

Acts 3:21

"THE RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS"

PART 2. "THE GREAT TRIBULATION" When the Rapture occurs, all the saved are removed & all remaining on earth are lost. This makes darkness (spiritual) cover the earth- Isaiah 60:2 There remains the deceivers, false christianity, etc.- Matt. 24:23-27 claiming Christ is yet to return.

In all the Tribulation's severity, grace is clearly seen. The severity of, will effect the salvation of some from all nations, Rev. 7:9-17 & the distress will result in Israel's turning unto the Lord for deliverance & the acceptance of Christ at His coming to deliver them- Zech. 12:9-14. But the majority reject repentance all through the Tribulation.

I. ALL SAVED WILL BE BY GRACE THRU FAITH IN THE GOSPEL, Rom. 1:16 Eph. 2:8,9

The eternal, everlasting gospel preached by: an angel, Rev. 14:6,7
and by the two witnesses, Rev. 11:3-13

II. THE 70th WEEK OF DANIEL, Daniel 9:24-27

A. The Things To Be Accomplished During This Period, 24.

1. Finish transgressions, make an end of sins, make reconciliation: all speak of the deliverance from, forgiveness of, by atonement for sins, wrought by Christ.
2. Bring everlasting righteousness: the righteousness of Christ lifted up as the merits for a sinners acceptance with God.
3. Seal up the vision & prophecy: fulfillment of God's Word on the birth, life, death, resurrection of Christ.
4. Anoint most Holy: beginning of Millennium

B. The Division Of This Period, 25. (490 yrs., but not all consecutive)

1. First division, 7 wks or 49 yrs. from time of commandment to rebuild to completion. Under Cyrus- Ezra, Nehemiah, Zechariah, Haggai present this.
2. Second division, 62 wks or 434 yrs. from finish of rebuilding unto the crucifixion v26a. Christ cut off, died, for others, not himself.
3. Third division, 27. 1 wk or 7 yrs to occur after the determined desolations, i.e., the destruction of Jewish state by Roman empire, 26b. But Israel is now again a nation, so this last week can be completed.

C. The Final Week (7 yr. period) 27. Great Tribulation.

1. Anti-christ to confirm the Mid-East Treaty during the Tribulation.
2. He breaks it in the middle of the week; last 3½ yrs of Tribulation will be the abomination of desolations, Matt. 24:15-22
 - (a) The 42 months mentioned in Rev. 13:5-7
 - (b) The times, time & half time mentioned in Rev. 12:13-17

III. THE RULE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST. cp. I Jn. 2:18 & 4:3

A. Man Of Sin, 2 Thess. 2:3

1. A human being, a rejector, cast into the lake of fire, Rev. 19:20

B. His Rise To Power.

1. Immediately after the Rapture, it's consolidated, 2 Thess. 2:7-12
2. A political genius, Rev. 6:2 conquers the world without an arrow; his crown is given unto him. (Politics rejected Christ; legislates anti-christ policies)

C. Impenitent, Rev. 16:10, 11 hardened in unbelief.

D. Fulfills The Lusts Of His Father, Jn. 8:44

1. Satan cast out of heaven, Rev. 12:7-17 sets out to destroy Israel.
2. Thus the beast sets himself up to be worshipped at the middle of the Tribulation Rev. 13:1-8
 - (a) Declaring himself to be God- 2 Thess. 2:4 Satan's lust- Is. 14:12-14
 - (b) Puts a stop to Israel's worship of God (Judiasm); profanes the Temple (yet to be built) by sitting in it declaring that he is God. This is the abomination of the desolation, Dan. 9:27 definitely during the Tribulation, Matt. 24:15-21
3. Sets out to destroy all who will not worship him (knows this will catch Israel)
 - (a) Has political power extended world wide, Rev. 13:7
 - (b) Admired by & unifies the world with his brand of humanism, Rev. 13:3, 4, 7
 - (c) Has a right hand man, the false prophet, Rev. 13:11-18 (see 19:20 a rejector also)
His work is to cause all the world to worship the first beast (absolute & total allegiance, devotion) He has power from Satan to do great works, miracles, signs. He gives life to an image of the beast; a great deceiver.

(d) Together with the 10 kings, he destroys Babylon the Great, Rev. 17 the great system of false Christianity & her daughters.

(e) Since many of the Jews will not worship the Beast, he breaks his covenant with them & sets out to destroy them, Rev. ~~XXXX~~ Holy City trod under foot, great trouble for Israel. 12:13

IV. THE SEVERITY OF THE TRIBULATION, Dan. 12:1 Matt. 24:21, 22

A. To The Jew.

1. To effect their turning to God, Jer. 33:7, 8 Eze. 39:24-29
2. Called the consumption in the land, Isaiah 10:20-23
3. Called Jacob's trouble, Jeremiah 30:4-11 note v11.
4. Israel to be refined & tried, Zech. 13:8, 9 speaks of Israel's spiritual restoration as a nation: saved & grafted back in- Rom. 11:26, 24 see v32, 33
5. Though Israel's conversion as a nation occurs at the close of the Tribulation, there are 144,000 Jews saved & sealed at the beginning of the Tribulation, Rev. 7:1-8 are God's servants in tribulation, v3.
-See them redeemed from the earth & in heaven before the close of the Tribulation, Rev. 14:1-5

B. Tribulation's Severity To The World That Lies Under The Wicked One, cp. I Jn. 5:19 2 Cor. 4:4

1. Peace removed, Rev. 6:4 world-wide murder, terrorism, crime, war- cp. Rom. 3:17 Keep in mind that the world is under anti-christism, living apart from the influence of the saved, who are the salt of the earth.
2. World famine, Rev. 6:5, 6
3. Death from specific adversities, Rev. 6:7, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ of men die now; more later
4. The convulsions of nature, Rev. 6:12-14
5. Much of creation plagued, Rev. 8:7-12 plagues unknown before this; more death.
6. Five months torment upon the lost, Rev. 9:1-11 severity of v6.
7. Third of remaining population destroyed, Rev. 9:13-19 army of 2 hundred million
8. Great earthquake in Jerusalem, Rev. 11:13 7000 die; remnant glorifies God.
9. International economic stranglehold on all men, Rev. 13:16, 17 hard times
10. Noisome & grievous sore falls on those with mark of the beast, Rev. 16:2
11. All life in sea destroyed, 16:3 navies, etc., many die.
12. Fresh water supplies turned to blood, 16:4 cp. Ex. 7:20
13. Sun scorches men, 16:8, 9 scientists warning about this
14. Darkness adds to their suffering, 16:10, 11
15. Global earthquake, Rev. 16:18-20 cities destroyed on earth; face of earth altered.
16. The great hail, 16:21

NOTES:

1. Doom of beast & all who follow him announced, 14:9-11 cp. 2 Thess. 2:9-12
2. Many glorious events take place in heaven while Tribulation going on, on earth, Rev. 4 & 5 7:9-8:4 15 & 19:1-10
3. Practically all of man's civilizations & inventions reduced to rubble during the Tribulation (destruction of modern technology) the Tribulation ends with the Battle of Armageddon, with the destruction of the world's united armies. Christ sets up His millennial kingdom & all restructured according to God's Word.
4. In all the severity, the purpose of God still has man's redemption in mind, Isaiah 5:25