

## 1. Introduction

- a. Today we get a look at the Tribulation, the Anti-Christ and the Second Coming of Jesus!
- b. In this section of text, God will prepare us to know how to endure thru the Tribulation by giving us a sneak peek behind 3 curtains.**
- c. Remember from last week that not all scripture is given directly for our benefit.
  - i. Either our loved ones or our grandchildren's loved ones will need first-hand knowledge of this information.
  - ii. I wish never to be caught unaware as the ten virgins of Matt 25.
  - iii. I wish always to be ready, and then if it's just info to pass on to my grandchildren, then so be it.

## 2. Vs 36-45

- a. To be prepared to endure thru the Tribulation, we'll look behind the 1<sup>st</sup> curtain and we see the Anti-Christ. Could you recognize him?**
  - i. Vs 36 – Paul told the Thessalonians that the Anti-Christ would I Thess 2:4
  - ii. Vs 37
    - 1. His passion or “religion” won't be;
      - a. The same as his family or heritage.

- b. To lust after women, possibly homosexual.
- c. Any traditional religion.

2. His religion is self-worship

- a. The what-ever-it-takes-to-make-me-look-good mindset is his religion.
- b. Does this mindset ever get in your way? Does it seek to overrule truth sometimes?
  - i. Don't fall for his tactics. Read II Thes 2:9-12
- c. Read Luke 16:15

iii. Vs 38

- 1. "But at his base, he shall honor the god of strength."
  - a. Could be his own personal strength.
  - b. Likely that this means military strength.
- 2. He will dedicate a lot of money to it.

iv. Vs 39

- 1. He'll make alliances with all the nations (strong holds) of the world and divide the nations into 10 kingdoms. (Remember Dan 7)
- 2. There's just one problem to his land grab, Jerusalem!
  - a. Read Zec 12:1-3 – Will cause trouble to all.
  - b. Read Zec 13:8-9 – 2/3 will fall

v. Vs 40

- 1. For 3.5 years he is conquering as a man of peace (white horse & bow with no arrows – Rev 6:2)

2. Then 2 of the 10 kingdoms turn against him. (3 horns from Dan 7)

vi. Vs 41

1. So here the Anti-Christ is seen invading the Middle East.
2. What are these countries that shall escape from the Anti-Christ?
  - a. Do you know the capital of Jordan?
  - b. Read Isa 16:1-4
    - i. Sela means rock, the modern name is Petra
      1. It is Jordan's most visited tourist spot.
      2. One of Smithsonian's Magazine's '28 Places to see before you die" places.
3. Matt 24:15-21 – abomination of desolation

vii. Vs 42-43

1. Ethiopians (Cushi) & Libyans
  - a. Most likely this means that they allied with the Anti-Christ.
  - b. These nations are also a part of the God invasion of Ezekiel 38-39.

viii. Vs 44

1. Read Rev 16:12-21
  - a. Most likely this is China
2. We already read that Zec 13:8 says 2/3 of Jerusalem will fall.

- ix. Vs 45 – Read II Thess 2:3-8 & Rev 19:19-21
- x. Time doesn't allow for us to tell of his other attributes
  - 1. Wounded unto death by a sword on his arm and right eye.
  - 2. He'll be a miracle worker
  - 3. The mark of the Anti-Christ
  - 4. The image of the Anti-Christ
  - 5. Read for details – Rev 13, Zec 11
- xi. Let continue now into a new section.

### 3. Vs 1- 3

- a. At the time of Israel's greatest trouble comes the end.

- i. Vs 1a

- 1. Jesus told us about the Jews fleeing Jerusalem during the Trib and in Luke 21:24 said that Jerusalem would be trodden under foot of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be come in.

- ii. Vs 1b

- 1. Paul said, (Read Rom 11:25-26a)
    - 2. I believe that the best commentary on the Bible is...the Bible.
      - a. "All Israel" is understood by simply reading Dan 12:1
      - b. "at that time thy people shall be delivered..."
      - c. To understand what something means...read more scripture.

**b. To be prepared to endure thru the Tribulation, we'll look behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> curtain and we see the reward for enduring.**

**i. Vs 2**

1. What a clear OT reference to the resurrection of the dead!!
2. "Many of them" not all b/c the church is already raptured with Jesus.
3. Life and death
  - a. An attribute of being w/o God is shame forever
  - b. An attribute of being w/ God is life.

**ii. Vs 3**

1. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." –Prov 11:30
2. There are varying degrees of rewards in heaven.
3. It matters what we do here on earth for the Lord.
  - a. Read the Parable of the Talents.
    - i. He told them, "Occupy until I come back".
4. We will carry with us forever into eternity the rewards for making the most of the opportunities that God has given to us here on earth.
5. Paul in speaking of the resurrection in Rom 15 said, "there is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars, for one star differeth from another star in glory. So ALSO is the resurrection of the dead."

#### 4. Vs 4-13

- a. **To be prepared to endure thru the Tribulation, we'll look behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> curtain and we see how long to endure. (The timing)**

- i. Vs 4

1. This prophecy is meant for original use during the "time of the end".
  - a. Remember we learning in chapter 10 that sometimes scripture is directed specifically at us....but sometimes it's not.
2. Daniel wasn't meant to use this prophecy but to pass it on.
  - a. That's exactly what we're doing today.
  - b. Educating ourselves to pass it on.

- ii. Vs 5-7

1. The prophecy of the Anti-Christ and his demise given in this chapter is describing the events during the second half of the Trib.
2. Times, time and a half time = 3.5 years.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> half – peace treaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> half – persecuted and scattered to the mountains of Jordan.

- iii. Vs 8-10

1. Consider our premise statement again for today.

**a. Getting a look behind these 3 curtains (that is the Anti-Christ, the reward, and the timing) will prepare us to endure thru the Trib!**

b. Is that not exactly what these verses say?

c. Studying to know God and His Word will have a purifying effect to help them endure.

#### iv. Vs 11

1. This is the 3.5 years + another 30 days.

a. “Daily Sacrifice taken away” = this is the abomination of desolation (see II Thes 2:4)

b. Rev 11, 12 & 13 each speak of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Trib being 1260 days (3.5 years).

c. It will take this extra 30 days into the Millennial Kingdom to restore the daily sacrifice spoken of in Eze 40-48.

i. OT sacrifices pointed forward to Christ.

ii. Millennial sacrifices will remember back to the cross.

#### v. Vs 12-13

1. If we put in order the events that happen at the end of the Trib, then this 75 days is when Matt 25:32 happens (sheep and goats)

### 5. Conclusion

a. Rev 2-3 “overcometh” statements – Listen to what the Lord says of you who overcometh:

- i. To each church (and again in the end of Rev) Jesus encourage them with knowledge of a blessing of being with God. Here they are compiled into a sentence.
- ii. “To him that overcometh, you will **not be hurt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> death** but will **eat of the tree of life** and of the **hidden manna**. I will **clothe you in white raiment** and I will **confess your name before my Father and His holy angels**. I will give you a **white stone with a new name** and **power to rule over the nations**. I will make you a **pillar in the Temple of My God** while you **sit with Me in My throne**. You will **inherit all things** and I will be your **God and you will be my child.**”
- iii. Endure my friends, endure. Just abide in the vine!