

When All Hell Breaks Loose: Part II

Series: Future Ending

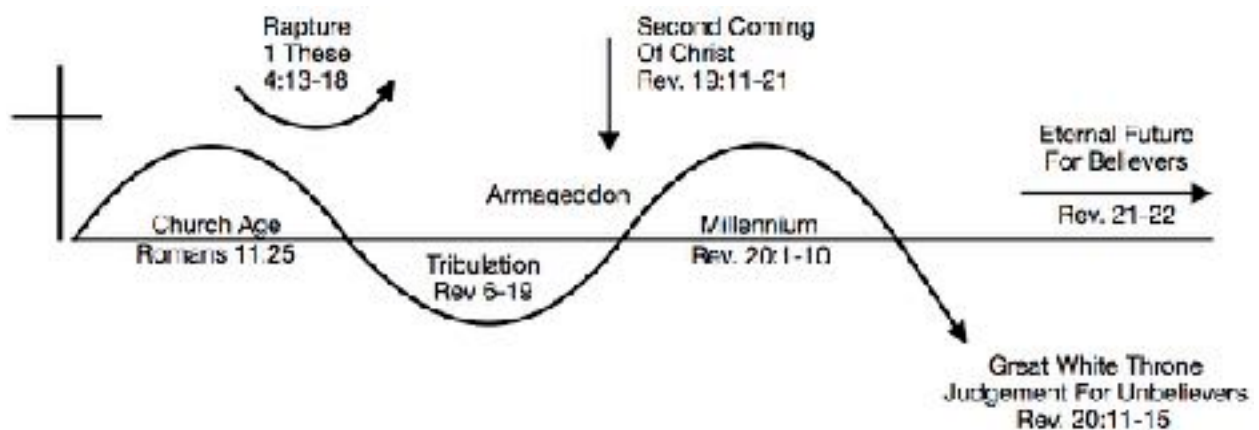
Selected Scriptures

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Introduction:

Last week we began looking at the final seven years of earth's history known as the Great Tribulation. Today we are going to delve into the specific details and the purpose of this horrific event.

DEFINITION: The Tribulation is the final seven years of earth's history that begins after the rapture and concludes with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



God's Stopwatch
Danie 9:24-27
490 Years



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

7 Weeks
49 Years

62 Weeks
434 Years



Church
Age

1 Weeks
7 Years

Daniel 9:25

Daniel 9:26

Daniel 9:27

I. ACT 1: The Beginning of The Tribulation

A. The Rise of Antichrist

1. He will come to power after Christians are removed from the earth

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He[a] who now restrains will do so until He[b] is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 2
Thessalonians 2:6-9

2. He will likely be a Gentile

Then I[a] stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns,[b] and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
Revelation 13:1

3. He will rule over a revived Roman Empire that will apparently be in the form of a ten-nation confederacy
4. He will appease the people of God and attempt to change the laws of God without opposition

B. The Rise of The False Prophet

*And the ten horns which you saw on[a] the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. **Revelation 17:16***

*He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or[a] the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. **Revelation 13:16-18***

C. The Sealing of The 144,000

*saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed. **Revelation 7:3-4***

*After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **Revelation 7:9***

And I said to him, “Sir,[b] you know.”

*So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **Revelation 7:14***

*For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **1 Thessalonians 5:3***

II. Act 2: The Mid-Point of The Tribulation

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

But in the middle of the week

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate.”

Daniel 9:27

*“I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them.” **Daniel 7:21***

*And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him. **Daniel 11:45***

*But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. **3** And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” **Revelation 11:2-3***

*And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue[a] for forty-two months. **Revelation 13:5***

*“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’[a] spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), **16** “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **Matthew 24:15-16***

*“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **30** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **Matthew 24:29-30***

III. ACT 3: Earth's Final Hours

21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. **22** And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. **Matthew 24:21-22**

A. The Seal Judgements (Revelation 6)

Revelation 6:1-2 - Begins with the rise of the Antichrist

Revelation 6:3-4 - War

Revelation 6:5-6 - Famine

Revelation 6:7-8 - Death from the famine that will destroy one-fourth of the world's population.

Revelation 6:9-11 - Martyrdom of those converted after the Rapture of the Church.

Revelation 6:12-17 - Tremendous cosmological disturbances

B. Trumpet Judgements (Revelation 8-9)

FIRST TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: God uses a mixture of hail and fire to destroy one-third of the earth's vegetation.

The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth.[a] And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

Revelation 8:7

SECOND TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: Involves "something like a great mountain burning with fire" falling into the sea.

*Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. **9** And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. **Revelation 8:8-9***

THIRD TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: A falling star destroys one-third of the earth's fresh water supply during the third trumpet judgement.

*Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. **11** The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.*

Revelation 8:10-11

FOURTH TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: Involves a disruption of the rotation pattern of the earth and moon, causing a wide fluctuation in temperatures.

*Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. **Revelation 8:12***

FIFTH TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: As described in Revelation 9:1-12, Satan (the “star from Heaven”) unleashes demonic tormentors to persecute mankind, except those who have been sealed by God.

*In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. **Revelation 9:6***

SIXTH TRUMPET JUDGEMENT: The assembling of a massive army of two-hundred million soldiers who are later described as coming from the East.

*Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. **Revelation 9:16***

*Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. **13** And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. **14** For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and[a] of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

***15** “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”*

16** And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. **Revelation 9:16:12-16

*So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. **Revelation 9:15***

*By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. **Revelation 9:18***

C. The Bowl Judgements (Revelation 16)

*Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” **18** And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. **19** Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. **Revelation 16:17-19***

IV. The Purpose of The Tribulation

*For behold, the Lord comes out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;
The earth will also disclose her blood,*

And will no more cover her slain. **Isaiah 26:21**

II *Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'* **Ezekiel 33:11**