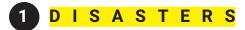


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God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

REVELATION 1:3 (NLT)

I. GOD'S WARNINGS



Jesus said, "And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, <u>but don't panic</u>. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famine and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, <u>with more to come</u>."

MATTHEW 24:6-8 (NLT)

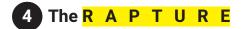


Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good! PSALM 14:1 (NLT)



What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark...

ISAIAH 5:20 (NLT)



II. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIBULATION

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God's ultimate <mark>W A R N I N G</mark>

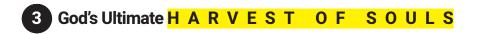
Jesus said, "Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don't **wake up**, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief."

REVELATION 3:3 (NLT)

2 God's ultimate W R A T H

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead 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. <u>The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will</u> <u>be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will</u> <u>be laid bare</u>.

2 PETER 3:9-10 (NIV)



After this I looked, and there before me was <u>a great</u> <u>multitude that no one could count</u>, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before [Jesus]... These are they who have come out of the great tribulation.

REVELATION 7:9,14 (NIV)

III. WHEN WILL THE TRIBULATION TAKE PLACE?

* A F T E R THE RAPTURE

And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly <u>save us from God's</u> <u>condemnation</u>.

ROMANS 5:9 (NLT)





SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Pastor Jeremy has mentioned all the movies and books that have topped the charts because they address the end of the world. With this in mind, what have been your prior thoughts on the end of the world, and what do you think impacted or influenced those the most?
- 2 What key characteristics did Pastor Jeremy speak about with events associated with the tribulation, and what significance do they hold for believers?
- 3 How should Christians prepare spiritually and emotionally for the tribulation, and how should this impact their investment with their Oikos (Relational network)
- 4 In the context of the tribulation, what is the role of the church and individual believers in spreading the message of hope and salvation, and how can we apply these lessons to our lives today?



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