

*The End*



# THE TRIBULATION

Foreknowledge from God  
empowers the people of God to  
reach the unreached with the  
gospel before it is too late

<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**Matthew 24:14**

The arrival of the tribulation is referred throughout scripture as the “Day of the Lord”

See, the day of the Lord is coming—  
a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—  
to make the land desolate and destroy  
the sinners within it.

**Isaiah 13:9**

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of  
decision! For the day of the Lord is  
near in the valley of decision.

Joel 3:14

The great day of the LORD is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on **the day of the LORD** is bitter; the *Mighty Warrior* shouts his battle cry. <sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath—a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness—

**Zephaniah 1:14-18**

<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

<sup>17</sup> “I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung.

**Zephaniah 1:14-18**

<sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath." In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.

**Zephaniah 1:14-18**

# Theories about the Tribulation:

- A) The tribulation already came in the ancient past
- B) The tribulation is the everyday battles of life
- C) The tribulation was an actual world event in the recent past

**1) THE TRIBULATION  
WILL BRING  
POLITICAL CRISIS**

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”<sup>2</sup> I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

**Revelation 6:1-2**

<sup>11</sup> I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup> He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

**Revelation 19:11-13**

Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

1 John 2:8

<sup>1</sup> Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come.

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-4**

<sup>3</sup> Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. <sup>4</sup> He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-4**

The spirit of the Antichrist started with Satan and has since been at work in various personalities, but we are now waiting for the revelatory moment when the Antichrist will be revealed in person

**2) THE TRIBULATION  
WILL BRING  
ECONOMIC CRISIS**

<sup>5</sup> When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

**Revelation 6:5-6**

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

**Revelation 6:5-6**

“These prices, which appear to be ten to twelve times higher than normal, reveal a siege like economy.”

*“The Apocalypse”*

- John Christopher Thomas -



**3) THE TRIBULATION  
WILL BRING  
SOCIAL CRISIS**

<sup>3</sup> When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”

<sup>4</sup> Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

**Revelation 6:3-4**

**4) THE TRIBULATION  
WILL BRING  
NATURAL CRISIS**

<sup>7</sup> When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

**Revelation 6:7-8**

<sup>12</sup> I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, <sup>13</sup> and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. <sup>14</sup> The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

**Revelation 6:12-17**

<sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. <sup>16</sup> They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! <sup>17</sup> For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”

**Revelation 6:12-17**

There came flashes of lightning, rumblings,  
peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.  
No earthquake like it has ever occurred  
since mankind has been on earth, so  
tremendous was the quake.

**Revelation 16:18**

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

<sup>3</sup> Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne.

**Revelation 8:1-5**

<sup>4</sup> The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

**Revelation 8:1-5**

**5) THE TRIBULATION  
WILL BRING  
SPIRITUAL CRISIS**

<sup>9</sup> When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

**Revelation 6:9-11**

<sup>11</sup> Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

**Revelation 6:9-11**

It is certain that those  
who turn to the Lord during  
the tribulation will die a  
martyr's death



# A) REPENTANCE

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea:

**Revelation 7:1-8**

<sup>3</sup> “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” <sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

**Revelation 7:1-8**

<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, <sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

**Revelation 7:1-8**

Effective evangelism in the  
twenty-first century must be  
fuelled by a passion for the  
rapture and a preservation  
from the tribulation

# **B) UNREPENTANCE**

<sup>9</sup> They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. <sup>10</sup> The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony

**Revelation 16:9-11 & 16:21**

**11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done... 21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.**

**Revelation 16:9-11 & 16:21**

Pray for the salvation of  
unbelievers and for the  
effective evangelism of  
believers before the last days

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