

“A Crash Course On The Coming Tribulation”

Revelation 6

Why study prophecy?

- *Because of our view of Scripture* – It is all profitable for the believer. *II Timothy 3:16*
- *Because of God’s unique promise* – Blessing to all who read and obey. *Revelation 1:3*
- *Because of its place in the Gospel* – God is coming as judge. *Acts 17:31*
- *Because it motivates evangelism* – Paul’s knowledge of the future created passion to serve as Christ’s ambassador, begging the world to be reconciled to God. *II Corinthians 5:20*
- *Because it encourages and promotes personal purity* – In the light of Christ’s coming, Peter challenged us to live pure lives. *II Peter 3:11*
- *Because it settles anxiety* – Christ’s promise that He was coming back settled the disciples troubled hearts. *John 14:1-4*

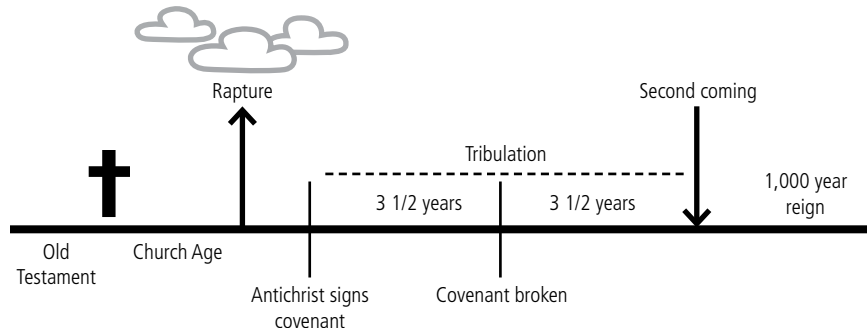
- *Because the future promises the ultimate comfort* – The truth that God will keep His promises should be the ultimate comfort for every believer. *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*
- *Because it exalts the supremacy of Christ* – The message of Revelation in two simple words is, “Christ wins!” History is His-story. And dear friends, we are right on schedule!
- *Because the texts of prophecy reveal the faithfulness of our God* – He will set things right; He will judge evil; He will keep His promise to Israel; He will preserve the church; He will fulfill the prophecy of His second coming; He will fulfill the promise of a new heaven and earth!

What exactly is the Tribulation?

A time of unparalleled human suffering, demonic boldness, cosmic disturbance, Jewish awakening, gospel preaching and global crises the world has ever witnessed. – The term “Tribulation” covers the entire 7 years; but the term *Great Tribulation* is used by our Lord to describe the last half of the tribulation (Matthew 24:21).

When does the Tribulation begin?

The Tribulation period begins after the rapture of the church.



What is the purpose of the Tribulation?

- To ready Israel for the Kingdom
- To remunerate the human race with just punishment
- To reveal God’s sovereignty over His creation
- To reveal the character and corruption of Satan
- To redeem a host of believers from around the world
- To revive Israel for her Messiah

Did the prophets say anything about the Tribulation?

Amos – Divine wrath and a Gentile world power

Isaiah – Conversion of Israel, cosmic disturbances and appearance of Christ

Zechariah – Salvation of Gentiles and appearance of Christ

Daniel – informs us of:

- The length of the Tribulation
- The coming of Satan’s Prince (Antichrist)
- The desecration of the Temple
- The coming world empire
- The end time appearance of Christ

Did Jesus Christ say anything about the Tribulation?

Yes; in fact, His sermon in Matthew 24 is called by many *The Little Apocalypse*, because it provides clear commentary on the seals of Revelation.

Is unleashing the Tribulation on one generation fair?

Every unbeliever in every previous generation is currently in Hades suffering torment. Every unrepentant sinner is treated with perfect and just fairness. In fact, as horrifying as the Tribulation will be, everyone in Hades would gladly exchange the Tribulation for the torment they will be undergoing while they await the final judgment and everlasting Hell.

How long is the Tribulation?

Seven years-two equally divided sections of 3 1/2 years; Daniel 9 and Matthew 24 indicate two sections, divided by the desecration of the Temple by the Antichrist.

Will anyone survive the Tribulation?

Yes, those who come to faith in Christ and live through the horror of the Tribulation will enter the Millennial Kingdom to be ruled by the saints.

What do all the horrors of the Tribulation reveal?

Primarily this: that God will literally keep His promises of wrath and justice as well as His covenant with His people Israel.

Can unbelievers accept Christ during the Tribulation?

Yes. In fact, people will come to Christ by the millions from every tribe, tongue and nation.

Jesus’ Sermon in Matthew 24	The Seals of Revelation	The Significant Events
Matthew 24:4-5	First seal	Deception of false Christs
Matthew 24:6	Second seal	Destruction of global war
Matthew 24:7	Third seal	Devastation by famine
Matthew 24:7	Fourth seal	Disease and death
Matthew 24:9;15-22	Fifth seal	Persecution and martyrdom
Matthew 24:29	Sixth seal	Cosmic disturbances
Matthew 24:37	Seventh seal	Global judgment (trumpets and bowls)