



## **Tribulation: The Antichrist**

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### **I. FUTURE PREDICTIONS: PROPHECY**

*"Jesus said, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.'"*

MATTHEW 24:7-8 | NIV

*"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."*

MATTHEW 24:21 | NKJV

*"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."*

MATTHEW 24:29 | NKJV

### **II. THE TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS (REVELATION)**

#### **1. SEVEN SEALS**

REVELATION 6:1-17; 8:1-2

#### **2. SEVEN TRUMPETS**

REVELATION 8:7 - 9:21

*"The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.*

*And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree but only those people who **did not have the seal of God** on their foreheads.*

*They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them."*

REVELATION 9:1-6 | NIV

#### **3. SEVEN BOWLS**

REVELATION 16:2-21

*"The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him."*

REVELATION 16:8-9 | NIV

*"The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done."*

REVELATION 16:10-11 | NIV

### III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ANTICHRIST

*"He (Antichrist) will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."*

DANIEL 9:27 | NIV

*"In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power.*

*He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.*

*The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future."*

DANIEL 8:23-26 | NIV

#### 1. **INTELLECTUAL** GENIUS

DANIEL 8:23

#### 2. SUCCESSFUL ORATOR

DANIEL 11:36

#### 3. **POLITICAL** GENIUS

REVELATION 17:11-13

#### 4. BUSINESS GENIUS

DANIEL 11:43; REVELATION 13:16-17

#### 5. **MILITARY** GENIUS

REVELATION 6:2; 13:2

#### 6. RELIGIOUS GENIUS

2 THESSALONIANS 2:4; REVELATION 13:8

### IV. THE MARK OF THE BEAST/ANTICHRIST

- A UNIVERSAL SIGN TO SHOW YOU "**CARE**"."

*"It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name."*

REVELATION 13:16-17 | NIV

*"This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666."*

REVELATION 13:18 | NIV

## V. WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

### 1. WAKE UP.

*"Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God."*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:34 | ESV

*"Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you."*

REVELATION 3:3 | ESV

### 2. BE READY .

*"Jesus said, 'See I have told you beforehand.'"*

MATTHEW 24:25 | ESV

- **REVELATION 3:14-20**

NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION, NKJV = NEW KING JAMES VERSION,  
ESV = ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION.

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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1. **What is one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?**
2. **How do you react when someone is stubborn?** Explain how you would solve the problem.
3. The book of Revelation is very clear about the wrath of God. God allows human wickedness to work itself out and then God steps in to stop it when it's gotten out of hand. **How does this understanding of God's wrath comfort and/or trouble you?**
4. As a group, read both Revelation 3:3 and 1 Corinthians 15:34. **What are these verses saying to you and what is one thing God may be asking you to do?**
5. **How can we be praying for you this week?**