

Eschatology: Studies Concerning Future Events

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Lesson 7. The Tribulation

Introduction: What is the basis for a 7 year tribulation prior to the coming of Jesus to reign in His eternal kingdom?

- I. Review Daniel's prophecy of 70 sevens (Daniel 9:24-27).

II. What other phrases are used in Scripture to refer to the 70th seven of Daniel's prophecy?
 Joel 2:1
 Matthew 24:21, 29
 Jeremiah 30:7

- III. What event immediately precedes the Tribulation period?
 Book 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:50-52

- IV. What will church age believers experience during the tribulation?
 - A. Judgment Seat of Christ
 - Book** 2 Corinthians 5:10 *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."*
 - Book** Romans 14:10, 12 *"For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God." "So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God."*
 - Book** 1 Corinthians 4:5 *"Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God."*
 - Book** 1 Corinthians 3:13-15 *"each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire."*
 - What in my life will be revealed at the Judgment Seat of Christ?
- B. Marriage Supper of the Lamb
Book Revelation 19:6-10
- C. Return with Jesus at the end of the tribulation.
Book Jude 14; Revelation 19:11-14

V. Review the outline of the book of Revelation.

VI. What major change takes place at the mid-point of the tribulation?
(Daniel 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 12)

VII. What events are described as occurring over 3 ½ years?

3 ½ years = 42 months
 = 1260 days
 = time, times, and half a time (1 year + 2 years + ½ year)

A. Jerusalem will be dominated by the Gentiles for 42 months.

Revelation 11:2; Revelation chapters 17 and 18.

B. The two witnesses prophecy for 1260 days.

Revelation 11:3

C. Israel will be protected from persecution for 1,260 days.

Revelation 12:1-6; 13, 14

Note :6 and 14... 1,260 days = "a time and times and half a time"

D. The beast of Revelation 13:1-10 will be in power for 42 months.

See "The Final World Ruler" for a description of his actions.

E. Compare the book of Daniel:

 Daniel 7:23-27. A King will "*wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*"

 Daniel 9:24-27. In the middle of the final "week" a covenant with the people is broken, offerings are stopped, and abominations take place.

(Also see Matthew 24:15-21)

The abomination of desolation marks the midpoint of the 7 year tribulation period.

Also Daniel 12:6-13

VIII. What event signals the end of the tribulation?

 Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 19:11-16

IX. What happens to the following people at the end of the tribulation?

A. Jesus

B. Church Age believers (the body of Christ)

C. Satan

D. Unbelieving Jews and Gentiles

E. Believing Jews and Gentiles from the tribulation period

The Book of Revelation

THEME: Revelation 1:1 “*The revelation of Jesus Christ*” and “*the things which must shortly take place.*”

GENERAL OUTLINE: Revelation 1:19

“*Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.*”

I. THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN

 Chapter 1 The Sovereign Christ

II. THE THINGS WHICH ARE

 Chapters 2-3 The Seven Churches

Ephesus 2:1-7	Smyrna 2:8-11	Pergamum 2:12-17	Thyatira 2:18-29	Sardis 3:1-6	Philadelphia 3:7-13	Laodicea 3:14-22
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III. THE THINGS WHICH SHALL TAKE PLACE

 Chapters 4-5 The Throne in Heaven

 Chapters 6-16 Persecution and Judgment

<u>Seven Seals</u> 6:1-8:1	<u>Seven Trumpets</u> 8:2-11:19	<u>(Parenthesis)</u> 12-14	<u>Seven Bowls</u> 15-16
1. White horse – Conquest	1. Fire and blood	The woman and the dragon	1. Sores
2. Red horse – War	2. Burning mountain	The two beasts	2. Sea of blood
3. Black horse – Famine	3. Falling star	The six angels and the 144,000	3. Rivers of blood
4. Pale horse – Pestilence	4. Celestial darkening		4. Scorching sun
5. Martyrdom	5. Locusts		5. Darkness
6. Celestial Chaos	6. Euphrates horsemen		6. Unclean spirits
(Parenthesis) 144,000 Jews sealed Multitude of Gentiles	(Parenthesis) The little scroll The two witnesses		
7. Silence	7. Great voices		7. Declaration

 Chapters 17-18 Babylon Defeated

 Chapter 19 The Return of the Lamb

 Chapter 20 The Destiny of Satan

 Chapters 21-22 The Destiny of God’s People

The Final World Ruler

BOOK Daniel 7:7, 8; 8:20-26; 9:26, 27; 11:36-45; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10; Revelation 13:1-10; 17:8-14

1. He is now restrained.

2 Thessalonians 2:5

2. He will be the final world ruler of the Gentile nations.

Daniel 7:8 the little horn of the fourth beast

Daniel 7:23 the leader of the fourth Gentile power

Revelation 13:1-2 the beast out of the sea

Revelation 13:7 a world power

3. His power is given to him by Satan.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 "in accord with Satan"

Revelation 13:2-4 the dragon gave him power

4. He will speak arrogantly and act wickedly

Revelation 13:5; Daniel 7:20; 2 Thessalonians 2:8

5. He will conduct successful military campaigns.

Daniel 11:39-44

6. He will subjugate Israel and occupy Palestine.

Daniel 7:21, 24; 11:37; Revelation 13:7

7. He will make a covenant with the people, but will break it after 3 1/2 years.

Daniel 9:27; 7:25

8. He will blaspheme God

Daniel 7:25; 11:37; Revelation 13:6

9. He will present himself as God.

Daniel 11:36 "magnify himself above every god"

2 Thessalonians 2:4 "who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God."

10. His final authority will last for 3 1/2 years.

Daniel 7:25 "time, times, and half a time"

Revelation 13:5 "authority for 42 months"

11. He will be worshipped by those whose names are not written in the book of life.

Revelation 13:8; cf. Daniel 12:1

12. He will prosper until the end time.

Daniel 7:22; 11:38

13. He will be defeated at Christ's second coming.

Daniel 7:22, 26; 2 Thessalonians 2:6

14. His final destiny is the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 19:19-20

15. The everlasting kingdom of Jesus follows his defeat.

Daniel 7:22, 27; Revelation 20:1ff.