# Year Tribulation

What, When, How, & Who

7 Year Tribulation

**Tribulation Begins** 

Mid-Point 3 ½

Tribulation Ends

GOD JUDGES HIS PEOPLE

**GOD JUDGES THE WICKED** 

- Peace covenant between Israel & Palestine
- 1 World Government
- 1 World leader Anti-Christ

- Peace covenant broken
- Worship Anti-Christ & Anti-Christ becomes global dictator
- War with saints & mass execution

- Second coming of Christ
- War of Armageddon
- Satan & his armies defeated

Thessalonians 4:16-17 reads, "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord."

- 1. Paul wrote this to explain where Christ followers go when they die.
- 2. Those who believe in the Rapture say it will occur just for Christ followers. Here we see the Lord will shout and a trumpet will sound.
- 3. "We who are alive, who are left"...If we are raptured, how will dead in Christ rise first?
- 4. Rev 20:4-6 says "the first resurrection" occurs in the Second coming following the Tribulation before the 1000 year reign.

Rev 3:10 says, "Because you have kept the word of my perseverance, I also will keep you from the HOUR of trial that is coming on the whole world." Rev 17:12 says "the ...ten kings...receive authority as kings with the beast for one HOUR."

- 1. Read 3:11, "Hold fast what you have, so that one may seize your crown. The one who conquers..." Who will take your crown and what will you conquer if you are raptured?
- 2. Read 17:6, "And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."
- 3. Read 17:14, "They will make war on the Lamb." Compare 13:7-8, "Also it (Anti-Christ) was allowed to make war with the saints and to conquer them.." Read 13:10, "Here is a call for the ENDURANCE and FAITH of the saint." There is no need to endure if we are raptured.

- Peace covenant begins tribulation period and will break it at 3½ year mark (Dan 9:27, 8:23-27, 11:28-35, 35, 12:9-13). The temple is rebuilt and temple sacrifices resume (Dan 9:27, Rev 11:19).
- At the 3 ½ year mark 2 witnesses will be killed and come back to life (Rev 11:1-12), An image of the beast will be placed in the Temple to be worshipped (Dan 9:27, 12:11, 2 Thess 2:3-4), Millions of Christ followers will be slaughtered (Rev 9:7-14), 144,000 Messianic Jews will rise up to witness for Christ (Rev 7:1-8) and be protected by God so they can witness (Rev 12:1-6). Millions more will become Christ followers (Rev 12:17).

 At the 3 ½ year mark – Begins God's wrath of seven bowls (Rev 16:2-21): (1) Malignant ulcers on those with the mark (16:2), (2) Sea turns to blood and all living creatures in sea die (16:3), (3) Rivers, drinking water became blood for people to drink (16:4-7), (4) Sun scorches earth with fire (16:8-9) — I think this is solar maximum, (5) Darkness on the Anti-Christ's kingdom (16:10-11), (6) Euphrates river dries up for armies to gather for Armageddon (16:12-16), (7) Worldwide earthquake , cities collapse and islands disappear into the ocean, and 100 pound hailstones fell from heaven and the ones who had the mark cursed God (16:17-21).

- At the end of 7 years Christ returns with His people to battle the armies of Satan at the Battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:16, 19:11-21), Satan is thrown into bottomless pit for 1000 years (Rev 20:1-4), Earth is destroyed by fire to prepare for 1000 year reign (2 Peter 3:7-13).
- 1000 year reign begins with saints who died during tribulation. They will come alive and repopulate earth for 1000 years (Rev 20:4-6). Satan is released to tempt those born during 1000 years to rebel against God and many will follow Satan (Rev 20:7-8). They will once again come to make war with the saints, but God will consume them with fire from heaven, and Satan and all who follow him will be thrown in lake of fire (Rev 20:9-10).

- Two judgments will take place: Great White Throne Judgment for the wicked who will spend eternity with Satan and his armies in hell fire (Rev 20:11-15). The second judgement is for Christ followers who will be judged for their works on earth (not to earn salvation but to demonstrate evidence of salvation) (Rev 22:7, 11, 12, 13-21, Rom 14:10-11, 1 Cor 3:11-15, 2 Cor 5:9-10, Rev 3:11-12).
- Then Christ will hand the kingdom back to God indicating He has completed His role in the Trinity (1 Cor 15:24) and reign with His people for eternity (Rev 21-22).

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#### (GOD JUDGES HIS PEOPLE)

- Why Christians will go through first 3 ½ years of Tribulation
  - To Judge the Church
  - To separate true Christ followers from false ones
  - To prepare Christ followers for persecution as a witness for Christ
- One world leader over one world government How will this happen?
- Revelation events that occur during first 3 ½ years 7 seals/ 7 trumpets

#### Two Parables

PARABLE OF SHEEP AND GOATS (Mathew 25:31-46) "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and the angels with him, they he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left... The he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

PARABLE OF WHEAT AND WEEDS(Mathew 13:36-43) "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

Hebrews 12:25-29 reads, "25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

#### Bottom Line

We must be prepared to face persecution and to witness for Christ by sharing the Gospel.

The Gospel is God's Only Son Promises Eternal Life (John 3:16).