

In Revelation chapter 6 we see Jesus open the scrolls and as He does the wrath of God is being poured out upon a Christ rejecting world. The first scroll that is opened is the revealing of the Antichrist. I believe he will take, not by force, but that the people will be willing to have this man come and rescue the world from political, economic, nuclear, ecological disasters. He comes on the scene as a man of peace, but his true colors are quickly seen as he starts inflicting his will upon the people, especially the many who have turned to Christ during this period of time. And there will be many. Many who will be put to death for their faith. With the unleashing of these seals, we see war, famine, death, martyrdom, and great cataclysmic events in the heavens and on the earth. One third of the earth's population will be destroyed in the opening of these seals!

This leads us to the Trumpet Judgments found in Revelation chapters 8 and 9. In these judgments we see one third of the vegetation burned up. We see one third of the sea become blood, affecting life in the sea as well as ships that traverse the oceans. We see one third of the fresh water supply affected and people will die from drinking it. We will see one third of the daylight hours affected.

The last three Trumpet Judgment are called "**woes**" because they are bad. It is hard to believe they can be worse than what we have seen so far, but they are! The fifth Trumpet Judgment releases demons that have been chained in the pit for this Day of Judgment. They will sting people and for five months people will want to die, but death takes a holiday!

The sixth Trumpet Judgment gives us 200 million more demons to now kill one third of mankind. We have already seen one third of mankind killed in the Seal Judgments, and now the worlds' population has been decreased by two thirds in these judgments. The seventh Trumpet Judgment will unleash the final judgments, the bowl judgments!

At the midpoint of the seven year Tribulation Period, we see that Satan and his demons are thrown out of heaven. It is at this point that Satan enters the Antichrist and during the last 3½ years, the people will see his true colors and they are not pretty. Siding with the Antichrist is the False Prophet who gets the world to worship the beast in a one-world religion.

Once the Antichrist gets what he wants, he will destroy this religious system, but he will continue to use the False Prophet for his own gain.

The Bowl Judgments take place at the end of the Tribulation Period. We see sores erupt on people who have taken the Mark of the Beast. This mark is the mark that people will need to buy or sell things. In taking it, the person is making a willful rejection of Jesus and thus they have sealed their fate. The sea becomes blood and every creature in the sea dies. The springs become blood and thus the drinking water is destroyed. The sun will scorch people and it will be so bad that they blaspheme God instead of repenting of their sins! The land becomes dark, and that darkness brings about much pain. They once again did not repent, but blaspheme the God of heaven! The sixth Bowl Judgment gathers the people together for battle against the Lord. We call this the Battle of Armageddon!

It is at the end of the Tribulation Period that the Lord returns with His Bride, the Church, and He destroys those that have rejected Him. Those that have received Him will enter into the Kingdom Age, or the 1,000 year reign of Christ. God promised that the Messiah would sit upon the Throne of David and that is what will take place. (See II Samuel 7:1-17, Daniel 9:24-27).

Satan is bound in the bottomless pit. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are sent to the Lake of Fire and the rest of those who rejected the Lord are waiting for the final judgment at the end of the Millennial Reign!

After that 1,000 reign, Satan will be loosed for a short time so that those who were born in the Millennial Reign have a chance to make a choice; the Lord or Satan. Sadly, some will follow Satan, but Jesus will quickly put down that rebellion. Those that have rejected Him throughout history will come before Jesus at the Great White Throne Judgment. They will be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity along with Satan. Those who have received Him will enter into the eternal state as God creates a new heavens and a new earth! There will be no more sin, no more sorrow, no more death!

Keep your eyes focused upward. Our redemption is drawing near. May we say as John said, "**Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**" **MARANATHA!** Thus, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.

What the Bible says about . . . The End Times

As you look at the things that are happening in the world, you can clearly see that something big is about to happen, something big on the horizon. The Bible speaks much of the Last Days and yet, many Christians don't know what this time is all about. Keep in mind that there were over 300 prophecies related to Jesus' first coming, that He fulfilled down to the tiniest detail. There are over 500 prophecies related to Jesus' second coming and He will also fulfill those down to the tiniest detail! Nearly every book of the Bible contains prophecy regarding the End Times. So it is important!

This is not going to be an in-depth study on End Times, but it will give you a general overview of this period of time. If you want more information please go to our web site and check out our Daniel, Revelation, I Thessalonians, and our Prophecy Update studies.

The most amazing sign is that of the re-gathering of the Jewish people into the land of Israel. On the heels of their destruction by Hitler and the German's, the Jews were brought back into the land of Israel on May 14, 1948. This was truly a historic event since the Jews were wandering without a homeland for almost 2,000 years and yet they were preserved as a people and the language they speak today is Hebrew!

On the day they became a nation, the Arab world rose up against them to destroy them. God protected His people and they won not only that war but every war that they have been in since then as the Muslim nations want the Jews wiped off the face of the earth. They are not looking for peace with the Jews, but the destruction of the Jews!



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On June 7, 1967, after Jordanian forces joined several Arab countries trying to destroy the Jewish people, they instead were defeated. As Israeli troops moved into the old city and stood at the Western Wall or the Wailing Wall for prayer, Rabbi Shlomo Goren declared: "We have taken the city of God. We are entering the Messianic era for Jewish people, and I promise . . . That what we are responsible for we will take care of."

The city of Jerusalem was once again reunited and the Star of David flew over the nation's capitol, **JERUSALEM!** You can read of this promise of God to re-gather the Jews into the land of Israel, bringing them back to life in a sense, in Ezekiel chapter 37.

Sometime before the start of the seven year Tribulation Period, there will be a war in the Middle East. In this war, found in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, we see Russia and her Muslim allies come down to wipe out the nation of Israel. And as you study these nations, they are Islamic, and the last one to turn to Islam was Turkey! These nations are ready to come against Israel and through what they do, Russia will be drawn into this battle. But God will step in and destroy this army, wipe them out. It is after this event that the seven year Tribulation Period will begin.

Damascus, one of the oldest cities is still standing. It has not been destroyed yet. Why does it have to be destroyed? Because we are told in Isaiah 17:1 of its destruction. "**The burden against Damascus. 'Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap.'**" The Bible states that the destruction of Damascus will be so great that the city will be nothing but a '**ruinous heap**' after the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy.

Look at the turmoil that is going on in Syria today, the threats they are making towards Israel and the civil war that is going on there. Israel could wipe them out if they threaten them with any chemical or biological warfare!

We are seeing the beginning of the birth pains mentioned in Matthew chapter 24. We see people outside the church, and now within the church, believing they are god. We see wars and rumors of war every day. Famine threatens many people today, pestilences are growing, and we have had more major earthquakes in our recent history than at any other time. These are the beginning of sorrows!

Prior to the start of the Tribulation Period, the Church, the Bride of Christ, will be caught up to

meet the Lord in the air. You can read of this event called the Rapture in I Thessalonians chapter 4 and I Corinthians chapter 15.

John is a picture of the Church being caught up to meet the Lord in Revelation chapter 4. In Revelation chapters 2 and 3 we see the Church Age. At the close of the Church Age, John is caught up into heaven, just as the Church is caught up to meet the Lord at the close of the Church Age.

Also keep in mind that this world is moving towards a one-world government. The world has been divided up into ten kingdoms already. Back in 1968 the Club of Rome had its beginnings with leaders from ten different countries gathering together looking for solutions to the world's problems. They claimed to have the answers for peace and prosperity for the world. Then, on September 17, 1973, the Club of Rome released a report entitled "Regionalized and Adaptive Model of the Global World System."

This document divides the world into ten political/economic regions they call "kingdoms". This seems to follow the free trade agreements that are being made. This sounds very much like the ten kingdoms that Daniel said would rise up in the last days, the revived Roman Empire! (Daniel 2).

Back on July 18, 1993, CFR member and Trilateralist Henry Kissinger in the Los Angeles Times concerning NAFTA, said, "What Congress will have before it is not a conventional trade agreement but the architecture of a new international system . . . a first step toward a new world order."

If you still are having a hard time regarding this happening, look at what James Warburg said back on February 17, 1950. Keep in mind that James Warburg was a member of the CFR. Before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he said these words, "We shall have a world government whether or not you like it – by conquest or consent."

The Tribulation Period is a two-fold event in that first Christ pouring out His wrath upon a Christ rejecting world and second God dealing once again with the nation of Israel. You see, as Paul tells us in Romans chapter 9-11, all Israel will be saved one day. I believe this will take place during the Tribulation Period.

Jesus told the Jewish people in Matthew 23:39, "**for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'**" I believe this is their petition for the Lord to return as they turn to Him and He forgives them of their sins!

The Tribulation Period is not for the Church. Paul said in I Thessalonians 5:9, "**For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Revelation 3:10 Jesus said, "**Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.**" So this day is not for us. It is for those who remain on the earth. Those who rejected Jesus. We will be with the Lord before the Tribulation Period begins.

I believe the Tribulation Period begins with the covenant that the Antichrist makes with the nation of Israel to rebuild their Temple on the Temple Mount. You can read of that in Daniel 9:27. Right now the Palestinians will not let the Jews rebuild their Temple because the Dome of the Rock is located there, a Muslim holy site, or so they say.

In Revelation 11:1-2 John is told to measure the Temple proper and leave out the outer court because it has been given to the Gentiles. If the Temple was built, with the Holy of Holies placed on what is known as the Dome of the Tablets, you would be able to look out from the Holy of Holies, through the east gate, to the Mount of Olives. According to the Mishnah - the highly esteemed book of Jewish oral traditions - when the priest stood in the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement, he could look through the veil, through the door, and see the Eastern Gate directly before him.

That means that Solomon's Temple was not located where the Dome of the Rock is located, but to the north, where the Dome of the Tablets is Located. It can be rebuilt and will be rebuilt! The Jews are prepared to rebuild the Temple today. They have the priests to do the sacrifices and the Temple implements and the priestly garments all ready to go. They are just waiting for the word!