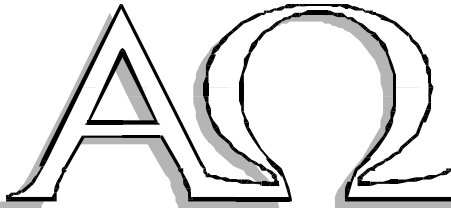


# Creation Revelation



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Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one  
of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Psalm 119:160

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## The Tribulation

### The Great Tribulation

The Great Tribulation is an event in prophecy that has yet to unfold, but there are numerous signs that it is swiftly approaching. There is a prophecy of Daniel that speaks of seventy sevens (seventy weeks of years). The prophecy was specific, announcing the coming of the Messiah and that He would be killed after sixty-nine weeks of years. The prophecy was so specific that it is possible to know the exact year and day of its fulfillment in regards to the death of Israel's Messiah. This prophecy was fulfilled by Jesus Christ to the very day.<sup>1</sup> At the end of the prophecy, a week was spoken of that remained of the original seventy weeks of years. It is this seven years that we are now interested in.

And he [Antichrist] shall confirm the **covenant with many for one week**: and **in the midst of the week** he shall cause the **sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and **for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. **Daniel 9:27**

Daniel prophesied that there would occur, in the Temple at Jerusalem, an "abomination that makes desolate," and that it would happen at the mid-point of the seven-years Tribulation. Jesus

spoke of this abomination standing in the Holy Place (the Temple) as follows:

When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: **Matthew 24:15, 16**

Jesus also spoke of the conditions of the world during this time.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall **deceive many**. And ye shall hear of **wars and rumours of wars**: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For **nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom**: and there shall be **famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes**, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to **be afflicted, and shall kill you**: and ye shall be **hated of all nations for my name's sake**. And then shall many be offended, and shall **betray** one another, and shall **hate** one another. And **many**

**false prophets** shall rise, and shall **deceive many**. And because **iniquity shall abound**, the **love of many shall wax cold**. Matthew 24:4-12

Jesus promised to come a second time at the end of the Tribulation. Jesus said it will be a time when men least expect.

But **as the days of Noe [Noah]** were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were **eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage**, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And **knew not until the flood came**, and took them all away; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be**. Matthew 24:37-39

There are a number of things to look for. Some signs should occur before the Tribulation begins.

## A. Signs to Watch For at Any Time<sup>2</sup>

There are four prophecies to look for fulfillment **before** the beginning of the Tribulation.

### 1. The Rapture

The Rapture is imminent, so can happen suddenly, at any moment. There are no prerequisites for the Rapture to occur.

### 2. Blackouts

There is a blackout clearly prophesied to occur **before** the Tribulation begins. Remember that the Tribulation in prophecy is referred to as the "Day of the Lord." Notice that this darkness comes "**before**" the "day of the Lord."

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before** the great and the terrible **day of the Lord [Tribulation]** come. Joel 2:31

An additional four blackouts will occur **during** the Tribulation.<sup>3</sup>

- a. During the Sixth Seal judgment – Revelation 6:12.
- b. During the Fifth Trumpet judgment – Joel 2:10; Revelation 9:2.

c. During the Fifth Bowl judgment – Revelation 16:10.

d. After the Tribulation, just before the Lord's return – Matthew 24:29, 30.

### 3. The Return of Elijah

The return of Elijah is also prophesied to occur **before** the Tribulation begins. We see this in Malachi 4:5, 6:

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **before** the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the Lord**: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Mal 4:5, 6

John the Baptist was the messenger of Christ's First Coming:

Behold, I will send my **messenger**, and he shall **prepare the way** before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:1

John the Baptist was also prophesied by Isaiah:

The voice of him that crieth **in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way** of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 40:3-5

It is clear that John the Baptist fulfilled Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3-5 from the following passages in the Gospels:

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching **in the wilderness** of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom

of heaven is at hand. For this is **he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias**, saying, The voice of one crying **in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord**, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. **Matthew 3:3-6**

And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. **For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.** **Matt 11:7-10**

Even though John fulfilled these Scriptures, he was not Elijah who is to come, and John the Baptist acknowledges this.

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? **Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.** Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, **I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.** **John 1:19-23**

But then we see something else in Matthew 17:9-13 that seems to say that John is Elijah.

And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. And his disciples asked him, saying, **Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?** And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.** But I say unto you, That **Elias is come already**, and **they knew him not**, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of **John the Baptist.** **Matthew 17:9-13**

Jesus said that Elijah must come, but alludes to the fact that, in a sense, John the Baptist is Elijah. The explanation is found in Matthew 11.

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. **And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.** **Matthew 11:11**

However, **Israel didn't receive it**, Israel rejected the Messiah and the offered Kingdom, therefore Elijah is still yet to come to fulfill Malachi 4:5, 6. Luke 1:13-17 also says that John the Baptist was to come "in the spirit and power of Elijah." If Israel had accepted the message, then John the Baptist would have fulfilled Malachi 4:5, 6. Elijah is yet to come, **before** the Tribulation.

#### 4. The Third Temple

There are a number of passages in the Scripture that show that the temple will be rebuilt and will be standing on the Temple Mount at mid-Tribulation. In order to be standing at mid-Tribulation, the Temple construction must start

either before the Tribulation or sometime in the first half of the Tribulation. Daniel 9:27 shows that at mid-Tribulation the sacrifices in the temple are made to cease.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week [seven-years Tribulation]: and in the midst of the week [3-1/2 years] he shall **cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the **overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. **Daniel 9:27**

Matthew 24:15 says that the temple spoken of by Daniel 9:27 will be desecrated.

When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) **Matthew 24:15**

2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4 says that Antichrist will sit in this temple.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin** be revealed, **the son of perdition**; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**. **2 Thess 2:3, 4**

Finally, Revelation 11:1, 2 shows that this temple is standing at mid-Tribulation, during a time that the Gentiles will tread on the city of Jerusalem for 3-1/2 years.

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and **measure the temple of God, and the altar**, and them that worship therein. But **the court which is without the temple** leave out, and measure it not; for it is **given unto the Gentiles**: and the holy city shall **they tread under foot forty and**

**two months [3-1/2 years]**. Revelation 11:1, 2

Even though this temple is built and re-establishes temple sacrifice, this third temple receives no sanction by God as found in the words of Isaiah chapter 66.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is **the house that ye build unto me?** and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. **He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.** I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because **when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.** Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, **a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies.** **Isaiah 66:1-6**

## B. Tribulation Events – Revelation chapters 6-18

The following outlines the events and expected order of their occurrence during the first half, mid point, and second half of the Tribulation.

### 1. First Half (3-1/2 years) – Revelation chapters 6-9 and 17<sup>4</sup>

- a. The ministry of Elijah (beginning before the Tribulation) – Mal 4:5, 6.
- b. The Antichrist enters into Seven-Year Covenant with Israel to begin the Tribulation – Dan 9:27.
- c. The ministry of the 144,000 Jews and worldwide revival – Rev 7:1-17.
- d. The ministry of the two witnesses – Rev 11:1-6.
- e. The religious system of the ecclesiastical Babylon – Rev 17:1-6.
- f. The political system of the ten kings – Rev 7:24, 17:3, 12, 13, 17.
- g. The Seal Judgments – Rev 6:1-17.
- h. The Trumpet Judgments (includes 200 million force invasion (demonic or human?)) – Rev 8:1-9:1-21; Joel 1:15-2:11.

## 2. Mid-Tribulation Events – Revelation chapters 10-14 and 17<sup>5</sup>

- a. Three of ten kings (Ten Horns) killed, Antichrist replaces the three, himself becoming the Eight Horn (Antichrist contends for world control) – Dan 7:24, 11:40-45; Rev 17:12, 13, 17.
- b. Antichrist killed – Dan 11:45; Rev 13:3.
- c. Satan cast down to earth – Rev 12:7-12.
- d. Antichrist resurrected – Rev 13:3.
- e. Ecclesiastical Babylon destroyed (Antichrist takes world religious control) – Rev 17:16.
- f. The Two witnesses are killed by the “beast” (Antichrist) that was resurrected (“comes out of the abyss”) – Rev 11:7-13.
- g. The Two witnesses are resurrected by God after 3-1/2 days, and taken up into heaven in plain sight of the world – Rev 11:11, 12.
- h. Jerusalem will be judged by an earthquake that levels 1/10<sup>th</sup> (7000 killed) of the city – Rev 11:13.
- i. After the earthquake, the remaining Jews of Jerusalem will give glory to God, even as Antichrist is worshipped by Gentiles – Rev 11:13.
- j. The Antichrist is worshipped – Rev 13:3-10.
- k. The ministry of the False Prophet and the Mark of the Beast (666) – Rev 13:11-18.

- l. The Seven Year covenant is broken (Antichrist invades Israel) – Dan 11:40-45; Isa 28:18.
- m. The rebuilt Temple is desecrated (Abomination of Desolation set up) Dan 9:27.
- n. There is a worldwide persecution of the Jews – Mat 24:15-28.
- o. The Seventh Trumpet sounds (Messiah inherits the kingdom of the world, previously the world kingdom of the Antichrist – Rev 11:14-19.

Mid-Tribulation events occur at mid-Tribulation, but continue into the second half.

## 3. Second Half (3-1/2 years) – Revelation chapters 15, 16, and 18<sup>6</sup>

- a. Protection and provision for the faithful remnant of Israel in the City of Refuge (Rev 12).
- b. Repentance of Israel's leaders pleading for Messiah to come (Hos 5:15; Hos 6:1-3; Zech 12:5, 10).
- c. The Bowl Judgments (Rev 16).
- d. The Second Coming of Christ (Rev 19).
- e. The battle of Armageddon (Rev 19; Isa 34:1-7).
- f. Messiah will slay the Antichrist (Hab 3:13; 2 Th 2:8).
- g. Satan is bound in the pit for 1000 years (Rev 20).
- h. The Antichrist and the False Prophet go into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20).

## C. Purposes of the Tribulation<sup>7</sup>

The three main purposes of the Tribulation according the Scriptures are:

**1. The first purpose** is to make an end of wickedness and wicked people.

Behold, **the day of the Lord cometh**, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, **to lay the land desolate**: and **he shall destroy the sinners** thereof out of it.  
Isaiah 13:9

The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved

exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and **the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.** Isaiah 24:19, 20

The “day of the Lord” refers to the Great Tribulation. It is in the Great Tribulation that sinners will be destroyed and wickedness shall come to an end.

**2. The second purpose** is to bring about a worldwide revival. We see this outlined by the sealing of the Jewish witnesses in Revelation chapter 7.

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed **an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.** Of the tribe of Juda [Judah] were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthali were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. **Revelation 7:1-8**

Next, in verse 9, we see a shift from Jewish witnesses to people of all nations, including Gentiles.

**After this** I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;** And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, **What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?** And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.** Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. **Revelation 7:9-17**

In Revelation 7 verses 4 to 9, the 144,000 Jewish “servants” of God located in all parts of the world will be sealed, which will be the instruments of bringing a worldwide revival to the earth. Then, beginning in verse 9, we see the multitude from all nations, including Gentiles, in heaven wearing white robes that are the result of the revival, and were martyred during the Tribulation. The words “after this” of verse 9 connect and show the cause and

effect relationship of the preceding verses to those that follow. The purpose of the 144,000 in context is to evangelize the world during the first half (3-1/2 years) of the Tribulation. The ministry of the sealed Jewish evangelists is further verified in Matthew 24:14, and the event following in verse 15, the abomination, confirms it is at the mid-Tribulation time period (the 3-1/2 year point):

And **this gospel** of the kingdom **shall be preached in all the world** for a witness unto **all nations**; and **then shall the end come**. When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place.... **Matthew 24:14, 15**

**3. The third purpose** of the Tribulation is to break the power (the stubborn will) of the Jewish nation (the holy people).

Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for **a time, times, and an half**; and **when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished**. **Daniel 12:5-7**

(A time = 1, times = 2, an half = ½) = 3-1/2 years. This breaking the stubborn will (the evangelization) will last 3-1/2 years. The first half of the Tribulation. God will deal with them in judgment and purge out the rebels, after which a remnant will be preserved (Rev 12).

As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And **I will bring you out from the people**, and will gather you out of the

countries wherein ye are scattered, **with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out**. And **I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face**. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. And **I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me**: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. **Ezekiel 20:33-38**

#### D. The Covenant with Death<sup>8</sup>

In Daniel 9:27 the Antichrist makes a covenant with Israel that begins the seven year Tribulation. Isaiah reveals the same covenant and calls it "a covenant with death... your agreement with hell."

Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made **a covenant with death**, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. **Judgment also will I lay to the line**, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And **your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it**. From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by

morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. **Isaiah 28:14-20**

This covenant will be broken at mid-Tribulation when the Antichrist invades the Glorious Land (Israel).

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. **He shall enter also into the glorious land**, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. **Daniel 11:40-45**

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for **it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.** **Revelation 11:1, 2**

Continuing in Daniel we see a time of trouble:

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:** and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. **Daniel 12:1**

The Antichrist will then desecrate the newly built Temple by entering the Temple and declaring that he is god, and he shall erect an idol for the worship of himself (see: Dan 9:27, 12:11; Mat 24:15, 16; 2 Th 2:3, 4; Rev 11:1, 2, 13:11-15).

When the "Abomination of Desolation" occurs, Israel is warned to flee "unto the mountains" because severe anti-Semitism will break out. Many false Christs and false prophets will arise, and at the end Christ will come again.

**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,** (whoso readeth, let him understand:) **Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:** Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For **then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.** And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but **for the elect's sake** those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For **there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets,** and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the

desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also **the coming of the Son of man** be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. **Matthew 24:15-28**

Israel will flee, pursued by the invading army which will be destroyed by divine intervention. Then, this remnant of Israel will be protected for 3-1/2 years.

And **the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days....** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, **he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.** to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that **she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.** And the serpent cast out of his mouth **water as a flood after the woman [pursuing army],** that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and **swallowed up the flood [pursuing army]** which the dragon cast out of his mouth. **Revelation 12:6-16**

Satan then, in the very next verse, goes after all other believers, especially all remaining Jewish believers throughout the world.

And the dragon was **wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** **Revelation 12:17**

Then, in Isaiah 21 and 22 we see the wrath of God poured out in destruction on the whole earth.

For **the Lord** shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he **shall be wroth** as in the valley of Gibeon, **that he may do his work, his strange work;** and bring to pass his act, **his strange act.** Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts **a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.** **Isaiah 28:21, 22**

## E. References to the Great Tribulation<sup>9</sup>

There are a number of names used in Scripture that, when mentioned, refer to the future Great Tribulation.

### The Old Testament

- ◆ The Time of Jacob's Trouble – Jeremiah 13:7
- ◆ The Seventieth Week – Daniel 9:27
- ◆ The Lord's Strange Work – Isaiah 28:21
- ◆ The Lord's Strange Act – Isaiah 28:21
- ◆ The Day of Israel's Calamity – Deuteronomy 32:35; Obadiah 12:14
- ◆ The Tribulation - Deuteronomy 4:30
- ◆ The Indignation – Isaiah 26:20; Daniel 11:36
- ◆ The Overflowing Scourge – Isaiah 28:15, 18
- ◆ The Day of Vengeance – Isaiah 34:8; 35:4; 61:2
- ◆ The Year of Recompense – Isaiah 34:8
- ◆ The Time of Trouble – Daniel 12:1; Zephaniah 1:15
- ◆ The Day of Wrath – Zephaniah 1:15
- ◆ The Day of Distress – Zephaniah 1:15
- ◆ The Day of Wasteness – Zephaniah 1:15
- ◆ The Day of Desolation – Zephaniah 1:15
- ◆ The Day of Darkness – Zephaniah 1:15; Amos 5:18, 20; Joel 2:2
- ◆ The Day of Gloominess – Zephaniah 1:15; Joel 2:2
- ◆ The Day of Clouds – Zephaniah 1:15; Joel 2:2
- ◆ The Day of Thick Darkness – Zephaniah 1:15; Joel 2:2
- ◆ The Day of the Trumpet – Zephaniah 1:16
- ◆ The Day of Alarm – Zephaniah 1:16
- ◆ The Day of the Lord – Ezekiel 13:5; Joel 2:11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18, 20; Zephaniah 1:7, 14; 2:3

## The New Testament

- ◆ The Day of the Lord – 1 Thessalonians 5:2
- ◆ The Wrath of God – Revelation 15:1, 7; 14:10, 19; 16:1
- ◆ The Hour of Trial – Revelation 3:10
- ◆ The Great Day of the Wrath of the Lamb of God – Revelation 6:16, 17
- ◆ The Wrath to Come – 1 Thessalonians 1:10
- ◆ The Wrath – 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 11:18
- ◆ The Great Tribulation – Matthew 24:21; Revelation 2:22; 7:14
- ◆ The Tribulation – Matthew 24:29
- ◆ The Hour of Judgment – Revelation 14:7

Other passages give great detail concerning the future Tribulation.

## The Day of the Lord

- ◆ Depiction of the earth in utter desolation because of the judgments – Isaiah 24:1-27:13
- ◆ Emphasizes the manifested terror – Isaiah 2:12-22
- ◆ The purpose is to end wickedness and wicked ones – Isaiah 13:6-16
- ◆ The effects on the Middle East nations, particularly Egypt – Ezekiel 30:1-9
- ◆ The effect on the crops of earth – Joel 1:15-20
- ◆ The effects on the land of Edom (Southern Jordan) – Obadiah 10-20
- ◆ A time of darkness and distress; dealing with sin – Zephaniah 1:14-18
- ◆ A time of burning for the earth – 2 Peter 3:10-12

The prophecies of the Tribulation are scattered throughout the Old Testament. The Book of Revelation provides the framework by which

these prophecies can be assembled in sequential order.<sup>10</sup>

## The Event to Miss

There are not many exciting events that most people want to miss. You wouldn't want to miss your wedding or your retirement party. But this is one event that you do not want to hang around for. You should be aware of the signs of its approach, but you do not want to stay for the main event. The good news is that you don't have to. Jesus promised that He would come for us before this event, and take us to where He is. The only requirement is that you are one of His.

If you have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, now is the time. Tomorrow might be too late. When He comes it will be quick, in the twinkling of an eye, and His own will be caught up out of this world. We don't know when it will be, but His coming is imminent, at any moment. **AΩ**

## (Endnotes)

<sup>1</sup> See: THE SEVENTY SEVENS, *Creation Revelation*, Spring 2002, Volume 6, Issue 1.

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<sup>3</sup> Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 216, 230, 272, 276, 357. John F. Walvoord, THE PROPHECY KNOWLEDGE HANDBOOK, Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1990, p. 389.

<sup>4</sup> Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 202-235.

<sup>5</sup> Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 236-270.

<sup>6</sup> Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 272-276.

<sup>7</sup> See: Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 175-179, 219-222.

<sup>8</sup> See: Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 198-200, 256-264.

<sup>9</sup> See: Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 173, 174.

<sup>10</sup> Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, p. 376.

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