



The Tribulation Pastor Jeremy McGarity

"Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."
REVELATION 1:3 | NIV

I. WHY THE TRIBULATION?

1. BECAUSE GOD WANTS PEOPLE TO WAKE UP .

*"Jesus said, 'Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not **wake up**, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.'"*
REVELATION 3:3 | NIV

2. BECAUSE GOD LOVES PEOPLE!

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare."
2 PETER 3:9-10 | NIV

"Then Jesus told him, 'You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.'"
JOHN 20:29 | NIV

"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation ..."
REVELATION 7:14 | NIV

II. WHEN WILL THE TRIBULATION TAKE PLACE?

- **AFTER** THE RAPTURE.

III. WHAT WILL THE TRIBULATION BE LIKE?

1. A total of 7 years of hell on earth where death, disease, hunger, sickness, and murder at levels NEVER seen or experienced before.
2. The first 3.5 years are horrible, the last 3.5 years are worse and known as the Great Tribulation.

*"Then another horse came out, a fiery red one.
Its rider was given power to take peace from
the earth and to make people kill each other."*

REVELATION 6:4 | NIV

*"I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was
named Death, and Hades was following close behind him.
They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword,
famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth ..."*

REVELATION 6:8 | NIV

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. **What is one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?**
2. As a group, Read Revelation 3:3. **What is this verse saying and how does this apply to you today?**
3. **When thinking about the tribulation, how does it make you feel? Does it freeze you hearing all the details of what's to come or does it motivate you to share God's love with everyone around you?** Share your thoughts.
4. As a group, read John 20:29. **How does this verse challenge you individually? What is The Lord speaking to you or challenging you in when reading this verse?**
5. **How can we be praying for you this week?**