerce - Rev. 13:15-18
3. A hellish harlot controlling religion - Rev. 17:1-8
4. A queen of sin seated in Babylon - Rev. 18:1-7

D. A SHUTTERING TIME

1. Because of God's judgments
 - a. People are forced to live even when they try to die! - Rev. 6:15-17 and 9:6
 - b. Citizens fearing the torment they see falling on others - Rev. 18:15-20 (also 18:9-10)
2. Because of Christ's magnificent return to earth - Rev. 19:11-21

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III. SOME PURPOSES

- Why the Tribulation?

A. TO REVEAL GOD'S MIGHTY POWER

1. Over Satan - Rev. 12:7-9 and 20:1-3
2. Over nature - Rev. 6 (seals), 8 (trumpets) and 16 (bowls)
3. Over empires - Rev. 17:14 and 18:21-24

B. TO DRAW MANY JEWS TO REDEMPTION - Zechariah 13:8-9

C. TO DEMONSTRATE MAN'S REBELIOUS HEART

1. He is hardened and unrepentant in his sin - Rev. 9:20-21
2. He celebrates the death of God's two witnesses - Rev. 11:7-10

D. TO MOTIVATE CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY - Jude 20-23

- We are to be ...

1. Waiting anxiously (21)
2. Having mercy (22)
3. Snatching others (23) > Keeping them out of the fire!

CONCLUSION:

1. The truth: God's actual factual wrath is coming - Rom. 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

2. Our task: Be unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ - Rom. 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith.

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