

# Beginning of Sorrows and God's Wrath

William J.D. Shaw Updated: June 29, 2025

## 1. Introduction

Yeshua defines the beginning of Sorrows for us, Mat 24:6-8. He tells us there will be Wars and rumors of Wars, Man killing man, Famines, Pestilences and Earthquakes. Three of these are the Plagues of God coming down upon the entire world. We are told in Mat 24:3 when these things will occur. Further and more detailed conformation occurs in the following scriptures, Rev 6:3-8. The first Plague is ;' a Red horse "*Peace being taken from the world*" and man killing man. The second Plague is a Black Horse "*Cost of food, caused by drought*" that will not kill the olive tree and the grapes that are drought resistant. The third Plague is a Pale Horse "*Death and Hell killing people*". This kills 25% of people in the world, with wars and man killing man, with Famine and with Pestilence being disease and the beasts of the earth, all acting together. In other words the first three plagues are active right up to the start of the Tribulation. The Tribulation starting is announced by God in the sixth seal. These 3 plagues all continue to grow, becoming worse as time progresses.

Note Yeshua then switches from the Beginning of Sorrows to the Tribulation, Mat 24:15. Then Revelations tells us of 7 Plagues of God occurring in the Tribulation. This is clearly given in the following verses.

**Rev 15:1** And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the **seven last plagues**; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

**Rev 21:9** And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the **seven last plagues**, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

What we are clearly told twice is that in the Tribulation there are 7 plagues and that there are other plagues occurring before the Tribulation starts. We are not told how many others. One needs to go and find them in the scriptures. These others are the three identified above. To truly understand this we use other scriptures in learning God's word. We are to continually live by every word of God.

Let us return to the first seal being broken by Yeshua in heaven. Many of those in the world in error attribute this to Satan or the antichrist. Thus, they are still waiting for these 7 seals to be broken. It is a rider on a white horse, either a person or a nation given power to ride through the world and conquer. The word white is the key to understanding this. Satan was never referred to as white. He is called a bright light, The word **white** used throughout the bible refers to a righteous person, or nation, **no exceptions**. **You would know this if you truly lived by every word of God**. This was the USA acting to keep war monger nations in line since the Korean war.

## 2. The initial End Time Plagues of God

The first 3 end time plagues of God are given by Yeshua in the following verses.

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**.

Note, these plagues occur in the Beginning of Sorrows. Each of these 3 are plural, not singular. Then the Tribulation delivers 7 major plagues over 7 years. The first three plagues in the time of Sorrows, even though they are serious, they are just warm up plagues. Each plague in the series of 10 (3 in times of Sorrows and 7 in the Tribulation) becomes more and more devastating. We are not told of the time period duration of the first 3 plagues. Recognize that the verses above come to us directly from Yeshua, Shema, hear an obey.

We are told more details of the first 3 plagues in the scroll that Yeshua opens in heaven. The **second seal** is the **first plague** of the times of Sorrows. The key words are "*peace being taken from the earth*" Normally we would associate this with war. But this is not what happened at this first plague. Rather peace was taken away based upon covid-19 and all the major countries responding in the same manner. Lockdowns, masks, social distancing, work from home, loss of personal freedom. This occurred early in 2020 and is a milestone Then followed by a coerced experimental injection. Later followed by war, first with Russia and Ukraine.

The **third seal** is the **second plague** in the times of sorrow. It describes "*Famine*". caused mainly by drought. If you were paying attention to world events, you would recognize this starting in 2022.as the milestone. Where fertilizer was expensive and restricted by governments, farm land being taken out of production, burning down of food processing plants, culling of livestock. All in the name of saving the planet from the climate change. .

The **fourth seal** is the **third plague** in the times of Sorrows. It tells of "*death and hell*" affecting the world population. It joins with the other two plagues and all three cause a cumulative death of 25% of the world population, occurring at the start of the Tribulation. The first 2 plagues are added to with pestilence, meaning disease and attack from animals and insects. This plague has not started yet, but could start at any moment. Then with all 3 plagues working together up to the start of the Tribulation, 2,000 million people in the world will be killed.

What is easily overlooked is that once each of these plagues starts, they continue getting worse and worse as time goes forward as well as all acting together. Lets examine the first times of Sorrows plague. It has been joined by wars in Israel by Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, along with Judea and Samaria attacks on Israel. This grew with direct attacks between Israel and Iran leading up to a 12 day war. In addition Lebanon and Syria are also brought into the conflict. Also the USA attacked Iran nuclear facilities. This is not finished as yet. The entire world is teetering on nuclear war. At this time many other nations could enter the wars. Scripture tells us this first plague will continue to grow up to the start of the Tribulation. Note, the other 2 plagues will also continue to grow along with the first plague.

Study of scripture tells us that once the Tribulation plagues start, things will take a drastic acceleration in punishment upon the evil world, Each plague of the Tribulation becomes more and

more severe. It also shows that the first 3 plagues continue into the Tribulation, causing death and making everyone, including all nations, focus on survival.

### 3. When the third Plague Starts

The time to the start of the third plague could occur at any time. It might be days away or even a year or two. No one knows. When the third plague of the times of Sorrows starts and is recognized, the entire world will react in shock. The lockdowns experienced in covid-19 will be insignificant in comparison. New lockdowns will be brutal and world wide. Those in the large cities will be held captive by the governments.

The amount of death from the 3<sup>rd</sup> plague of the times of Sorrows will first, create problems in getting rid of the large amount of dead bodies. Second there will be a continued loss of people with knowledge in keeping society running due to the death of so many. This will likely result in shortages of food and supplies. Also carrying through to interruptions in general infrastructure services. The degree of fear in the entire population will be extreme. Life as one knew, will suddenly change completely.

As time progresses life will become more and more difficult since the effects of these 3 plagues will continue to grow exponentially. This will occur right up to the start of the Tribulation. Then, new Tribulation plagues many times more severe will start coming down upon the evil world.

### 4. The effects of the first Tribulation Plague

The first Tribulation Plague is given in the following scriptures.

**Rev 8:7** The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

**Rev 16:2** And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and *upon* them which worshipped his image

The first verse is an angel announcing the first plague of the Tribulation using a trumpet. The second verse is another angel pouring out a vial containing the first Plague of the Tribulation. The announcements and the vials correlate together giving more information on each plague of the Tribulation.

If you think about these effects, you should recognize that food crops in the entire world are burned up. This plague continues to promote Famine along with the other 2 plagues of the times of Sorrows. This results in the entire world, all nations, suddenly going into a survival mode. Recognize Famine becomes dominant in all nations, the rich as well as the poor. With what is coming shortly, one can say goodbye to future plans they had in going through life.

Note also that those that have the mark of the beast of the evil world are subject to suffering the Plagues of the Tribulation. First these people will be burnt if outside. This also tells one that the new world governments are unable to keep the promises they made to those that took their mark. The new world in the Tribulation is one of continued death, destruction and suffering, especially to those that took the mark of the beast. World wide there will be lots of fires and smoke.

## 5. Summary

The way forward is to continually live by every word of God. Be careful that you do not worship the beast or take the mark of the beast. Your decision before the Tribulation starts establishes your eternal fate.

The plagues of God coming down upon the entire evil world are clearly given in scripture. They are divided into two categories, the first being in the Beginning of Sorrows and the second in the Tribulation period. Those that pass the Temptation are sealed by God, with His seal that protects them from the plagues of the Tribulation. This occurs just before the Tribulation starts. No one is protected from the plagues occurring in the Beginning of Sorrows.

Truly Hear, obey and follow Yeshua. Live by every word of God, every day. Time is getting short and your free will choices and actions will determine where you spend eternity. The third plague in the Beginning of Sorrows can start at any moment and the life of everyone in the world will suddenly be threatened. Repent and get right with God before it becomes too late.

\*\*