

Title: What is the Tribulation?

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Scripture: Psalm 73; Matthew 24:21; Revelation 6-18

Don't be deceived; God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows he will also reap . . . – Galatians 6:7

Why Is There a Tribulation?

1. *The wickedness of man must be punished.*
2. *Man must be humbled before the Lord.*
“*I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another . . .*” - Isaiah 42:8

What is the Tribulation?

For at that time there will be a great tribulation, the kind that hasn't taken place from the beginning of the world until now and never will again! - Matthew 24:21

What Makes it Different?

1. It is worldwide, not localized (Rev.3:10).
2. Men will act as if the world is coming to an end (Rev.6:16).

The Tribulation Judgments

The First Seal, 6:1-2

The Antichrist comes forth on a white horse conquering. Loss of freedom.

The Second Seal, 6:3-4

War comes forth on a red horse. Loss of peace.

The Third Seal, 6:5-6

Famine comes forth on a black horse. Loss of well-being.

The Fourth Seal, 6:7-8

Death and Hades come forth on a yellowish-green horse. Loss of life.

The Fifth Seal, 6:9-11

Death of tribulation saints is sign of world's guilt.

The Sixth Seal, 6:12-17

Universal destruction of the earth. Devastation is the character of life.

The Seventh Seal

The First Trumpet, 8:7

1/3 of the vegetation on the earth destroyed.

The Second Trumpet, 8:8-9

1/3 of salt water destroyed.

The Third Trumpet, 8:10-11

1/3 of the fresh water destroyed.

The Fourth Trumpet, 8:12

Darkening of the heavenly bodies.

The Fifth Trumpet or First Woe, 9:1-12

Demonic invasion of earth brings intense pain and suffering on humanity.

The Sixth Trumpet or Second Woe, 9:13-21

1/3 of human race is killed.

The Seventh Trumpet or Third Woe, 11:15-19

The First Bowl, 16:2

Painful sores cover people's bodies.

The Second Bowl, 16:3

Total destruction of all salt water.

The Third Bowl, 16:4

Total destruction of fresh water.

The Fourth Bowl, 16:8-9

Ozone destroyed and men scorched.

The Fifth Bowl, 16:10-11

Darkness and pain.

The Sixth Bowl, 16:12-16

Armageddon set up.

The Seventh Bowl, 16:17-21

The earth is literally being pummeled and destroyed.

God says woe to the earth because the devil has come down knowing he only has a short time (Rev. 12:12).

Responding to the Tribulation Today

1. Make sure my sin is paid for by faith in Christ.
2. Align my life with the ultimate winner. Am I living for the glory of God or the glory of sin and man?