

God's Purpose For The Tribulation

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WHAT IS THE TRIBULATION?

Isaiah 2:12 & 19 — For the day of the LORD of hosts
 Shall come upon everything proud and lofty,
 Upon everything lifted up—And it shall be brought low...
 They shall go into the holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth,
 From the terror of the LORD And the glory of His majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isaiah 24:1,3,4,6, 20-23

Joel 2:31 — The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE FOR THE TRIBULATION?

To Win Back Israel

Jeremiah 30:7 — Alas! For that day is great,
 So that none is like it;
 And it is the time of Jacob's trouble,
 But he shall be saved out of it.

Deuteronomy 4:30-31 — "When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice "(for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Daniel 12:1 ...And there shall be a time of trouble,
 Such as never was since there was a nation,
 Even to that time.
 And at that time your people shall be delivered...

To Punish The Unbelieving World

(As well as openly rebuke their rebellion, while still allowing them to repent)

Isaiah 26:20-21— Come, my people, enter your chambers,
 And shut your doors behind you;
 Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment,
 Until the indignation is past. For behold, the LORD comes out of His place
 To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

Jeremiah 46:10 — For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood...

Other Important Verses

Zephaniah 1:14-18

Zechariah 12:10, 13:8-9, 14:1-12

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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A Chronological (logical) book- "Then" is found 63x, 1 in ch1, 1 in ch3, and then the rest are from ch5 onward. (So 2x in the first 20-25% of the book).

It is an orderly book- Only book with an outline (1:19)

It is a prophetic book, full of symbolism- similar to Daniel or Ezekiel

Many of the symbols are explained in the section where they are used.

In other passages, the Revelation symbol can be easily understood by its Old Testament counterpart.

Warren Wiersbe noted that 278 of the 404 verses in Revelation make allusions (or direct quotations) of Old Testament passages.

Written 95 AD External Evidence-

Numerous early church fathers made the claim that Revelation was written on Patmos, during the reign of Domitian, before Domitian's death in 96AD.

Hegesippus (150), Irenaeus (180), Victorinus (300), Eusebius (300), Jerome (400) and more...

Internal Evidence-

If Revelation was written in 64-66, then it was at the same time as Paul wrote to Timothy in Ephesus. If so, why didn't Paul mention the lack of love or the Nicolaitans?

Smyrna- Polycarp writes to the Philippians in 110AD and mentions that they, in Smyrna, had not come to know the Lord in the time when Paul wrote to Philippi.

Laodicea- Mentioned 3 times in the book of Colossians (60-62AD) with nothing bad to say. Jesus says nothing good of them in Revelation. A massive earthquake destroyed much of Laodicea in 60AD. A huge rebuilding project took place and was not completely finished until about 90AD. If written in 64-66AD, it seems odd that the claim of the Laodicians would be 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' (Rev 3:17)

Ch1- V1 En tachei, "sleedily" or "quickly". Tachos is where we get tachometer.

Matthew 24:27 — “For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The Day "is near", **V3**, compare to OT

Isaiah 13:6 — Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Ezekiel 30:3 — For the day is near, Even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.

Joel 1:15 — Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand...

Obadiah 1:15 — “For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near...

Zephaniah 1:7 — ...For the day of the LORD is at hand...

There is about 300 years of time spanned between these prophets.

1:19 Divine Outline

Have seen = Ch1

Which Are = Ch2-3

After This = Ch 4+

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[Seven Churches Billy}

Ch9-

2 Peter 2:4 — For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Jude 1:6 — And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Ch10- Ezekiel 3:1 — Moreover He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.”

Ch13- Zechariah 11:16-17 — “For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land who will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces.

“Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm, And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither,, And his right eye shall be totally blinded.”

Daniel 7:25 — He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,
 Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law.
 Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

Daniel 9:27 — 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,

Daniel 11:36 — “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above
 every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been
 accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

Daniel 12:4— “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run
 to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Daniel 12:6-7 “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?” Then I heard the man clothed in linen,
 who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore
 by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy
 people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 — The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power,
 signs, and lying wonders,

666 = Nero

Full name- Nero Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus > Shortened to Nero Ceasar

Translated to Greek (Neron), then to Hebrew, then spelt with a less common variant of the name. (Missing a ' [yud] as found in similar documents of that time)

Note that John specifies Hebrew & Greek words of significance in 9:11 & 16:16

16- Malachi 4:1 NKJV — “For behold, the day is coming,
 Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming
 shall burn them up,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch.

Isaiah 30:26 — Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, And the light of the sun will be
 sevenfold, As the light of seven days, In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people And heals the
 stroke of their wound.

Isaiah 40:4-5 — Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places
 shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh
 shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Job 38:22-23 — “Have you entered the treasury of snow, Or have you seen the treasury of hail, Which I have
 reserved for the time of trouble, For the day of battle and war?

Rev 18- Perhaps Jesus passes over Babylon, through Edom/Bozrah, to Megiddo... then to Mount of Olives. 🙏