

Series: Our Hope

Title: The Great Tribulation

Text: (Rev 6:15-17) *The Great Day of His Wrath*

History is moving to a collision course with God's Wrath

Jesus spoke these words. He is Truth incarnate.

(Matt 24:21-22) *Great Tribulation*

Coming a time, like never before.

Unless God, in mercy shorten it, no human would survive.

(Jer 30:6-7) *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.*

Jacob - the Jewish Race, not Nation

(Dan 12:1) *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

The Elect Jews who will be spared.

(Rev 5) A book sealed with 7 seals.

Some say it's the Title Deed.

He made it, He can Unmake it.

I brought you into this world, I can take you out and Make another that looks just like you!

Some say it's the Sentencing Document.

Trial is over, All Appeals Exhausted, Verdict given.

Sentence is being carried out.

The Breaking of the 1st Seal: (Rev 6:1-2)

White Horse of Conquest/Triumph.

The Rider is the Antichrist-The Imitator.

Bow-Symbol of Military Might.

Crown - Dominion, World Wide dictator

Conquer the World: Hitler, Napoleon, Alexander tried but failed.

The Breaking the 2nd Seal: (Rev 6:3-4)

Red Horse: War and Destruction

Red: the Color of Blood

His sword will drip with the blood of believers who would not take the mark of the beast.

The Breaking the 3rd Seal: (Rev 6:5-6)

Black Horse: Famine

Famine invariably follows War.

The Balances = Scales

Food will be carefully weighed/Rationed.

A Penny - Greek word Denarius, 1 days wage

A Measure of Wheat = 1 meals worth

A Time of Souring Prices and reducing stores of Food.

*Illus: America is an Island of plenty in an Ocean of Need.
90% of the World just wants a handful of Rice.*

In 70 AD, Titus, the Roman General laid Siege to Jerusalem. Mothers, maddened by hunger, murdered, cooked, consumed their own infant children to survive.

What will happen in the Great Tribulation will be far worse. The Able Bodied Men will die in the war, and no one will be there to till the ground.

The Farm land overgrown and untenable by hand.

The Breaking the 4th Seal: (Rev 6:7-8)

Pale Horse: Death

Yellowish Greenish color. the Color of Putrefying Flesh.

Hell Followed.

They Kill One Fourth of Earths Population.

Death Claims the Body, but Hell Claims the Soul and the Spirit.

You are not a body, with a soul, but an Eternal Soul that inhabits this earthly body.

You were made to live for ever, when the stars grow cold, your soul will still be alive during a measureless, dateless eons without time. On & On & On you will live.

You soul will live on somewhere, in Hell or in Heaven.
There is no Middle Ground!

You cannot climb into the grave, pull the dirt up over your face and hide from God!

One Fourth of the planets population will die.

“to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.”

Whole Sale Death! War, Famine, Disease, Natural Disasters.
You cannot imagine the sight, the smell, the sorrow.

The Breaking the 5th Seal: (Rev 6:9-11)

The Murder/Massacre/Martyrdom of those that turn to Christ during the Tribulation.

144000 Jews that will preach the gospel.

Illus: Imagine 144000 Apostle Pauls, Billy Grahams.

Many will come to Christ, but a pay a Terrible Price.

All those who will not take the Mark of the Beast.

The chief method of capitol punishment will be the guillotine.

“Beheaded for the testimony of Christ.”

The Breaking the 6th Seal: (Rev 6:12-17)

Great Convulsive Natural Disasters: Earthquakes Tsunamis

Sun-Black, Moon-Blood: seen through a sky of smoke

The Breaking the 7th Seal: (Rev 8:1-2)

The Calm before the Storm.

What is about to happen is so terrible, so awesome, it is as if all heaven holds it's breath.

1st Trumpet: (Rev 8:7) Fire, burned 1/3 grass & Trees

2nd Trumpet: (Rev 8:8-9) 1/3 Sea b/c blood 1/3 fish die

3rd Trumpet: (Rev 8:10-11) 1/3 fresh waters poisoned

4th Trumpet: (Rev 8:12) 1/3 Sun stopped shining

5th Trumpet: (Rev 9:1-6) The Invasion of Demons:

Walking Dead-SEEK DEATH *Vs6 -

Lucifer - The Fallen Star

6th Trumpet: War 1/3 Earth population Die

7th Trumpet: (Rev 11:15)

7 Vial Judgements: (Rev 16) The Final Judgement of God

A Truly Horrific Time in Human History.

1st Vial: (Rev 16:2) Plague

2nd Vial: (Rev 16:3) Sea turned to blood, all die

3rd Vial: (Rev 16:4) Fresh Water completely poisoned

4th Vial: (Rev 16:8) The Sun Scorches men

5th Vial: (Rev 16:10) Painful Darkness

6th Vial: (Rev 16:12) River Euphrates dries up/brings war.

Are We Going to go through this? NO

Will the Church be Raptured? YES

This Church will not go through the Tribulation:

Speaking to the church at Philidelphia.

(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.*

(Rev 3:13) What god said t the church at Philidephia, He is saying to all churches.

(Rev 3:22) *He that hath an ear; let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

(1 The 5:9-11) *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

(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 shew thee things which must be hereafter.***

LOT: (Gen 19:22) *Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.*

(Rev 6:17) *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

I am waiting for Jesus, not the Tribulation:

(1 The 1:10) *And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

(1 The 5:1-4) *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*

So Where are we during this horrible time?

We are Being Rewarded: (2 Cor 5:10) (Rom 14:10)
(1 Cor 3:11-15) Wood, Hey, Stubble, Gold, Silver, Jewels
(1 Cor 9:25-27) Crown Incorruptible - (Holy Living)
(1 Thes 2:19-20) Crown of Rejoicing -(Our Hope Fulfilled)
(2 Tim 4:8) Crown of Righteousness - (Faithfulness)
(1 Pet 5:2-4) Crown of Glory - (Shepherd's Crown)
(James 1:12) Crown of Life - (Martyrs Crown)

We are Getting Married: (Rev 19:6-9)
At the The End of the Great Tribulation Period,
When all the Saints have been rewarded.
When the Lord has Married His Churches,
HE COMES BACK TO FINISH WHAT HE PROMISED.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ:

I. Jesus is Coming Visibly: (Rev 19:11)

(Acts 1:10-11) (Rev 1:7) *Every eye shall see Him,*

2 Aspect to the Coming of Christ: 2 Phases of His Coming.

1. The Rapture, As a Thief in the Night is phase 1
2. The Revelation,

Jesus is Coming the 1st time for His Church. (2 Thes 2:1)
Jesus is Coming the 2nd time With His Church. (Rev 19:14)

His Coming the 1st time is a Mystery.
A Mystery is a truth that was previously unknown.
(1 Cor 15:51-52)

His Coming the 2nd time is in Majesty.

(1 Thes 5:2) The 1st time Like a Thief in the Night
(Mat 24:27) The 2nd time Like Lightning.

(Matt 25:6) Jesus is Coming sweetly as a Bridegroom
(2 Thes 1:7-10) Jesus is Coming Sovereignly as a King Of Kings.

II. Jesus is Coming Victoriously: (Rev 19:11-13)

The Mastery of His Conquest: Vs 11 Riding a White Horse.
The Mystery of His Character: Vs 11-13

III. Jesus is Coming Vengefully: (Rev 19:14-16)

We need to Learn of His Coming:
We need to Look for His Coming:
We need to Live for His Coming: Occupy till I come.
We need to Long for His Coming: Even so come Lord Jesus.

(2 Thes 1:7-12)

I. You Need Not be Dismayed: (Vs 7)

The Lord Jesus is Coming: (Vs 7)
The Lord Jesus is Coming In Flaming Fire: (Vs 8-9)

The savior then will be the Judge!

The When of His Coming: He is Coming
The World has always scoffed, but he is coming: (2 Pet 3:3-4)
Jesus came the 1st time ON TIME!
You can hurry it up:
You can not stop it:

The Wonder of His Coming: (Vs 10) "*Admired*"
Glorified in His Saints: (Vs 10)

Have you LOST the Wonder of?

His Redeeming Love: (1 Jn 4:19) 1st loved Us.

Have you LOST the Wonder of?

His Saving Grace: (Vs 10) *in all them that believe*
Have you lost the Wonder of Him Saving a Sinner like you?
(Rom 5:7-8)

Just put your faith where God put our sin,
Upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you LOST the Wonder of?

His Keeping Power: (Vs 10) *All them that Believe!*

Have you LOST the Wonder of?

The Witness of His Coming: (Vs 10)
"because our testimony among you was believed"
The greatest proof of your faith is not notes in your bible but that you are trying to bring souls to Christ.

A Christian who does not witness is a contradiction of terms.
Its time to recapture your AWE & Wonder of Christ!