

4. Pre-Tribulation Signs and Events

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This is a collection of scriptures and prophecy of what occurs in the approach of the Tribulation period and possibly some into the first half of the Tribulation period. Logic tells us the Pre-Tribulation events likely grow and become more frequent and amplified both as the Tribulation period approaches and during the first half of the Tribulation period.

1. The Build up (latter days)

Generally the description starts with Daniel, second Thessalonians, second Timothy and second Peter followed by what Yeshua (Jesus) told us about the beginning of sorrows.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

What we are told by Daniel is that people run to and fro and knowledge is increased. This is definitely true in today's time and has been for the last 20 years or more. New knowledge continues to increase at a phenomenal and accelerating rate in today's time.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

The time is approaching where the man of sin will be revealed. Likely those closely watching will recognize this person before the main Christian body, and definitely before Israel. It would appear today that the falling away has already started, especially with the movement towards a unification of religion, anti-Semitism and increased persecution of Christians throughout the world. In addition, the talk and growing support for a One World Government taking place and likely will be driven by drastic changes in world weather and its subsequent consequences.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

This scripture **2Ti 3:7** is so true for both knowledge increasing in science but more importantly

it is directed primarily at continued study of religious knowledge from the Bible, with these studies by Christians today never able to come into finding the truth of God. The truth of God is the Torah.

Many of the above warnings have been growing for quite some time during this Century.

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

Mat 24:5 **For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

Mat 24:6 **And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

Mat 24:7 **For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**

Mat 24:8 **All these *are* the **beginning of sorrows.****

Luk 21:8 And he said, **Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.**

Luk 21:9 **But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by.**

Mat 24:14 **And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**

These beginning of sorrows or birth pains are Pre-Tribulation events. We are warned of false teachers with a form of godliness trying to lead us down the wrong path. There are plenty of those on television and on you-tube as well as others conducting seminars and conferences, while getting rich in worldly goods as they do so. Then we are told of a breakdown of personal morals on all levels, arrogance, covetous, self centered to the detriment of all others and liars. People become more and more as blasphemers, unthankful and despising those that are good. They do not reverent God and are scoffers following after their own lusts. Today, many Church people are studying and ever learning God's Word, but they are never able to come to the truth. There will be **wars, Nation against Nation, famines, pestilence, and earthquakes** throughout the world. These are definitely increasing in today's time. We are also told that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world, then the end will come. Wow, there is no question that we are living in the Pre-Tribulation time and getting closer to the start of the Tribulation. The end that Yeshua is referring to is the end of man's freedom of living and doing what he wants in the world. The end is the Tribulation which heralds in the Millennium of the Kingdom of God ruling the world for the last 1,000 years.

Take special note of 2Ti 3:7, the trend in all the Christian Churches today is Bible study, yes they are ever learning, memorizing and quoting scripture, studying individual Bible books but never able to come to the knowledge and understanding of the truth of God. They memorize verses but fail

to understand what the verses are saying and gloss over those verses they do not understand or that do not fit with their understanding. They filter scriptures and interpret them according to their ideas instead of letting the scriptures interpret and reinforce themselves.

We know the sign given to us as to when the Tribulation will start, it is when the man of sin makes a covenant with Israel for 7 years. The covenant will most likely be one of peace and protection for Israel and one that will lead to a re-establishment of the Jewish Temple, the altar and a restarting of the Jewish sacrifices. The sign of the start of the Tribulation will be a phenomenal earthquake that will move every mountain and island out of their location, man will think the end of the world has arrived.

A warning is given to us of the snare that is coming to all men in the end days, this is the same as the temptation told in Revelations, that comes upon the whole world. Taking the mark of the Beast in order to buy and sell. We are not told exactly when this starts. It will likely occur at or before the beginning of the Tribulation. The mid-point of the Tribulation is where the abomination of desolation occurs, at this point Israel will rebel against the man of sin and at he will be recognized by the Jews and others of God's people for who he really is. For the first 3.5 yrs we should see a pact with Israel, likely by a person heading an army out of a European collection of countries. We should also see the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple, the altar and a re-establishment of Jewish sacrifices. We should also see a new world wide monetary system that is tied to electronic money and further acceptance by nearly all people throughout the world of embedded computer chips or a tattoo bar code or something specifically identifying those that accept the new world order. The Antichrist covenant with Israel will likely protect the Israelites from having to take the mark of the Beast in order to exist in the world economy during the first half of the Tribulation period. Since those taking the mark will have forfeited their salvation, because the Bible tells us it is the same as worshipping the Beast. Likely we will also see an increase in hatred throughout the world in an attitude towards those trying to accurately follow God's word, possibly controlled by misguided Christians who think they and only they have the truth and try and impose it on all others, similar to times past. As the Pre-Tribulation period follows into the first half of the Tribulation, all of the disasters and signs will likely continue to increase in frequency and magnitude. Persecution of Christians throughout the world will most likely continually increase in an accelerating manner throughout the build up and dramatically increase at the start of the Tribulation period.

Luk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Luk 21:35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Yeshua warns us to watch and pray always, to watch ourselves that we are walking properly and to watch the world so as to recognize prophecy unfolding. In order to escape the snare we must be counted worthy. In other words we must be walking according to all of God's commands with a humble and loving heart. It is only those in the Philadelphia congregation that are doing this, all of the other six Christian Churches of today are not. The Philadelphia congregation are complete Bible followers, only they keep the Torah in the same manner the early congregations as set up by Paul went forward.

Using as a main marker the scripture below, tells us when those throughout the world will be delivered up and persecuted and many killed. Not only will anti-Semitism continue to grow but intolerance toward others in religious areas will grow. This will most likely be occurring well into the Tribulation period.

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of

all nations for my name's sake.

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:12 And because **iniquity** shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mar 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

Mar 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Mar 13:11 But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

Mar 13:12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

Mar 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Luk 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

Luk 21:13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

Luk 21:14 Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

Luk 21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Luk 21:16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death.

Luk 21:17 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.

Luk 21:18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

Luk 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Scripture tells us of an increasing depth of world of anger, intolerance and major selfishness, to the degree that is hard to fathom. There will be a loss of righteous values and the growth of self centered intolerance towards all others. Families will turn against their own kin, the justice system will be completely changed and extensive persecution will be the normal. Iniquity is lawlessness, this has surfaced in today's time throughout the entire world in a manner that one would never have thought possible a few years ago. We are clearly told that we will need to endure with patience to the end, as this will be of major importance for God's people. The end will be up to the last days of the Tribulation period.

As the Tribulation draws near, signs in the heavens and on earth will occur.

Luk 21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

Luk 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Luk 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

Kingdom against Kingdom will be civil war occurring in more and more nations as well as Nations in war against Nation. There will be more earthquakes, famine and disease everywhere. We are to watch and be ready always as we do not know when the Lord will return. We are told to watch and recognize the season that comes, which will be somewhat similar to that of recognizing the seasons of fig tree as an analogy.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mar 13:28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

Mar 13:29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors.

Mar 13:30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

Mar 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Luk 21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

Luk 21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

Luk 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Luk 21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Luk 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

God's word tells us to watch and recognize what is taking place throughout the world as the end days approach and unfold. We are to study prophecy using the Bible so that we will be alert and awake in identifying what is unfolding according to God's plan.

2. Event Issuing in Beginning of Tribulation

There are two possible times for Ezekiel's war to take place, one is before the start of the Tribulation period and the other just after the Tribulation period. It appears that there is considerably more scripture that would fit with this war occurring before the Tribulation period.

Ezekiel's war of Gog is a major war coming against Israel most likely occurring at a time prior to the start of the Tribulation. In this war God intervenes and decimates those coming against Israel. God shows His power mainly with earthly occurrences, so that the world will sit up and take note and know that Israel was saved as a result of God's direct intervention in controlling nature and the earth. If Ezekiel's war took place at the end of the Tribulation period the world would recognise Yeshua in His return, and the armies would be destroyed by the sword out of Yeshua's mouth which are very different from what is conveyed to us from Ezekiel. Also at this time occurring after the

Tribulation, the armies are lead by the False Prophet, the Beast and Satan. These are not mentioned in Ezekiel's prophecy, and the armies in Ezekiel's prophecy are killed by natural occurrences of earth's activities rather than by the sword out of Yeshua's mouth. These differences indicate a strong likelihood for the occurrence for Ezekiel's war taking place before the Tribulation starts.

Ezekiel's war ahead of the Tribulation would set the stage for the Antichrist to be able to establish a peace plan with Israel for a seven year period, giving special status to the Israelites. The Islamic Nations would become downcast and docile as an outcome of this war, they would recognize that the God of Israel, protected the apple of His eye and punished them.

Eze 38:14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know *it*?

Eze 38:15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

Eze 38:16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Eze 38:17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them?

Eze 38:18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, *that* my fury shall come up in my face.

Eze 38:19 For in my jealousy *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

Eze 38:20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Eze 38:21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

Eze 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Eze 38:23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Eze 39:1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

Eze 39:2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

Eze 39:3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Eze 39:4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Eze 39:5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze 39:6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Eze 39:7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let* *them* pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Eze 39:8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this *is* the day whereof I have

spoken.

Eze 39:9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

Eze 39:10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze 39:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the *noses* of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* The valley of Hamongog.

Eze 39:12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

The above tells us of a great shaking throughout the land, and that hailstones, fire and brimstone will rain down upon the enemies. Chances are good that the Muslim structure or Dome of the Rock will be completely destroyed during this event, thus paving a way forward for the Jewish Temple to be rebuilt. Even if the Dome of the Rock is not destroyed, the Islamic Nations will have seen the power of God intervening for the protection of Israel and they in turn will be greatly destroyed and become demoralized, knowing that the God of Israel is protecting the Nation and people of Israel.

We are also told of the destruction of the armies coming from the north, only one sixth of them will be left alive, or five sixth of them will be killed. Their weapons will be destroyed and the mountains of Israel will be full of the dead from the armies and it will take 7 months to bury and clean the land from their carcass. In addition God will send fire upon Magog (the Nation of Gog). This is likely Russia, it will experience God's wrath over it's country as well as destroying it's armies and equipment. Also for 7 years Israel will be using the spoils of war taken from the invading armies. It is possible that 3.5 yrs ahead of the start of the Tribulation and 3.5 yrs to the mid point of the Tribulation will make up the 7 years. The Geneva Bible and the KJV are the only Bibles that indicate the extent of the destruction of Gog as being 5/6 or leaving 1/6th part alive. This is from Strong's number H8338 which translates into leaving a sixth part, but this is no longer translated as such by all the other Bibles. However irrespective of the translation, the destruction of the armies coming against Israel are so great that it will take seven months to bury the dead, and very, very few of those in these armies survive.

This war results in God's intervention against Gog and the others, likely being Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya , and Ethiopia or Sudan. As a result of this protection received by Israel, the Muslim Nations will become very demoralized and accept Israel's right to exist and it's right to the land, including the temple mount, recognizing that it was the God of Israel that protected the Nation of Israel and it's land and in turn destroyed them. This will likely allow the Antichrist to broker a special deal allowing Israel to rebuild the temple and to ensure a peaceful existence for Israel from all its surrounding neighbors and even from the rest of the world.

This is somewhat speculation and not certain, but based upon close reading of scripture and logic , it is a possible scenario that we need to watch for and adjust as world events unfold. The war of Ezekiel, is a major war and event that has been prophesied and that has not happened to date. It is not a war that is predicted to occur in the Tribulation period, nor after the Tribulation. Therefore it most likely will occur before the Tribulation period begins. For 1/6 of the armies coming against Israel to be spared with 5/6 being killed is a major event. The destruction with earthquakes and the reigning down of fire and brimstone on the enemy Nations is a major event, occurring with God's direct intervention. Burying the dead for 7 months again is a major event. These events have never taken place in the past, it has at this time been predicted to occur at some point in our future. The invaders and their Nations will face the anger of the Lord and the destruction of their arrow and bows (weapons, likely rockets) as well as the death that comes with it from fire and brimstone and earthquakes. Destruction will occur not only on their armies and weapons but also upon their Nations,

it will show the heathen that the God of Israel is acting to protect Israel. This war is predicted and should to us be an indicator of the Latter Days, therefore we need to watch for it.

Pre-Tribulation events and signs take us up to the start of the Tribulation.

The world will continually grow worse and worse through the Pre-Tribulation time, and increase dramatically in severity through the first half of the Tribulation period, and then becoming unimaginable in severity through the last half of the Tribulation, which portion is referred to as the Great Tribulation.

From a completion of our prophecy studies of scripture, one is able to identify that the time of sorrows leads into the start of the Tribulation.

Our study of prophecy through scripture is all we have available in order to recognize the end times and their approach. It is based upon our collection and study of scripture and the best understanding that we can come to in today's time. Whatever we come to thinking will occur may in fact take place much differently, therefore we always need to watch and readjust our understanding of what occurs throughout the world as things unfold, always referring it back to scripture. We need to personally be ready at all times for what is coming so that we will be found acceptable, we are to watch and pray always. The time to start in aligning ourselves in properly following God's Will is today, as the end time is fast approaching.

What was missed initially in this study was the first three plagues of God coming upon the world in the times of sorrow. These three plagues are the three horses and their riders, the red horse, the black horse and the pale horse. The red horse is wars, the black horse is famine and the pale horse is death and hell, combining effects from the other two horses along with pestilence and killing one quarter of the world population. God's people are not protected from these first three plagues that lead up to the start of the Tribulation. This is covered in another study, *"God's Wrath in the End Times"*.

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