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Shalom and welcome to our series entitled End Times truth. And I want to emphasize that last word, truth. And the reason for that is very simple. When I listen to other organizations and ministries videos on the end times, what I hear is simply a restatement of what other peoples have said, meaning they want to fall in line and agree with the predominant views of their denomination or their theological beliefs that is dangerous. The Bible commands us to study to show ourselves approved. And what I want to emphasize is this, the only source of truth is not what other people are saying. Now, sometimes what they say is very good and is indeed true, but oftentimes, especially in regard to the end times, they're only repeating what is popular, what is embraced by other denominations and groups and organizations, rather than searching and studying the Word of God as the final place of truth. The subject for this edition is the term the Great Tribulation. Now that term is only mentioned one time in the Bible, and that is in the book of Revelation, chapter seven and verse 14. I want to say that again, the term the Great Tribulation is only mentioned one time in all of Scripture. It's found in the Book of Revelation, chapter seven and verse 14. In a moment, we're going to read that, but I want us to listen to another organization, and the name of this organization, and it's a website. It's called got questions, and what they do is to answer biblical questions, and they have as one of their questions the issue that we're dealing with, and that is, what is the Great Tribulation? Now, before we begin, I want us to look at a place that has nothing to do with the great tribulation, and what I want you to do, if you would please, is to take out your Bible and look with me to Matthew 24 and verse 21 again, Matthew's Gospel chapter 24 and the 21st verse. Want to Read that where it says For then there will be great tribulation. It does not say in this verse, The Great Tribulation, but pay attention carefully. Word says, For, then there will be great tribulation which has not been, and that phrase has not been mean. It hasn't been in the past. It isn't now, and it will never be in the future. So this great tribulation is unique, and it says it hasn't been from the beginning of the world unto now, nor will it be ever brought again. So it's unique. This is great tribulation, not the Great Tribulation. And what is the source of great tribulation? Well, there's two sources for Israel. It is the persecution of the AntiChrist, but during the persecution of Israel by the Antichrist, so too will the wrath of God be falling on this world. Israel will suffer not from God's wrath, but Israel will suffer from the persecution of the Antichrist. Now remember that, because what I want to do at this time is to use my phone and go to this website called got questions and read what the this

question is. It says here, what is the Great Tribulation? Well, that's what we're answering as well, and I want you to see what they write about it. It says, here they begin by talking about the tribulation, not the Great Tribulation, but what they refer to as Daniel's 70th Week. These last. Seven years. But they say something that immediately I disagree with. Notice what it says the Tribulation is a future time period when the Lord will accomplish at least two aspects of his plan. Number one, he will complete his discipline of the nation of Israel. And they give a verse, Daniel chapter nine, verse 24 I don't believe in this verse. It says anything about God discipline Israel. It talks about him making a change in the world. And what is that? Well, let's read Daniel 9:24, Word says, 70 weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and profit, meaning the Prophet and to anoint the most holy place. Now, all of these things God's going to do, I don't see in this anything that speaks about the discipline of Israel. Well, let's go back to God questions and see what else they say during the Tribulation. And again, they're talking about the final seven years. They're not discussing yet the Great Tribulation. They write the second thing that God will do, He will judge the unbelieving, godless inhabitants of the earth. Now that's true. I agree with that, but they put revelation six through 18. What about chapter 19? That's the second coming, where Messiah concludes the wrath of God. So I disagree with their citation. In fact, chapter six, in the last part of that that chapter the sixth seal that's found in Revelation chapter six, at the end of that chapter, it speaks about the wrath of the Lamb, and the wrath of the Lamb relates to our Messiah that he will bring it about. But it doesn't happen in chapter six, nor does it happen in chapter seven, because at the beginning of chapter seven, we are told by an angel not to harm the Earth or the trees or the water, until the 144,000 12,000 from each of the 12 Tribes are sealed. Now, if we keep going on, it speaks specifically about the Great Tribulation. And again, they're wrong. Why do I say that? Let's read the Great Tribulation is the last half of the tribulation period. That means three and one and a half years in length. That's false. What we find is that the Great Tribulation is before the wrath of God begins. The wrath of God begins in the second half. Now we don't know exactly when, but the wrath of God begins shortly after the abomination of desolation. I say shortly, but we can't be more specific than that. Is it a few hours? Is it a week? Is it a few days, or even a month? We don't know, but the wrath of God begins in that second half. I agree with them on that. But the great tribulation is not the second half, and I'll prove it in a moment. Let's keep reading where it says it is distinguished this I agree with from the tribulation period, because the beast or Antichrist. Now this is a problem, because the beast is the antichrist empire. They're not one and the same. Says the tribulation period is when the beast or the Antichrist will be revealed and the wrath of God will greatly intensify during this time. Thus is important at this point to emphasize that the Tribulation and the Great Tribulation are not synonymous terms. I agree totally with that statement.

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Within eschatology, the study of future things, that's what eschatology is. The Tribulation refers to the seventh full year period, while the Great Tribulation refers to the second half of the tribulation. That is false. Now when we go on, we see something else. Now what I'd like to do is to go to Revelation chapter. Seven and verse 14, the only place where we have that term, the Great Tribulation. And I want to begin by reading what is stated here in verse 14. So let's look at it, Revelation seven and verse 14. And I said to him, Lord, you know. And he said to me, these are the ones who have come out of the Great Tribulation. And here again we had the word, tis the lips, tis tis megalos. Now that tells us that the word the is before the word tribulation, and the word the is before the word great. When we look at

verse 21 we didn't have that term the great the tribulation. We just had great tribulation without the definite article. So this is something different. And again, what did God question say? They said the Great Tribulation is in the second half. That is false. And why do I say that? Well, I say that because when you look at the book of Revelation, we find that there are three types of what we could call suffering. There are in Revelation chapter six, there are the seals. And then in Revelation chapters eight and nine, the trumpet judgments. And in Revelation chapter 16, the bowls, or vile judgments. Now what I want you to see is this, when we look at the seal judgments, we find that the first three are tied to the fourth one. If you do a good study of this, you will find that the fourth one, who's called Death and Hades, follows after this one called death. He is on a green horse, not a dabbled, not a spotted, not a gray, but a green horse, according to what the Greek word literally is, and this one, who is called death, he is the source of what we find in the first seal, second seal and third seal read the fourth seal very carefully, that fourth horseman, and you'll see a connection between him and the first three the fifth seal has to do with those who for their testimony and their faithfulness to the Word of God, they are are persecuted, and many are put to death. That is, in my opinion, the Great Tribulation. Then we see the wrath of the Lamb is announced in the sixth seal. But it does not come. It is delayed at the beginning of chapter seven. And then in chapter seven we see the sealing of 144,000 12,000 from each of the 12 Tribes. And then we see an event in heaven before the throne of God, which I would suggest to you is the rapture. And then it's not until chapter eight that we see the wrath of God beginning that judgment, or we could say the day of the Lord. So it's very clear that the Great Tribulation is before the wrath of God, which corresponds with another truth, which is the rapture happens before the wrath of the Lord begins. So what we need to realize is the Great Tribulation is a time of persecution for believers. And I want us to read all of Revelation, chapter seven and verse 14, Word says this. And I said to him, Lord, you know. And he said to me, these are the ones being brought out or made to come out of the Great Tribulation. God brings them out of it. The question is, how does he bring them out? Now most Bibles will simply say these are the ones coming out of the Great Tribulation, but that's not what it says in Greek. It says they are made to come out something caused them. It's in the passive voice. And what is that? I would suggest to you, it is indeed the rapture. And notice it says they have washed their robes and they have made them white in what the blood of the Lamb. Now the problem is people say, Well, those are the tribulational saints. But when we see what they receive, they don't receive something unique. They received the same thing as all the church. It's hard for people to accept the fact, then, in the last days, we are going to suffer persecution, the worst type of persecution ever upon the church. And likewise, Israel is going to suffer intense persecution. If we look at Daniel, chapter 12 and verse one, we see that it's going to be the worst time of persecution for the nation of Israel, ever, even worse than the Holocaust. This is what the Bible reveals. What does Judaism do? Judaism simply says all that has been canceled out by God. We don't need to worry about it. It's not going to happen. God changed his mind. He won't allow it. That's not biblical. What God says will be And likewise, the church will say that the the rapture removes us from the Antichrist. That's not true. Fact, I would encourage you to find my teaching on Revelation chapter three and verse 10, to show that verse 10 of revelation three is not about what the Antichrist is going to do. Rather, it tells us that we will be saved from the wrath of God by our faith in the gospel because our names have been written in the Lamb's book of life. So let's conclude the Great Tribulation is before the wrath of God begins. The wrath of God begins sometime after the abomination of desolation, and it takes place in the second part of Daniel's 70th week in the final three and a half years again, do we know for certainty when it begins? No, we do not how long it is. We don't know. But God will shorten those days, if he didn't, no flesh would survive the Great

Tribulation uniquely relates to the church, to believers, not tribulational saints, but rather the normal church, who will go through intense persecution. When prior to the wrath of God, who will be the source of this tribulation, the Antichrist and the Antichrist empire. But we are told to persevere, to endure, to overcome. Why? Because in the end, there's going to be victory. That verse is scripture, and I'm speaking about Matthew 24 and verse 13, where it says, Those who persevere to the end will be saved. Understand, it's not that persevering is the means of your salvation. That would be heresy. It's not based upon what we've done, but what Messiah has done for us, what he's done on the cross, what he paid our sin debt in full? No what it's saying here when it says those who endure to the end will be saved. That word saved is a word of victory. Those who persevere are encouraged, because in the end, we are going to experience victory. Remain faithful and study to show yourselves approved. The Great Tribulation is not in the second half. It is prior to the wrath of God, beginning and it's related to those who are part of the gospel message those whose names have been written in the Lamb's book of life, that's what the Bible teaches. The question is this, are you willing to receive this truth? I'll close with that, shalom. You.