

END TIME SERIES

LESSON #3

REVIEW: LAST WEEK

PURPOSE OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

1. **The First main purpose of the Tribulation is to prepare the nation of Israel for their Messiah.**

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Deu 4:30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;

Deu 4:31 (For the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

Remember: God never forsakes or destroys those who turn to Him when He deals with them.

Eze 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

Mat 23:38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

DANIELS REASONS FOR THE TRIBULATION

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

1. To finish the transgression
2. To make an end to sins
3. To make reconciliation for iniquity
4. To bring everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up the vision and prophecy
6. To anoint the most holy

2. The Second Great Purpose of the Tribulation is to pour out judgment on unbelieving man and nations for their sinfulness.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Jer 25:33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Isa 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isa 26:21 -

The earth also shall disclose her blood - Crimes of cruelty and oppression, which have passed away from the eyes of men, God will bring into judgment, and exact punishment for them. O what a reckoning will the kingdoms of the earth have with God, for the torrents of blood which they have shed for the gratification of the lust of power and ambition! Who shall live when he doeth this?

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jud 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jud 1:8 Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Jud 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Jud 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jud 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah.

Jud 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Jud 1:13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Despise dominion - *Κυριοτητα δε αθετουσι*: They set all government at nought - they will come under no restraints; they despise all law, and wish to live as they list.

TIME AND DURATION OF THE TRIBULATION

(Dan 9:24-27) And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:

1. **The Anti-Christ, “the prince that shall come”, makes a covenant with the Jews, of Israel, for a period of seven years**, often referred to as, “Daniel’s seventh Week.” In the middle of the week the Anti-Christ will break his covenant with them. A detailed outline of the happenings of these seven years is presented in Rev. 6-19. This period is divided into two sections of three and one-half years each. The last half is so severe it is known as the Great Tribulation.
2. (Matthew 24:15-22)

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Mat 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Mat 24:21 **For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time**, no, nor ever shall be.

UNPRECEDENTED SUFFERING

While the Church is in the heavenlies there are events taking place on the earth. These events involve:---

1. The Gentiles

2. Israel
3. The Anti-Christ
4. The sequence of Judgments of God upon a Christ rejecting world.

CHAPTER ONE THROUGH THREE OF REVELATION

1. **Deal primary with the church age: Seven churches of Asia**

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come;

CHAPTER FOUR OF REVELATION

1. **Shows the end of the Church age and the rapture of the church**

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

Rev 4:3 And he that sat *was* to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Rev 4:4 And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

THE FIFTH CHAPTER IS A VISION OF HEAVEN

Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

Rev 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD

The book of Revelation divides the judgments of the Seventieth Week of Daniel's Prophecy into three sections:

1. The Seal Judgments
2. The Trumpet Judgments
3. The Vial (bowl) Judgments

The ten plagues in Egypt were literal and foreshadowed the Great Tribulation Judgments. The Tribulation Judgments will, also, be literal. The ten plagues of Egypt preceded Israel's occupation of the land of Palestine, or Canaan. The tribulation judgments will precede Israel's occupying the land in Christ's Kingdom.

THE SEAL JUDGMENTS

1. **The First Seal Judgment:** The Rider of the White Horse (Rev. 6:1-2).

Rev 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

Rev 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

This represents the great movements of men trying to establish peace on the earth, with one man, the Anti-Christ. Coming to the

forefront to make a covenant with Israel for one week...(Daniel 9:27). The purpose of this rider... “To go forth conquering and to conquer.”... He has a bow, symbolic of aggressive warfare, but he has no arrows, indicating that he will conquer by diplomacy rather than war. This man on this white horse will ushering in a false since peace. He cannot be Christ, as some claim, because He (Christ is seen in heaven breaking the seals. Jesus does not appear as a white horse rider until later...(Rev. 19:11-16).

2. **The Second Seal Judgment:** The Rider on the Red Horse (Rev. 6:3-4).

Rev 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

Rev 6:4 And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

This describes the removal of peace from the earth by war. The “Great Sword” given to this rider is a general symbol of war and blood shed. No clue is given here as to extent or duration of the major conflict.

3. **The Third Seal Judgment:** The Rider on a black horse (Rev. 6:5-6).

Rev 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

Rev 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

The great famine strikes the earth, symbolized by the blackness of the horse and by the scales in the rider’s hand. A scarcity of food is indicated; food is measured, or rationed. (In Jesus day, a penny, or a Roman “denarius,” was a day’s wage). A days wages will buy at this time only on-eight the normal supply of food, which would be

a slaves daily ration. “Hurt not the oil and the wine”. The wealthy will be untouched by this famine.

4. **The Fourth Seal Judgment:** The Rider of the Pale Horse... (Rev: 6:7-8).

Rev 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.?

The rider of this “corpse-like” colored horse is called “Death” and the monster “Hell” followed to swallow up the victims of “Death” These two have power over the “fourth” part of the earth to kill using these four means:

1. With the Sword
2. With Hunger
3. With death
4. With the beasts of the field

War and famine are often followed by pestilence and disease.