

# **Time of Tribulation**

## **Revelation 6-19**

According to Daniel 9:27, seven years are assigned to Israel in God's prophetic calendar, beginning with the signing of an agreement with the world dictator (the Antichrist), and ending with Christ's return to earth to judge evil and establish His kingdom. It is this period that is described in Revelation 6-19. By referring to John's outline (Rev. 1), you will see that his description is in three parts: the first three and a half years (Rev. 6-9), the events at the middle of the period (Rev. 10-14), and the last three and a half years (Rev. 15-19).

### **There are three Main Purpose for the Tribulation Period they Are**

#### **I) Retribution**

##### **A. Pattern of Judgment v. 1-8 (Mat 24 – Commentary)**

1. Deception – **White Horse** - Politics
2. Destruction – **Red Horse** - War
3. Dearth – **Black Horse** - Famine
4. Death – **Pale Horse** - Death

#### Isa 13:9-11

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

##### **B. Partakers of Judgment v.15 (Unbelievers on this earth- earth dwellers)**

#### Rev 6:15-16

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

The book of Revelation provides a graphic depiction of God's judgment upon an unbelieving world, often called "earth dwellers." As God prosecutes His judgment upon the "earth dwellers," John records periodic pauses by our Lord as He evaluates the response of mankind to His judgment before going onto the next phase. It is as if the Lord inflicts a series of judgments and then surveys the landscape to see if, like Ninevah in the days of Jonah, there is repentance so that He can suspend prosecution of the war. Unlike Ninevah in the days of Jonah, the "earth dwellers" do not relent in the wake of "the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:16), so our Lord proceeds to the next phase of His battle. Every step of the way, the "earth dwellers" would "not repent of the works of their hands" (Rev. 9:20) Instead of worshipping Christ, "the earth and those who dwell in it . . . worship the first beast" (Rev. 13:12). Instead of repentance they "blasphemed God" (Rev. 16:21).

## II) **Restoration**

### **Jer 30:7**

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.

### **Deut 4:30-31**

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;

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.

### **Rom 11:25-26**

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

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

## A. Recognition of Christ

### **Zech 13:6**

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

### **Zech 12:10**

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

## B. Receiving of Christ

## III) **Redemption**

### A. Missionaries Sealed

#### **Rev 7:3-4**

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

### B. Martyred Saints

#### **Rev 7:9-10**

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

#### **Rev 7:13-14**

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

## Life Group Questions

Look up John 4 and read till you have an understanding of the Chapter, it is difficult to have application questions for an informational type message, but I believe that this message should motivate every sinner to trust Christ and for every saint to Tell someone about Him. In an attempt to motivate you as a Child of God let's look at the conversion of the woman at the well and glean some truths that will motivate us to become greater witnesses for Christ.

### Answer when Opportunity Knocks

#### John 4:1-39

#### **I) Source of Opportunity**

**A. Prayer** (Must needs go through Samaria)

##### Mark 1:35

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

**B. Patience** (Sat thus on the Well)

#### **II) Silence of Opportunity**

**A. Fear of Rejection**

##### John 4:9

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

**B. Fear of Reputation**

##### John 4:27

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

#### **III) Secret of Opportunity**

**A. Constant Readiness** (Be Ready Always)

##### 1 Peter 3:15

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and BE READY ALWAYS to give an answer TO EVERY MAN that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

**B. Complete Reach** (To Every Man)

#### **IV) Surprise of Opportunity**

**A. Burden that's Released**

##### John 4:28-29

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

**B. Blessing that's Realized**

##### John 4:39

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

**The woman left here agenda (waterpot) to make sure others found what she had Found**