

Biblical Womanhood

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THE LAST DAYS OF HISTORY (32)

The great tribulation. Contd

(7) It will be a time of great suffering and dreadful persecution for all who remain faithful to God (Rev 12:17; 13:15). (8) It will be a time of God's wrath and judgment upon the ungodly (1 Thes 5:1-11; Rev 6:16-17). (9) Jesus' statement that those days will be shortened (Mat 24:22) must not be understood to imply that there will be any reduction of the predicted three-and-a-half years or 1,260 days. Rather, it seems to refer to the fact that the period is so awful that if it were not confined to a limited period of time, the whole human race would be destroyed. (10) The great tribulation will end with the coming of Jesus Christ in glory with His bride (Rev 19:7-8, 14) to bring deliverance to the faithful and judgment and destruction to the wicked (Ezek 20:34-38; Mat 24:29-31; Luke 19:11-27; Rev 19:11-21). (11) We must not confuse this coming at the end of the great tribulation with Jesus' reference to His unexpected descent from heaven in Mat 24:42, 44. This coming refers to the rapture of believers occurring at a time different from that of Christ's final return at the end of the tribulation. See article on *The Rapture*. (12) The major Scripture passage describing the whole seven-year tribulation is found in Rev 6-18.

The Tribulation: Highlights

The faithful in Christ's churches will be kept from this time of trial (Lk 12:36; Jn 14:1-3; 2Cor 5:2,4; Phil 3:20-21; 1Thes 1:10; 4:16-18; 5:8-10; Rev 3:10)

Will begin after the restrainer is taken out of the way (2Thes 2:6-8)

Will begin after the secret power of lawlessness intensifies (2Thes 2:7-8)

Will begin after a great rebellion against the faith occurs (2Thes 2:3)

The antichrist (the man of lawlessness) will appear (Dan 9:26-27; 2Thes 2:3-10; Rev 13:1-18; 16:2; 17:9-18; 19:19-20)

Will begin with the opening of the seven seals (Rev 6:1)

A time of worldwide distress (Mt 24:21-22; Rev 6-19)

Will last for seven years (Dan 9:27)

False prophets will perform great signs and wonders (Mt 24:24; 2Thes 2:8-10; Rev 13:13; 16:14; 19:20)

The gospel will be preached by angels and possibly Jews (Rev 7:1-4; 11:3-6; 14:6-7)

People will be saved during these days (Dt 4:30-31; Rev 7:9-17; 14:6-7; 11:13)

Many Jews will turn to Christ (Rom 11:25-26; Rev 7:1-8)

Those who had opportunity to believe in Jesus before the rapture will have no further opportunity to repent (Mt 25:1-12; Lk 12:45-46; 2Thes 2:10-12)

Will be a time of persecution for all who are faithful to Jesus (Dan 12:10; Mt 24:15-21; Rev 6:9-11; 7:9-17; 9:3-5; 12:12,17; 13:7, 15-17; 14:6,13; 17:6; 18:24; 20:4)

The Great Tribulation: Highlights

Last three and one-half years of "The Tribulation" (Dan 9:27; Rev 11:1-2; 12:6; 13:5-7)

Will begin with the abomination that causes desolation standing in the holy place (the temple) (Dan 9:27; 12:11; Mt 24:15; Mk 13:14; 2Thes 2:4; Rev 13:14-15)

Demonic activity will increase greatly (Rev 9:3-11, 14-19; 16:12-14)

Sorcery and witchcraft will increase greatly (1Tim 4:1; Rev 9:21; 18:23; 22:15)

Cosmic events related to sun, moon and stars will occur (Isaiah 13:9-11; Mt 24:29; Mk 13:24-25; Lk 21:25; Rev 6:12-14; 8:10,12; 9:2)

Religious deceit will be widespread (Mt 24:24; Mk 13:6; 21-22; 2Thes 2:9-11)

Time of terrible suffering for Jews (Jer 30:5-7; Rev 11:2; 12:12-17)

The world's worst and most intense time of worldwide distress (Dan 12:1; Mt 24:21; Mk 13:15-19; Rev 6:9-17; 9:1-21; 16:1-21)

God will extend his wrath on the ungodly (Isaiah 13:6-13; Jer 30:4-11; Da 12:1; Zec 14:1-4; Rev 3:10; 6:17; 9:1-6,18-21; 14:9-11; 19:15)

The apostate church will be destroyed (Rev 17:16-17)