

Year **7** Tribulation

What, When, How, & Who

How the Anti-Christ will come to power & rule the world

- Global chaos through wars involving ideologies, politics, economic hardship, and religious beliefs/practices (24:5-7)
- Global natural disasters like earthquakes/famine (24:7-8)
- Global persecution of Christians that include hatred, betrayal, and false prophets (24:9-11)
- Increase in lawlessness around the world (24:12)
- Global revival (24:13-14)
- Desecration of the Temple/Great Tribulation (24:25-28)
- Second coming following Great Tribulation (24:29-31)

Comparing Christ & Anti-Christ in Rev 13

God/Christ/Church

- Exists in Holy Trinity:
Father, Son, Spirit
- Crucified and raised to life
- God seals saints with
name on foreheads (14:1)
- Church – bride of Christ
who worships God

Satan/Anti-Christ

- Unholy Trinity – Satan
(dragon), Anti-Christ (1st
Beast), False Prophet (2nd
Beast) (13:4-6, 11-15)
- Mortally wounded and
raised to life (13:3)
- Mark of the beast (13:16-18)
- Wicked – deceived and
worships Satan (13:4, 8, 14)

Mid-Tribulation Events before Wrath of God Occurs with Seven Bowls

- Dragon (Satan), Beast (Anti-Christ) coming out of sea (Evil & Chaos), 13:1
- Seven heads, ten horns – the world divided into seven regions with 10 rulers (7 for each region and 3 are Anti-Christ's inner circle), 13:1b-2
- Satan gives power, throne, & authority to Anti-Christ, 13:2
- Anti-Christ imitates Christ through death. From that time the Anti-Christ is worshipped (Could Satan take over Anti-Christ's body?), 13:3-4

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- Anti-Christ given authority for 3 ½ years to speak blasphemy against God, make war on the saints, authority over the entire world, 13:5-7
- Wicked worshipped Anti-Christ while the saints will be slain like the “Lamb who was slain”, 13:8-9
- Second beast is false prophet with two horns (two false witnesses like two witnesses) who is mouthpiece for Satan and performs signs and wonders, 13:11-14, 16:13

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- An image was built to honor Satan and a decree went out so that those who refused to worship the beast would be killed, 13:15
- In addition, everyone was marked on right hand and forehead so they could do business and live (This imitates God who wrote His names on the foreheads of 144,000 (Rev 14:1) and all saints (Rev 22:3-4), 13:16-17
- The number of his name (Anti-Christ) is 666, 13:18

Bottom Line

- Stand firm and endure
- Keep the faith
- Share Christ's love