

5. Tribulation Period

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This document is a sequential continuation in the study on prophecy of the end times. It is based mainly upon various books of the Bible focusing on Daniel, Matthew and a little from Revelations. The last document of this series of 6 focuses on the most difficult book in the Bible, that being Revelations.

The Tribulation period will be like nothing the world has ever experienced. There is a continued build up of events and actions that lead into the Tribulation period, these are what are called the beginning of sorrows. At this point it appears that the Bible gives us little information on the first half of the Tribulation period only what we are told that occurs in the pre-tribulation time. Most of the information is given on the last half of the Tribulation period. Taken from scripture the prophecy information given below is assembled in order to help us understand as best we can at this time what the world will face during the Tribulation. The following uses scripture as taken from the Scriptures Bible as it is more accurate and informative than most other Bibles. One might need to use the KJV to compare for better understanding of some of the words.

Recognize we do not know how prophecy will unfold, we always need to watch the world around us and adjust our understanding with scripture as things change. The following is our best attempt at understanding prophecy based upon scripture and what we see happening in the world at this time.

A. First Establish the time duration of the Tribulation

In order to start one needs to accurately establish the time duration or length of the Tribulation period. Generally most assume that one day is equivalent to one year. Rather than assuming this, it needs to be checked out more accurately with respect to what scripture tells us.

Most use Dan 9:27 below, where one week is seven days, the middle is 3.5 days. However, without assuming that a day is equivalent to a year, one needs to use scripture to establish the time duration.

Dan 9:27 “And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the middle of the week he shall put an end to slaughtering and meal offering. And on the wing of abominations he shall lay waste, even until the complete end and that which is decreed is poured out on the [one who lays waste](#). .”^a Footnote: ^a[Mat 24:15](#). (The Scriptures Bible, TS)

[Mat 24:15](#) “So when you see the **’abomination that lays waste,**^b [Dan 11:31](#) spoken of by Dani’el the prophet, set up in the set-apart place” – he who reads, let him understand – Footnote: ^bSee also [Dan 9:27](#) and *Abomination that lays waste in Explanatory Notes*.

From Daniel above we know that the Tribulation is broken into two halves at the midpoint.

What does scripture give us for times of the Tribulation. First we are given a time for the latter half of the Tribulation period.

Rev 11:1 And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, and the messenger stood, saying, “Rise and measure the Dwelling Place of Elohim, and the slaughter-place, and those worshipping in it.

Rev 11:2 “But cast out the court which is outside the Dwelling Place, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and they shall trample the set-apart city under foot for forty-two months.

Using the manner of counting that God gave the Israelites, one uses 360 days in a year. This calculates into 42 months and is 3.5 yrs. This is the time period that the Gentiles have free reign to trample through Jerusalem. It is the latter half of the Tribulation period.

The next most important scripture is given to us in Revelations, regarding the two witnesses.

Rev 11:3 “And I shall give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth.”

1260 days is 3.5 yrs again based upon 360 days to a year, this is the time of the two witnesses preaching throughout Jerusalem. We need more information in order to establish if this is in the first half or second half of the Tribulation.

Rev 11:4 These are the **two olive trees** [Eze 4:3](#) and the two lampstands that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire comes out from their mouth and consumes their enemies. And if anyone wishes to harm them, he has to be killed in that way.

Rev 11:6 These possess authority to shut the heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy. And they possess authority over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they wish.

Rev 11:7 And when they have ended their witness, the beast coming up out of the pit of the deep shall fight against them, and overcome them, and kill them,

Rev 11:8 and their dead bodies *lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Mitsrayim, where also our Master was impaled,

Rev 11:9 and some of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations see their dead bodies for three and a half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be placed into tombs,

Rev 11:10 and those dwelling on the earth rejoice over them and exult. And they shall send gifts to each other, because these two prophets tortured those dwelling on the earth.

Rev 11:11 And after the three and a half days a spirit of life from Elohim entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Rev 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from the heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up into the heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

Rev 11:13 And in that hour there came to be a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. And in the earthquake seven thousand men were killed, and the rest became afraid and gave esteem to the Elohim of the heaven.

Rev 11:14 The **second woe is past**, and see, the third woe is coming speedily.

The information that places this in the second half of the Tribulation comes from **Rev 11:14**, telling us that the second woe has been completed. The third woe takes place quickly at the seventh trumpet and is the second coming of Christ and the wrath of God poured out undiluted upon the earth. Therefore we understand that the two witnesses have power to repel all those who oppose them until the last few days of the last half of the Tribulation period. They are at the end of their testimony killed by the Beast that comes out of the bottomless pit. Their bodies lie in the street for 3.5 days and then they come back to life and ascend being called up to heaven.

We are told that one of the witnesses that are sent will be Elijah, the second witness could be one from a number of Saints. It could be Enoch, Moses, or someone else.

Mal 4:5 “See, I am sending you Ėliyah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of יהוה.”

The Day of the Lord comes throughout the Tribulation period. Based upon **Rev 11:14** above this means that Elijah is sent at the beginning of the second half of the tribulation period.

Going back to Daniel we are given a milestone marker that identifies the start of the last half of the Tribulation. That is when the daily sacrifice by the Jews is stopped. This also tells us an altar was set up and operating sometime in the first half of the Tribulation.

Dan 12:11 “And from the time that which is continual is taken away, and the abomination that lays waste is set up, is one thousand two hundred and ninety days. **(3.5 yrs + 1 month)**”

The extra month is given to us for a reason, it could be a time period from the removal of the abomination to the fall feast of Sukkot or for something else. We are not given information regarding what this extra one month time period is referring to.

The person who endures patiently over the three and a half years, plus 2.5 months is blessed. This refers to the people of God that are patiently waiting for the end of the Tribulation. Again we are given an additional time, now being 2.5 months.

Dan 12:12 “Blessed is he who is waiting earnestly, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. **(3.5 yr + 2.5 months)**”

Dan 12:13 “But you, go your way till the end. And rest, and arise to your lot at the end of the days.”

Dan 12:12 above reinforces other scripture in Revelations that tell us a number of God's people come through the tribulation period, they also becoming part of the group of the Saints that were will be raptured or resurrected at Christ's second coming. Again the extra 75 days or 2.5 months given to us after the end of the Tribulation period are not identified as to what they are for or what is happening during this time. It may be possible that the time period is the time between Nisan 1 and Sukkot, possibly for the construction and dedication of a new final temple built by the Messiah. Or it could possibly be the gathering of the exiles from throughout the world, or the setting up of God's world government, or refurbishing and cleaning up of Jerusalem making it inhabitable again.

The Antichrist blasphemies God and tries to dishearten and afflict those people with the marking of God on their forehead, these set-apart are the Saints coming through the last half of the Tribulation.

Dan 7:25 and it speaks words against the Most High, and it wears out the set-apart ones of the Most High, and it intends to change appointed times^b and law, and they are given into its hand for a time and times and half a time. Footnote: ^bThis is another word for festivals. (3.5 yrs) (TS)

In this last half of the Tribulation, the Antichrist works to change God's Holy Days and Sabbaths as well as the Torah. Thus logic would indicate to us that God's people will refuse to accept the changes and because of this they will be severely persecuted.

In Dan 9:27 above we can establish without a doubt that the Tribulation period is broken into two equal parts, being separated at the mid-point. The above taken together establishes that the Tribulation period is seven years long, or two 3.5 yr periods, with different activities occurring in each portion. Now the length of the Tribulation period is firmly established using only scripture without having to make any assumptions. The above also establishes markers or milestones for us to identify key points of the Tribulation period. We have also gained some understanding of a few events occurring in the last half of the Tribulation.

B. The First Half of the Tribulation

We are told in Dan 9:27 above, that the Antichrist establishes a covenant of peace with the Nation of Israel for a seven year period. This marks the start of the Tribulation. At the mid-point of the Tribulation we know that a Jewish Temple and altar exist, so it is most likely that they were built during the first half of the Tribulation, since Israel is protected and given peace from the pact with the Antichrist. We also know that temple sacrifices were also being conducted at least at some time prior to the mid-point of the Tribulation. At the mid-point of the Tribulation period the Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and the sacrifices will be stopped and the Israelites will suddenly recognize the Antichrist for who he truly is from his actions and words. These will be from

the blasphemies against God, stopping the sacrifices, sitting in the temple declaring himself to be god and changing God's times and Laws and enforcing them on the world including the Israelites , all of these will identify him as the Antichrist. There will be an immediate rebellion of the Israelites against the Antichrist. At this point persecution of both Israelites in Israel and those Jews and Christians throughout the world who maintain God's directives will be severely accelerated, most likely becoming much worse than those documented persecutions in Foxe's Book of Martyr's.

It is likely prior to the start of the first half of the Tribulation that a One World Economic System will be developed and being brought in place. It is also likely that a One World Government will also be developed and be ruling. Similarly a One World Church and unified religious system will also be forced upon the world. There will definitely be major changes forced upon the entire world population as a result of a unified approach of One World Order. It will be the time leading up to the enforcement of the mark of the beast and it's worship all occurring prior to the test that comes upon the entire world, or the start of the Tribulation period.

At the same time persecution and anti-Semitism will probably become an epidemic throughout the entire world. It would also be expected that the bad or evil personal characteristics in people would continue to grow and that corruption throughout world Nations would get worse.

These times we are told are like none that the world has seen previously. Those that are righteous will be despised and likely persecuted. It will become a terrible world except for those running rampant with power. All of the pre-Tribulation sorrows will grow and increase dramatically into the Tribulation period. The only thing the Bible tells us about this time is that it will be a continuous growth of evil from the Pre-Tribulation up to the midpoint of the Tribulation period. It is only Israel as a Nation and it's people living in Israel, that will be experiencing a period of calm and peace protected by a covenant with the Antichrist.

The earth will most likely have more erratic and severe weather, earthquakes and volcanic activity throughout. Recognize that the earth is God's and He will do what He wants to it. Likely the erratic weather and what is called Global warming in today's time is a result of God's action and are just the early start of the birth pains reflecting the closeness of the end times. Nations will most likely continue to be at war as the one world government forces its will on all remaining Nations that resist. Pestilence and hunger will be rampant along with large differences between the have and have not's. It will definitely be a time that given a choice most people will not wish to experience and have to go through.

It would appear that the first half of the Tribulation period would be a continual build up of persecution on all of God's people, only suddenly dramatically accelerating once the Antichrist is recognized at the midpoint of the Tribulation period.

C. The Second Half of the Tribulation

The start of the second half of the Tribulation marks a time where everything throughout the world will become much worse and become for most truly unbearable. It will be a time such that the world has never seen. It will take place starting with the abomination of desolation sitting in the Jewish temple, proclaiming to be god. Suddenly the Antichrist will show his true colors and

the Jews will see him for who he truly is and then reject and rebel against him.

There are a number of things that occur at this time, first, armies surround Jerusalem and scripture tells those in Jerusalem and Judaea to flee to the mountains.

Luk 21:20 “And when you see Yerushalayim surrounded by armies, then know that its laying waste is near.

Luk 21:21 “Then let those in Yehudah flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of her go out, and let not those who are in the fields enter her.

It will be a time where Satan is thrown down to earth and all his angels with him. Recognizing that his time is short he will ferociously persecute the Jews and the Christians, especially those in Israel. Being cast out of heaven, he no longer will have access to God nor will be able to accuse God’s people any more. We are told that our brethren overcame Satan by the blood of the lamb and by their testimony and that they loved not their lives but accepted death in the face of persecution.

Satan Thrown Down to Earth

Rev 12:7 And there came to be fighting in the heaven: Miḳa’el and his messengers fought against the dragon. And the dragon and his messengers fought,

Rev 12:8 but they were not strong enough, nor was a place found for them in the heaven any longer.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who leads all the world astray. He was thrown to the earth, and his messengers were thrown out with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in the heaven, “**Now have come the deliverance and the power and the reign of our Elohim^b** and the authority of His Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers, who accused them before our Elohim day and night, has been thrown down. **Footnote:** ^bSee [Rev 11:15](#).

Rev 12:11 “And they overcame him because of the Blood of the Lamb, and because of the Word of their witness, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Rev 12:12 “Because of this rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! **Woe** to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has little time.”

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

Rev 12:14 And the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, to fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished **for a time and times and half a time**, [Dan 7:25](#), [Dan 12:7](#) from the presence of the serpent. **(3.5 yrs)**

Rev 12:15 And out of his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river after the woman, to cause her to be swept away by the river.

Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight with the remnant of her seed, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of יהושע'

Messiah.

The remnant of the woman's seed, are those that keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Yeshua. These are Christians of both Jews and Gentiles located in Judea and throughout the world. We know this occurs throughout the latter half of the Tribulation. The woman who brought forth the man child is Israel, and they are given a place in the wilderness for refuge from Satan and the world for the duration of the last half of the Tribulation. The devil casts water out of his mouth after the set-apart ones of God, but the earth opens up and swallowed the flood. This flood might be either water or armies of Nations. Satan makes war on the remnant of the set-apart ones wherever he can find them. This occurs at a time that the restrainer or the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way in terms of restraining evil in the world. Logically this fits with Satan going rampant in trying to destroy the set-apart ones or Saints of God, the ones having to pass through the Tribulation.

God does not abandon His people during this time. Rather He makes a place of refuge that His set-apart ones can flee to and be nourished and taken care of over the last half of the Tribulation. This is so they can escape the wrath of Satan.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by Elohim, to be nourished there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. **(3.5 yrs) Petra or Mount Sinai possibly ?**

Again from scripture above we are told that a special place was prepared by Elohim for the protection and nourishment of the woman throughout the last half of the Tribulation period. This place is in the wilderness and it might possibly be Petra or some other place prepared by God for His remnant. It would appear that this place is primarily for those in Israel who are able to flee out of Jerusalem and out of Judea, being a place of safety and protection. Consider, are there possibly a number of places throughout the world in the various Nations that are prepared as a refuge for the rest of God's people or is there only one for the Israelites ?

Further from Daniel the Saints or set-apart people that remain in the last half of the Tribulation shall be delivered.

Dan 12:1 "Now at that time Miḵa'el shall stand up, the great head who is standing over the sons of your people. And there shall be a time of distress, such as never was since there was a nation, until that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book,

Dan 12:2 and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth wake up, some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches, everlasting abhorrence

Dan 12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

Dan 12:7 And I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, and he held up his right hand and his left hand to the heavens, and swore by Him who lives forever, that

it would be for an appointed time, appointed times, and half *a time*. And when they have ended scattering the power of the set-apart people, then all these shall be completed. **(3.5 yrs)**

It would appear that the set-apart people (Saints) that were not previously collected and taken to a special place of refuge are scattered, taking refuge where they can, this occurring over the last half of the Tribulation period. These are the Christians being tested and those passing the test become the Saints who come through the whole Tribulation period. They will be the ones with the mark of God on their foreheads, the ones that pass the test and do not compromise by taking the mark of the beast. They are the ones that now pass through the worst part of the Tribulation period, enduring, keeping the commands of God and the faith of Yeshua. Many of these will die and then be resurrected; others that do not endure and keep the faith will at the end of the Millennium be resurrected to everlasting abhorrence.

It would appear that the beginning of the Tribulation period is when the entire world will be required to take the mark of the Beast or be unable to buy and sell. Those not taking the mark will definitely be persecuted and likely killed. Scripture is clear that anyone taking the mark of the beast is lost, as it is taken as being the same as worshiping the Beast.

The following tells us of a major change that takes place, where the man of sin will be revealed. He will sit in the temple of God and will show himself to be god. This is the start of the last half of the Tribulation period. There will be a major falling away before the Antichrist is revealed, this falling away will be the lukewarm Christians and those thinking that God won't mind if they compromise because he will understand the intention in their heart. Many of those that currently go through life in today's time and compromise on God's word, from habit and being taught in the Churches that compromise is OK, will see nothing wrong with compromise during the Tribulation. They will likely grasp onto the following scripture taking it out of context and thinking it means they can take the mark of the beast and it is alright with God, He will understand. From further studies it appears the falling away will take place just before the start of the Tribulation.

1Th 5:9 Because Elohim did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain deliverance through our Master יהושע Messiah,

The above verse refers only to salvation through Yeshua. It does not refer to compromise. God's word is clear, those that compromise on taking the mark of the beast so that they can buy and sell are those that will lose their salvation, see **Rev 14:9-11** below.

Rev 14:9 And a third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark upon his forehead or upon his hand,

Rev 14:10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tortured with fire and sulphur before the set-apart messengers and before the Lamb.

Rev 14:11 "And the smoke of their torture goes up forever and ever. And they have no rest day or night, those worshipping the beast and his image, also if anyone receives the mark of his name."

The Man of Lawlessness

2Th 2:1 As to the coming of our Master יהושע Messiah and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, brothers,

2Th 2:2 not to become easily unsettled in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as if the day of יהוה has come.

2Th 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because the falling away is to come first, and the **man of lawlessness^a** is to be revealed, the son of destruction, **Footnote: ^aSee [Dan 11:36-39](#).**

2Th 2:4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.

2Th 2:5 Do you not remember that I told you this while I was still with you?

2Th 2:6 And now you know what restrains, for him to be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the secret of lawlessness is already at work – only until he who now restrains comes out of the midst.

When this event takes place, the Holy Spirit no longer restrains evil but still helps God's people that are throughout the world during this latter time of the Tribulation. If the Holy Spirit was taken out of the world, those of God's people that were being tested and enduring to death, would find it extremely difficult if not impossible. In addition we are told that these people of God are to be witnesses for Him and that the Holy Spirit will tell them what to say when their time of persecution comes.

Those in the world, that are wicked, unrighteous and did not love the truth of God will be sent a strong delusion and they will be damned.

2Th 2:8 And then the lawless one shall be revealed, whom the Master **shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth** [Isa 11:4](#) and bring to naught with the manifestation of His coming.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood,

2Th 2:10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this reason Elohim sends them a working of delusion, for them to **believe the falsehood,**^b **Footnote: ^bSee also [Joh 9:39](#), [Joh 12:40](#), [Act 7:42](#), [Rom 1:24-28](#).**

2Th 2:12 in order that all should be judged who did not believe the truth, but have delighted in the unrighteousness.

The above scripture is telling us what will happen to those that have pleasure in unrighteousness, and ignored the truth of God. At Christ's coming, at the end of the Tribulation, they will be destroyed. The Antichrist will be revealed by sitting in the temple and pretending to be god. The unrighteous who rejected God's truth (the Torah) and that way forward through life will be sent a strong delusion and they will follow the Antichrist.

Further warning is given to us in recognizing the start of the last half of the Tribulation period. The heavens will give an indication to those on earth marking the start of this latter Tribulation period. Those that are in Jerusalem or in the cities and in Judaea are to flee to the mountains. This now is the start of the major affliction such that the world has never seen. The Lord will shorten or control those days to prevent the total destruction of mankind.

[Mar 13:14](#) “And when you see the **'abomination that lays waste,'**^c spoken of by Dani'el the prophet, set up where it should not be” – he who reads, let him understand – “then let those who are in Yehudah flee to the mountains. [Footnote: ^cSee *Abomination that lays waste in Explanatory Notes*.](#)

[Mar 13:15](#) “And he who is on the house-top, let him not go down into the house, nor come in to take whatever out of his house.

[Mar 13:16](#) “And he who is in the field, let him not go back to get his cloak.

[Mar 13:17](#) “And woe to those who are pregnant and to those nursing children in those days!

[Mar 13:18](#) “And pray that your flight does not take place in winter.

[Mar 13:19](#) “For in those days there shall be distress, such as has not been from the beginning of creation which Elohim created until this time, nor ever shall be.

[Mar 13:20](#) “And if the Master had not shortened those days, **no flesh would have been saved**; but because of the chosen ones, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

Again the same warning is given in Matthew (as follows), where Yeshua tells us that you need to pray that your flight not be in the winter nor on the Sabbath day. Likely in this time, the earth will be in turmoil and it will be difficult for those that are pregnant to get proper nourishment when fleeing to the hills and mountains. Another possibility is that radiation from nuclear fallout will make it dangerous for pregnant women. Only at this current time has man acquired the technology to destroy the human race, welcome to the atomic age. If God does not shorten or control those days all humanity would be destroyed.

The abomination of desolation will be where the Antichrist sits in the temple and declares himself to be god. This marks the start of the second half of the Tribulation.

[Mat 24:15](#) “So when you see the **'abomination that lays waste,'**^b [Dan 11:31](#) spoken of by Dani'el the prophet, set up in the set-apart place” – he who reads, let him understand – [Footnote: ^bSee also \[Dan 9:27\]\(#\) and *Abomination that lays waste in Explanatory Notes*.](#)

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[Mat 24:20](#) “And pray that your flight does not take place **in winter or on the Sabbath**.

[Mat 24:21](#) “For then there shall be **great distress,**^c such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. [Footnote: ^cOr *great pressure, or great affliction*.](#)

[Mat 24:22](#) “And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the sake of the chosen ones those days shall be shortened.

[Mat 24:23](#) “If anyone then says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe.

Mat 24:24 “For false messiahs and false prophets shall arise, and they shall show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.

Mat 24:25 “See, I have forewarned you.

Mat 24:26 “So if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe.

Mat 24:27 “For as the lightning comes from the east and shines to the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be.

Mat 24:28 “For wherever the dead body is, there the vultures^d shall be gathered together.

Footnote: ^d [Luk 17:37](#).

Note that during the latter half of the Tribulation, False Christ’s and False prophets will show great signs and wonders that even the very elect will be tempted to believe. When people tell you that Yeshua has come and is here or there, do not believe them as all will see Him coming in the clouds from the East as with lightning. When these things start, they will develop very quickly with no time to prepare for their avoidance.

We are given further information that immediately at the end of the Tribulation the heavens will show great turmoil and frightening wonders. It will be then that Yeshua returns coming in the clouds with power and great glory. At this time He will send His angels throughout the world to collect His elect.

The Coming of the Son of Man

Mat 24:29 “And immediately after the distress^e of those days the **sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven,**^f [Isa 13:10](#); [Isa 24:23](#), [Eze 32:7-8](#), [Joe 2:10](#), [Joe 2:31](#), [Joe 3:15](#) and **the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.**^g [Hag 2:6](#), [Hag 2:21](#) Footnotes: ^eOr *pressure*. ^fAlso see [Amo 5:20](#), [Amo 8:9](#). ^gAlso see [Isa 34:4](#).

Mat 24:30 “And then the sign of the Son of Adam shall appear in the heaven, and then **all the tribes of the earth shall mourn,** [Zec 12:10](#), [Zec 12:14](#) and they shall see the **Son of Adam coming on the clouds** [Dan 7:13](#) of the heaven with **power and much esteem.**^h Footnote: ^hAlso see [Dan 7:14](#).

Mat 24:31 “And He shall send His messengers with **a great sound of a trumpet,** [Isa 27:13](#) and they shall gather together His chosen ones from **the four winds,** [Dan 7:2](#) **from one end of the heavens to the other.** [Deu 4:32](#).

This gathering by the angels will be of those people who are Israelites spread throughout the world, those that suddenly recognize Yeshua as the Messiah, these are Yeshua’s elect.

Those of God’s people that will be persecuted during the Tribulation period, they are not to concern themselves as to what to say when brought before rulers as the Holy Spirit will speak

through them. This also tells us that the restrainer as not taken out of the world but remains to support and nourish God's people and help them to endure and to be witnesses for Christ.

Mar 13:9 “But take heed to yourselves, for they shall deliver you up to councils and to congregations. You shall be beaten, and you shall be brought before rulers and sovereigns for My sake, for a witness to them.

Mar 13:10 “And the Good News has to be proclaimed first to all the nations.

Mar 13:11 “And when they lead you away and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand what you are to say. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that, for it is not you who are speaking, but the Set-apart Spirit.

Mar 13:12 “And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. And children shall rise up against parents and shall put them to death.

Mar 13:13 “And you shall be hated by all because of My Name. **But he who shall have endured to the end, he shall be saved.**^b Footnote: ^b [Mat 10:22](#), [Mat 24:13](#).

The above verse clearly tells us that those going through this trial need to endure to the very end in order to be saved. There is no forgiveness for compromise through this period of time.

The Coming of the Son of Man

Mar 13:24 “But in those days, after that distress, **the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light,**

and the stars of heaven shall fall, [Isa 13:10](#) and **the powers in the heavens shall be shaken.**^d [Isa 34:4](#). Footnote: ^dAlso see [Eze 32:7](#), [Joe 2:10](#), [Joe 2:31](#), [Joe 3:15](#), [Hag 2:6](#), [Hag 2:21](#)

Mar 13:26 “And then they shall see the **Son of Adam coming in the clouds** [Dan 7:13](#) with much power and esteem.

Mar 13:27 “And then He shall send His messengers, and **assemble His chosen ones** from the **four winds**, from the **farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.** [Deu 30:4](#), [Zec 2:6](#).

Again further confirmation in Mark (13) above, of the coming of Christ, that occurs right at the end of the Tribulation, and gathering His elect. Both the sun and the moon will be darkened and heaven shall be shaken.

As the Tribulation approaches and also through the Tribulation many people will be going about their life marrying and living in the same manner as what was occurring during the time of Noah. These will be those that took the mark of the beast and are accepted by the rulers at that time, they will be located throughout the world. It will be like it was in the days of Noah and also as in the days of Lot. We that are faithful are told to be ready for Yeshua's return. God's people must continually go forward and not look back or have any second thoughts or doubts.

Luk 17:26 “And as it came to be in the days of Noah, so also shall it be in the days of the Son of Adam:

Luk 17:27 “They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Luk 17:28 “And likewise, as it came to be in the days of Lot: They were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building,

Luk 17:29 but on the day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all.

Luk 17:30 “It shall be the same in the day the Son of Adam is revealed.

Luk 17:31 “In that day, he who shall be on the house-top, and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

Luk 17:32 “Remember the wife of Lot.

Luk 17:33 “Whoever seeks to save his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

Again the same message of being ready for Yeshua’s return while all others go about life as usual with a strong delusion, just like the days of Noah. Those that act to save their life, by taking the mark of the beast, end up losing their life.

There will be wars, great upheaval of the earth, disease, famine and fearful sights in the heavens. As these events unfold those that are persecuted and taken before the rulers will be witnesses for God. These are not to concern themselves as what to say as they will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Foretells Wars and Persecution

Luk 21:10 Then He said to them, “Nation^a shall rise against nation, and reign against reign.

Footnote: ^aThe Greek word for nation is *ethnos* which could also mean “ethnic group.”

Luk 21:11 “And there shall be great earthquakes in various places, and scarcities of food and deadly diseases. And there shall be horrors, and great signs from heaven.

Luk 21:12 “But before all this, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the congregations and prisons, being brought before sovereigns and rulers for My Name’s sake.

Luk 21:13 “And it shall turn out to you for a witness.

Luk 21:14 “Therefore, resolve in your hearts not to premeditate on what to answer.

Luk 21:15 “For I shall give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries shall not be able to refute or resist.

Luk 21:16 “And you shall also be betrayed by parents and brothers and relatives and friends. And some of you shall be put to death.

Luk 21:17 “And you shall be hated by all because of My Name.

Luk 21:18 “But not a hair of your head shall be lost at all.

Luk 21:19 “Possess your lives by your endurance!

Some of these persecuted people of God will be put to death for their testimony. Patience and endurance is required in those being persecuted. Patience is one of the three requirements of

being given Saints status (Rev 14:12). Note Luk 21:19, one possesses their eternal life by enduring to the end.

Another sign near the start of the second half of the Tribulation will be armies that surround Jerusalem. This will occur just prior to the desolation by the Antichrist. These armies are likely under the control of the Antichrist. Those people that are the Lord's are to flee to the mountains.

Jesus Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem

Luk 21:20 “And when you see Yerushalayim surrounded by armies, then know that its laying waste is near.

Luk 21:21 “Then let those in Yehudah flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of her go out, and let not those who are in the fields enter her.

Luk 21:22 “Because these are days of vengeance, to fill all that have been written.

Luk 21:23 “And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing children in those days! For there shall be great distress in the earth and wrath upon this people.

Luk 21:24 “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Yerushalayim shall be **trampled underfoot by the nations^b** until the times of the nations are filled. Footnote: ^bSee [Gen 48:19](#), [Psa 79:1](#), [Rom 11:25](#)

This will be a time of great distress for both the land and wrath upon the people. Many will be killed and others taken captive. Jerusalem will then be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles will be fulfilled, 3.5 years. These are days of God's vengeance that will be fulfilled as stated by the prophets according to the coming of the end times of the Tribulation that herald in the Millennium.

The Coming of the Son of Man

Luk 21:25 “And there shall be signs in the sun, and moon, and stars, and on the earth anxiety of nations, in bewilderment at the roaring of the sea, and agitation,

Luk 21:26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of what is coming on the earth, for **the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.** [Hag 2:6](#), [Hag 2:21](#).

Luk 21:27 “And then they shall see **the Son of Adam coming in a cloud** [Dan 7:13](#) with power and much esteem.

Luk 21:28 “And when these *matters* begin to take place, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Again as given in Matthew previously above, Luke tells us of the signs in the sun and moon and in the heavens with distress upon Nations and with the seas and waves roaring. Men throughout the world will be in fear not knowing if the earth will survive. Then they shall see Yeshua coming in the clouds with power.

There are a number of warnings in various Books of the Bible telling us of the coming Day of the Lord. The Day that God's wrath is poured out upon the unrighteous throughout the world. Starting in First Thessalonians we are told that it comes suddenly when it is not expected.

The Day of the Lord

- 1Th 5:1 Now, brothers, as to the times and the seasons, you do not need to be written to.
- 1Th 5:2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of יהוה comes as a thief in the night.
- 1Th 5:3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then suddenly destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape.
- 1Th 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.
- 1Th 5:5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.
- 1Th 5:6 So, then, we should not sleep, as others do, but we should watch and be sober.
- 1Th 5:7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.
- 1Th 5:8 But we who are of the day should be sober, putting on the **breastplate** of belief and love, and as a **helmet the expectation of deliverance**. [Isa 59:17](#).
- 1Th 5:9 Because Elohim did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain deliverance through our Master יהושע Messiah,
- 1Th 5:10 who died for us, so that we, whether awake or asleep, should live together with Him.
- 1Th 5:11 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, as indeed you do.

God's people need to watch always and not be caught unawares. Those that are Christ's, need to be ready for Yeshua's coming at all times and to look forward to it's coming. It does not matter whether those that are Christ's are alive or dead, they will be gathered when He comes, this is referring to the Saints participating in the first resurrection that is complete at Christ's second coming.

Those that are unrighteous will become terrified when they see the announcement of the Lord's coming. They will try and hide knowing that their end is coming.

The Day of the Lord

- Isa 2:6 For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Ya'aqob, because they have been filled from the East, and practise magic like the Philistines, and they are pleased with the children of foreigners.
- Isa 2:7 And their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures. And their land is filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots.
- Isa 2:8 And their land is filled with idols; they bow themselves to the work of their own hands, to what their own fingers have made.
- Isa 2:9 And the lowly bows down, and the high is humbled; therefore You do not forgive them.
- Isa 2:10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, because of the fear of יהוה and the splendour of His excellency.

Isa 2:11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the pride of men shall be bowed down, and יהוה alone shall be exalted in that day.

Isa 2:12 For יהוה of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up, so that it is brought low;

Isa 2:13 and against all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, and against all the oaks of Bashan;

Isa 2:14 and against all the high mountains, and against all the hills that are lifted up;

Isa 2:15 and against every lofty tower, and against every strong wall;

Isa 2:16 and against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the desirable craft.

Isa 2:17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the pride of men shall be brought low. And יהוה alone shall be exalted in that day,

Isa 2:18 and the idols completely pass away.

Isa 2:19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from dread of יהוה and the splendour of His excellency, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isa 2:20 In that day man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which they made, each for himself to worship, to the moles and bats,

Isa 2:21 to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, because of the fear of יהוה and the splendour of His excellency, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isa 2:22 Cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for in what is he to be reckoned upon?

The Day of the Lord is a day of reckoning for those that worship idols and are proud and lofty. When they see the Lord coming, they shall throw their idols away knowing that there is one and only one true living God. They shall hide knowing that they went their own way and did not walk the path that the Lord had set before them. They recognize, too late, that they now will pay a terrible price for the way they lived their life.

The judgement and glory of God will be carried out in first gathering the Nations so that they shall see the Glory of the Lord. Those that are spared from destruction will return to their Nations to give witness to what they have been shown.

Final Judgment and Glory of the Lord

Isa 66:18 “And I, because of their works and their imaginations, am coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My esteem.

Isa 66:19 “And I shall set a sign among them, and shall send some of those who escape to the nations – Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Yawan, the coastlands afar off who have not heard My report nor seen My esteem. And they shall declare My esteem among the nations.

Isa 66:20 “And they shall bring all your brothers as an offering to יהוה out of all the nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My set-apart mountain Yerushalayim,” declares יהוה, “as the children of Yisra’el bring an offering in a clean vessel into the House of יהוה.

Isa 66:21 “And from them too I shall take for priests – for Lēwites,” declares יהוה.

Isa 66:22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make stand before Me,” declares

יהוה, “so your seed and your name shall stand.

[Isa 66:23](#) “And it shall be that from *New moon* to *New moon*, and from *Sabbath* to *Sabbath*,^b all flesh shall come to worship before Me,” declares יהוה. Footnote: ^bPossible meaning: *Every week on the Sabbath*.

[Isa 66:24](#) “And they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me.^c For their worm shall not die, and their fire not be quenched. And they shall be repulsive to all flesh!” Footnote: ^cSee [Isa 24:6](#), [Isa 34:2-3](#), [Psa 110:6](#), [Jer 25:33](#).

These verses in Isaiah are supported in various other books as will be referenced here. First the gathering of the Nations to see God’s glory is also found in Zechariah 14:2 -3, with the Nations coming against Jerusalem. Then those that are left in not being destroyed return to their Nations as witnesses, again look at Zec 14:16, then later they will come to Jerusalem to pay homage to the Lord, also in Mic 4:2. The lord will take priests and Levites to serve Him. Here we are told that on New Moons and on the Sabbath all flesh shall worship the Lord. This refers to what is taking place during the Millennium on the present earth. The last verse in Isaiah above refers to the final judgement on the Last Great Day at the end of the Millennium, it is also reinforced in Mar 9:47-48. Note that Isa 66:22 is a verse referring to what will occur later in the future, it is not in keeping with the context of the verses coming before and after it.

Further another warning of the Day of the Lord, this time from the prophet Obadiah. The wrath of God will be the just reward due to those who hated Israel.

The Day of the Lord Is Near

[Oba 1:15](#) “For the day of יהוה is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you, your reward shall come back on your own head.

[Oba 1:16](#) “For as you have drunk on my set-apart mountain, so do all the nations drink continually. And they shall drink and shall swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been.

[Oba 1:17](#) “But on [Mount Tsiyon](#) there shall be an escape,^a and they shall be set-apart. And the house of Ya’aqob shall possess their possessions. Footnote: ^a [Isa 4:2-3](#), [Joe 2:32](#), [Rev 14:1](#).

[Oba 1:18](#) “And the house of Ya’aqob shall be a fire, and the house of Yosëph a flame, but the house of Ėsaw for stubble. And they shall burn among them and they shall consume them, so that no survivor is left of the house of Ėsaw.” For יהוה has spoken

As the Day of the Lord comes, judgement will be handed out to Edom and upon the heathen for their treatment of the Israelites. Mount Zion will be delivered and the house of Jacob and the house of Joseph will be a flame while the house of Esau will be burnt as stubble and all of the house of Esau will cease to exist. This will be a result from how they treated Israel.

We are told that the scattered Israelites are gathered and brought back to Jerusalem.

The Lord Shall Rescue Zion

Mic 4:6 “In that day,” declares יהוה, “I gather the lame, and I bring together the outcast and those whom I have afflicted.

Mic 4:7 “And I shall make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation. And יהוה shall reign over them in Mount Tsiyon,^c from now on and forever.

Mic 4:8 “And you, O tower of the flock, stronghold of the daughter of Tsiyon, it shall come to you, the former rule shall come, the reign of the daughter of Yeru sha layim.”

Mic 4:9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no sovereign in you? Has your counsellor perished? For pain has gripped you like a woman in labour.

Mic 4:10 Be in pain, and deliver, O daughter of Tsiyon, like a woman in labour. For now you are to leave the city, and you shall dwell in the field. And you shall go to Babel, there you shall be delivered, there יהוה shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

Mic 4:11 And now, many nations shall be gathered against you, who are saying, “Let her be defiled, and let our eyes look upon Tsiyon!”

Mic 4:12 But they do not know the thoughts of יהוה, nor do they understand His counsel. For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing-floor.

Mic 4:13 “Arise and thresh, O daughter of Tsiyon, for I make your horn iron and your hooves bronze. And you shall beat many peoples into pieces, and I shall seclude their gain to יהוה, and their wealth to the Master of all the earth.”

Again we are told that the second coming of Yeshua starts at mount Zion, the remnant will be gathered and made into a strong Nation. The remnant are the redeemed Israelites, the daughter of Zion. The Lord will reign over this Nation out of mount Zion for the duration of the Millennium. The Nations of the world will be threshed or tormented. The Millennium kingdom comes to Jerusalem and then out to the entire world. At the beginning of the Millennium the Lord sets up His government and controls the many Nations and makes them come against Jerusalem where He destroys them, elevating Israel above all the world Nations.

The remnant of Jacob is saved and destruction comes upon all of Israel's enemies.

A Remnant Shall Be Delivered

Mic 5:7 And the remnant of Ya'aqob shall be in the midst of many peoples, as dew from יהוה, as showers on the grass, which do not wait for man nor delay for the sons of men.

Mic 5:8 And the remnant of Ya'aqob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of a forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, shall both tread down and shall tear, and there is no one to deliver.

Mic 5:9 Let your hand be lifted up against your adversaries, and all your enemies be cut off.

Mic 5:10 “And it shall be in that day,” declares יהוה, “that I shall cut off your horses out of your midst, and I shall destroy your chariots.

Mic 5:11 “And I shall cut off the cities of your land, and I shall pull down all your strongholds.

Mic 5:12 “And I shall cut off witchcrafts out of your hand, and let you have no magicians.

Mic 5:13 “And I shall cut off your carved images, and your pillars from your midst, so that you no longer bow down to the work of your hands.

Mic 5:14 “And I shall pluck your Ashërim out of your midst, and I shall destroy your cities.

Mic 5:15 “And I shall take vengeance in wrath and rage on the nations who did not obey.”

In that day we are told of the major destruction coming upon all of Israel’s enemies, all those who do not follow and do God’s Will. The remnant of Jacob are scattered in the midst of many people or Nations. They will be collected and brought to Jerusalem. The Lord will deal out vengeance upon all the Nations because they did not listen but went their own way worshipping idols and graven images. Recognize that in today’s time idols and graven images are also actions of taking money, power, political activity, lust and pride as the most important thing in their life.

Salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord. Those of God are focused upon the light from the Lord.

Wait for the God of Salvation

Mic 7:1 Woe to me! For I am as gatherings of summer fruit, as gleanings of the grape harvest. There is no cluster to eat. My being has desired the first-ripe fruit.

Mic 7:2 The lovingly-committed one has perished from the earth, and there is no one straight among men. All of them lie in wait for blood, everyone hunts his brother with a net.

Mic 7:3 Both hands are on the evil, to do it well. The prince asks for gifts, the judge seeks a bribe, and the great man speaks the desire of his being. And they weave it together.

Mic 7:4 The best of them is like a prickly plant, the most straight is sharper than a thorn hedge. The day of your watchman and your punishment has come, now is their confusion.

Mic 7:5 Trust no friend, rely on no companion, guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.

Mic 7:6 For son is despising father, daughter rises up against her mother, daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, the enemies of a man are the men of his own house.

Mic 7:7 As for me, I look to יהוה, I wait for the Elohim of my deliverance, my Elohim does hear me.

Mic 7:8 Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. When I have fallen I have risen, when I sit in darkness יהוה is a light to me.

Mic 7:9 I bear the displeasure of יהוה, for I have sinned against Him, *until* He pleads my case, and shall execute right-ruling for me, until He brings me out into the light and I look on His righteousness.

Mic 7:10 And let my enemy see it, and let shame cover her who said to me, “Where is יהוה your Elohim?” Let my eyes look on her: now she is trampled down like mud in the streets.

Mic 7:11 The day for building your walls! Let the law go far and wide in that day –

Mic 7:12 that day when they come to you from Ashshur and the besieged cities of Mitsrayim, and from the [siege^a](#) to the River, and from sea to sea, and mountain to mountain. [Footnote:](#)
^a“Siege” in this verse could be another name for Mitsrayim.

Mic 7:13 But the earth shall become a waste because of those who dwell in it, and for the fruit of their deeds.

Mic 7:14 Shepherd Your people with Your rod, the flock of Your inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest, in the midst of Karmel. Let them feed in Bashan and Gil’ad, as in days of old.

Mic 7:15 “As in the days when you came out of the land of Mitsrayim, I shall let him see wonders.”

Mic 7:16 Let the nations see and be ashamed of all their might, let them put their hand over their mouth, let their ears be deaf.

Mic 7:17 Let them lick the dust like a serpent, let them come trembling from their strongholds like snakes of the earth, let them be afraid of יהוה our Elohim and fear because of You.

Those that are the Lord's are to look to His coming in steadfast faith and trust. No matter how bad the world becomes and how much persecution comes, even from friends and family, we wait for the Lord's return, for He is our salvation. When the Lord returns all others will be afraid and be overtaken with fear. All the Nations we see the power and might of the Lord and His people. We that are God's people are to focus on him and our coming salvation, waiting patiently for Him to redeem us.

The Millennium heralds in a period of peace, with dramatic changes even between animals.

Hos 2:18 “And in that day I shall make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping creatures of the ground, when bow, and sword, and battle I break from the earth. And I shall make them lie down in safety.

Hos 2:19 “And I shall take you as a bride unto Me forever, and take you as a bride unto Me in righteousness, and in right-ruling, and loving-commitment and compassion.

Hos 2:20 “And I shall take you as a bride unto Me in trustworthiness, and you shall know יהוה.

Hos 2:21 “And it shall be in that day that I answer,” declares יהוה, “that I answer the heavens, and they answer the earth,

Hos 2:22 and the earth answer the grain and the new wine and the oil, and they answer Yizre'el.

Hos 2:23 “And I shall sow her for Myself in the earth, and I shall have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion. And I shall say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people,’ while they say, ‘My Elohim!’ ”

During the Millennium God will change the beasts of the earth to have a different nature, being in harmony with themselves and man, no longer will man need to protect himself from the beasts. At this time all the earth shall know the Lord. The earth will be replanted and produce food for man. The Gentiles that accept the Lord become His people in addition to the Jews or Israelites.

D. Summary

What we have been given to understand of the end times is that the second half of the Tribulation is like nothing the world has ever seen in disaster and turmoil and persecution. There are very specific markers or milestones that we can use to identify the start of the Tribulation, the mid-point of the Tribulation and the end of the Tribulation. The start is when the nation of Israel makes a covenant of peace with the Antichrist for 7 years. The mid-point is when the Antichrist is revealed and when the Jewish sacrifices are stopped and the Antichrist sits in the Jewish temple and declares himself to be god. The end point is the main wrath of God and when Yeshua returns completes the first resurrection of the Saints and saves Israel and sets up His world government. There is a lot of reinforcement in scripture on what will happen in the second half of the Tribulation,

being told to us by Yeshua, the Apostles and the Prophets. It results in a considerable amount of warning for those that are walking the unrighteous path as well as those who are in the Churches that are lukewarm and those thinking that some compromise is always acceptable. No one has any excuse in not being warned as to what is coming in the days of sorrow and the Tribulation also referred to as the end of the world. The preacher that shepherds his flock and does not prepare them for the end time and how to go through the Tribulation should that occur to them, is negligent in his responsibility.

The first half of the Tribulation appears to be a continued growth of the pre-tribulation events becoming worse. These events are given to us in order to understand, will become more and more difficult as the Tribulation unfolds, up to the beginning of the second half where things suddenly become unimaginably devastating.

The second half of the Tribulation will reign down unbelievable persecution such as the world has never seen. It will be so bad that man would destroy himself unless those days were shortened or controlled by God and that He intervenes in the destructive course the world is on. To us today it is unimaginable how bad the entire world will become. God's word is clear as to how those that are His and destined to go through this period of time are to walk.

The very end of the Tribulation is glorious for the righteous, it is when the Lord comes, all His Saints and legions of Angels come with Him, as told to us by the prophet Zechariah in chapter 14. Yeshua's second coming heralds in the Day of wrath of God, the destruction of the unrighteous, and the saving of Jerusalem along with the setting up the kingdom of God on earth for the next 1,000 years.

What remains to be understood in prophecy is how the many events described in the book of Revelations fits into the time frame of the Tribulation. This is another study, number 6 in the series .

Scripture on the Tribulation is filled not only with warnings but also with hope for those that are faithful to Yeshua and the Father. The Israelites have never been abandoned, they were punished, but at the end of the tribulation, those surviving will be gathered and brought back to Jerusalem and Judea and the blinders will be removed.

There is no guarantee that any of those in the various Churches will be collected and protected some time before the Tribulation starts. The timing of the rapture or completion of the first resurrection occurs at Yeshua's second coming right at the end of the Tribulation. One would hope that they personally will be found acceptable to meet the criteria of being one of the Saints. The criteria of being one of the Saints of Christ are defined in Rev 14:12. Unfortunately in today's time most preachers are telling their congregations in the Churches that they are the Saints and have nothing to worry about, however the Bible does not support this. If one follows the commandments of man instead of the commandments of God, then they definitely will not have made the grade of being one of the Saints. Nearly all the Churches of today follow the traditions of man in preference to following the commandments of God. Do you celebrate Christmas and Easter rather than God's Holy days? One needs to be passionate in studying and learning God's word, and not being lazy and depending upon what any others might say. If you are deceived by others, you yourself will be held accountable. The only doctrine that one is required to follow is that of God's word, not the doctrines set by the Churches. God's word is found in the Holy Bible, these are words directed for man to write down under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they are truth. The early

congregations as set up by the Apostles followed what Yeshua told them and showed them by His example, the Churches today do not follow in the same manner.

Remember that those who are the Lord's need to be ready and steadfast at all times, for we do not know when Yeshua will return. Watch and pray always and make sure that you are walking on that very narrow path.

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