

Message Notes:

Series: How close are we to the end?

Message Four: Times, Troubles and Tribulation: Part One

The worship of God in chapter five turns to the wrath of God in chapter 6

Why wrath?

*Every human being is living in r_____ against God.

*We each are contributing to the s_____ p_____.

There are several purposes of the Great Tribulation:

1. To fulfill p_____: Dan 9:24
2. To d_____ satan: Rev 19-20
3. To p_____ those who take Israel's land: Ezk 36
4. To punish sin/rebellion/h_____ hearts: Isa 24: 1-6
5. To cause earth's inhabitants to seek r_____: Isa. 26:9

There are 3 primary views that theologians have held concerning the church and its relationship in the Great Tribulation

First, P_____-Tribulation View: This view states that the church will go through the entire 7 years of the Great Tribulation and then be raptured at its conclusion.

This view teaches that the church and the nation of Israel are the same- in that the church is the "spiritual Israel." Since they are the same, the church goes through the GT in this time the OT calls, "the time of Jacob's trouble."

Second, M_____-Tribulation View: that the church will go through the first half of the GT, then be raptured and then at the close of the second half of the Great Tribulation, it will return with Christ

Third, P_____-Tribulation View- the church is raptured prior to the start of the Great Tribulation, remains in heaven for the 7-year Tribulation and then returns with Christ at His second coming

The Church

God takes out the church and then deals with Israel as a people/nation.

1 Cor 10: 31-33

1 Thess. 5:9: the rod "appointed" = destined. God has not destined the church for wrath. His wrath comes on Israel and the disobedient Gentile nations.

There are three series of judgments in Revelation:

One: The S_____ Judgments: Rev 6: Jesus opens a scroll sealed with 7 seals and with each seal broken a different judgement is poured out: war, famine, the death of $\frac{1}{4}$ **the human population**

Two: The T_____ Judgments: Rev 8-9: Hail and fire mixed with blood are cast down upon the earth resulting in $\frac{1}{3}$ of the trees and green grass being burnt up; a flaming mountain crashes into the sea killing $\frac{1}{3}$ of all sea creatures and destroying $\frac{1}{3}$ of all ships; a star called wormwood falls into the fresh water polluting $\frac{1}{3}$ of all fresh water and $\frac{1}{3}$ of all heavenly bodies wink out; demons are released from the abyss tormenting humanity so badly that people cry out to be killed but are unable to take their own lives and a great army from the East slaughters $\frac{1}{3}$ of the remaining population and then after that are severe earthquakes, thunder, lightning and hail

One of the effects of the Tribulation will be that the solar system will be thrown into chaos and objects like 99942 Apophis will careen wildly off orbit hitting the earth exploding, destroying cities, triggering massive tidal waves.

The suspension of the laws of the universe now held together by the will and power of God will create tsunamis, earthquakes of a severity never before experienced on earth.

Three: The B_____ Judgments

These are poured out near the close of the seven-year Tribulation. Sores erupt on people's bodies; the sea is turned to blood killing every creature in it; fire pours down on humanity and the earth be placed into total darkness; 100-pound hailstones begin to fall.... And then Jesus Christ returns.

6: 1: Pattern:

One: Christ breaks the seal

Two: One of the four living creatures cries out, "Come!"

Three: A Colored horse and a horsemen leap onto the scene

SMALL GROUP LESSON

LOOK BACK:

Describe the scariest things that ever happened to you

LOOK FORWARD:

One: After reading Rev 6, what impacts you about this chapter?

Two: Is God justified in his wrath toward humanity? If so, why?

Three: How do you see current world events fitting into end time prophecies?

LOOK FORWARD:

Make a list of 5 people you will commit to pray for daily, share Christ with over the next 30 days:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.