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Jesus Christ Second Coming – Lesson 12

Tribulation 06

Will the Church go through Tribulation? (01)

We have gone through the lessons on Rapture and the history of Israel. We also in detail looked at the role of Israel in the Past, Present and Future.

So now we, will look at the question whether Gentiles, Church will be go through tribulation? There are so many confusing materials and doctrines available in the internet and in our book store. So, what does the scripture say?

From the rapture lesson we have seen the Church will be taken away. This is clear in the scripture.

Does Jesus come to take His church after tribulation or after great tribulation?

The last 7-year period will be a period of wars, rumors of wars, nations rising against nations, Israel returning to the land to be redeemed in the land, a time of

earthquakes, pestilence, famine, unbelief, the growth of the apostate false church, one world government, the rule of antichrist, fiery and furious judgments that will kill over half the population of the world.

What will be the next thing that will happen?

Rapture or Tribulation

Matthew 24, Jesus talking to His disciples about the End Times He gave four categories of signs, to the World, Church, Israel and Sky.

When Jesus spoke Abomination Desolation by Daniel prophet and we found that there is a prophecy for 70 weeks and we are in the gap years of 69 to 70.

Millennial views:

Three popular millennial views. Millennium is a Latin word for Kingdom where Jesus will come, rule and reign for 1,000 years.

There are three views:

Post-Millennium

A Millennium

Pre- Millennium

Post-Millennium

Postmillennialism is an interpretation of Revelation chapter 20. Where Christ's second coming as occurring after the "millennium," a golden age or era of Christian prosperity and dominance.

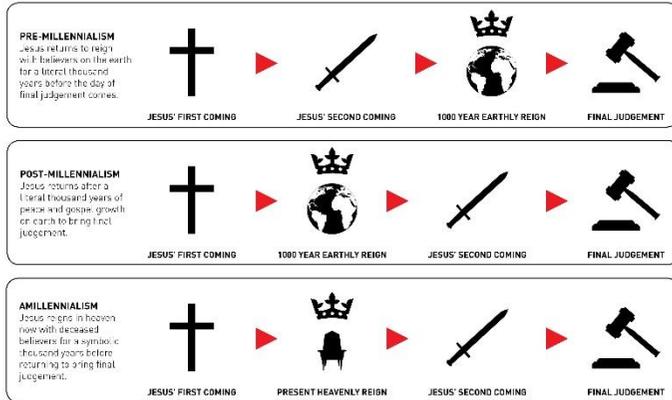
Millennium is spiritual and that it is unseen and obviously not a literal kingdom but merely a spiritual. Everybody gets better and better within the frame work of Christianity and the kingdom is not an earthly material, political kingdom. The throne is in heaven. It's not on earth. And Christ returns after the kingdom. That's post-millennial.

A Millennium

You put the letter 'A' before any phrase then that means it's not there. So, if you put 'A' before millennium means its absence of it. They don't believe in any millennium. There is no kingdom in the future. Time just goes from creation to the coming of Christ with nothing in the middle. The kingdom is the church. We are the only kingdom and when it says in Revelation that Christ will reign for a thousand years, it doesn't mean that. Amillennialism says there is no kingdom, the church is all the kingdom there will ever be.

THE MILLENNIUM THREE VIEWS

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Pre- Millennium

Pre-millennialism says that there is a literal kingdom. When the Bible says the thousand years it means the thousand years. When the Bible says something, it means it unless it is obvious that it is not literal.

Pre-millennialism says, from creation you move through the history of Israel to the cross. Then comes the coming of Christ. The coming of Christ followed by the kingdom. Now the reason we believe this view is because this is the chronology of Revelation

In Revelation the Lord returns and sets up His kingdom on earth. That is Christ comes before Millennium.

We believe in pre-millennialism. That there will be a literal, earthly kingdom and Christ will come to earth to set up that kingdom. So, He has got to come in the first-place to set up the Kingdom and He will reign over it for 1,000 years, obviously He can't come after the period.

Matthew 24:17- 22, ¹⁷ *Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*

Tribulation

Abomination Desolation

We have studied about the 70 weeks prophecy of prophet Daniel.

We did notice that after 69 weeks there is a gap. We are living in that period. For the Great Tribulation to start Jesus gave some sign from His Olivet discourse.

Matthew 24:15, *Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),*

What is this 'abomination desolation'?

The holy place will be polluted by untouchable or unacceptable things by God.

Something happened 200 years before Lord Jesus spoke about abomination desolation.

Daniel 11:31, *And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.*

400 years later this prophecy was spoken by Daniel this happened.

Antiochus Epiphanes was a Syrian king. He reigned from about 175 to 165 B.C. He called himself Epiphanes which means “the great one.”

He was a persecuted the people of Israel. He tried to eliminate all the Jewish people and their religion during his reign. He killed thousands and thousands of men, women and children.

He defiled temple of God in Jerusalem. He went inside the temple and sacrificed a pig in the alter of God. He also took the meat of the pig and stuffed into the throat of the Jewish priests.

Worst of all he set up an alter for Greek god Zeus. That’s the abomination desolation.

He stopped the daily sacrifice. None of the Jewish people went to the temple anymore until he was killed in the Maccabean revolt.

You can study the whole thing in the books of 1 and 2 Maccabees which is not of our Bible but in Catholics.

As per the prophecy he did,

- He went inside the holy place

- Stopped the daily sacrifice
- Polluted the sanctuary
- Offered unclean animal sacrifice
- Setup an alter for Zeus

So, the place become abominable and hence it became desolate!

Jesus was not talking about what had gone past. He was telling them what will happen.

Also, this is not what Jesus mentioned there is a big difference as per Daniel 9:27.

When the abomination desolation takes place in the time of Antichrist, he will setup his image for the people to worship! (**Revelation 13:14-15**)

Apostle Paul also wrote about this to the church in Thessalonica.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 & 9, ⁴*who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

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

So, what had happened about 165 B.C was not Jesus mentioned.

Daniel 9:27, Then *he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."*

Antichrist will make covenant with Israel for seven years.

Why would Israel do?

Because of the place where they want their temple to be built. There will be coalition of Russia and Arab world. So the European who will rise to the world power will make the treaty with Israel.

- First 3 ½ years it will be full of peace.
- But after that he will bring an end to sacrifice
- He will set up alter of himself
- He will force everyone to worship him.

This 3 ½ years is mentioned as 42 months, 1,260 days.

Jesus mentions that the day of the Lord will be nothing like before.

Matthew 24:21, *For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

This was foretold by many prophets in the old Testament. But there was only one problem that they did not see that this event is in two stages. Jesus will be coming as Messiah the first time to be rejected and then the second time to judge and set up the Kingdom forever.

Isaiah 10:20-21, *And it shall come to pass in that day That the remnant of Israel, And such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, Will never again depend on him who defeated them, But will depend on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.* ²¹ *The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, To the Mighty God.*

They will depend on the Antichrist for peace and then they will realize that he had deceived them. Then they will return to the Lord and lean on Him forever.

Israel will be betrayed!

Jeremiah 30:5-9, ⁵ *“For thus says the Lord: ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace. ⁶ Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale? ⁷ Alas! For*

that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it. ⁸ 'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says the Lord of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, And will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them. ⁹ But they shall serve the Lord their God, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them.

So, from this very clear that the Old Testament it was not revealed that there are two things. They didn't see Jesus first coming and second rather they saw that as one.

Zechariah 13:8-9, *And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the Lord, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: ⁹ I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"*

Can you the severity of the great tribulation? One third of the population only be left.

Come back to Matthew 24.

What are rest mentioned in this passage by Jesus?

Jesus asks the Jew to run, literally run.

V16, Those who live in Judea run to the mountains

V17, Don't try to go down and pick up anything, just run

V18, If you are in the field no need to pick up your clothes,
run

V19, Those who are pregnant pray that it won't happen
when you are carrying a child in your womb.

V20, Pray that it will not happen during the Sabbath, so
that you will not violate your sabbath rules.

V21, never have seen such a disaster

V22, Days may be shortened so that elect can escape

V23, Don't go and look if someone says Christ is here or
there

V24, Great signs and wonders will be performed by the
false Christ and prophets but don't believe

V25, You have been given the warning of things going to
happen.

V26, Don't believe anyone who says Christ is in mountain
or in the inner room.

V27, Everyone will know that I have come! So no need to
look here and there

V28, How the vultures come for the carcass that's how people will be gathered

V29, Sun, moon and stars will be darkened

V30, Everyone will see the Son of Man coming in glory

V31, Angels will blow the trumpet and collect the elect

V32-35, Parable of the fig tree

V36-39, Son of man coming will be like days of Noah

V40, One will be taken from the field

V41, One will be taken from the grinding mill

V42, Watch and be ready because you don't know the time

V43, it will be like a thief coming

V44, He is coming when you are not expecting

V45-51, Parable of the wicked and faithful servant.

Tribulation detailed in the Book of Revelation:

We will see the Great Tribulation detailed in the book Revelation by Apostle John.

Please do remember the church will be raptured prior to the great tribulation.

Revelation Chapters 6 to 11 are described from the God's viewpoint of Tribulation

Revelation 6:1-2, Christ opens the first of the seven-sealed scroll, and the rider on the white horse, probably Antichrist appears, using diplomacy and the promise of peace to establish his one-world government.

Revelation 6:3-4, The second seal introduces a great world war.

Revelation 6:5-6, The third seal begins the suffering of famine and inflation this is the aftermath of war.

Revelation 6:7-8, The fourth seal results one-fourth of the people and living creatures will be dead. By today's population standards, that would amount to one-and-a-half billion people.

Revelation 6:9-11, This passage introduces the martyrdom of those who are converted under the preaching of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses described in

chapter 7. An innumerable number of people receive Christ and are martyred by the government leader and harlot (the religious system described in chapter 17), who gets her power from the Antichrist.

Please note: that evangelism during this period is back in the hands of the Jews. Since the church is absent, the 144,000 apostle-Paul-type believers will make powerful evangelists.

Revelation 6:12-17, This sixth seal shows that the wrath of God poured out in the form of a mighty earthquake, the like of which has never been experienced. It is so severe that people call on the rocks to fall on them.

Revelation 8:1-6, The seventh seal introduces the Seven Trumpet Judgments, ending the first quarter of the Tribulation period and preparing for an even worse period called the *“day of God’s wrath.”*

Revelation 8:7, The first trumpet judgment results in one-third of all trees and green grass being burned up by hail, fire, and blood cast upon the earth.

Revelation 8:8-9, The second trumpet sees a great mountain of sulfur falling into the sea and destroying a third-part of the sea and all living creatures in it and a third of the shipping vessels.

Revelation 8:10-11, The third trumpet causes a great star (or meteor) called Wormwood (or “bitter”) to fall on the fountains of water and third of rivers to turn bitter, resulting in the deaths of millions.

Revelation 8:12, The fourth trumpet results in one-third less sun, moonlight, and stars, extending the darkness of night.

Revelation 8:13, A special angel flies around the earth, warning that worse judgments are to come.

Revelation 9:1-12, The fifth trumpet introduces hideous demon-like creatures such as scorpions and locusts out of the bottomless pit. Not able to kill men, they torture them so badly that they “will seek death and will not find it.”

Revelation 9:13, The sixth trumpet introduces two hundred million horsemen (demon spirit-like death angels), who kill one-third of the people. This will occur between the fortieth and forty-second month of the first part of the Tribulation, which brings to ***50 percent the population that is destroyed by God before the midpoint of the Tribulation.***

Revelation 11:3-14, The Two Witnesses prophesy 1,260 days—a ministry which, if taken literally, would

correspond with the forty-two months of judgments already described.

Revelation 11:15, The seventh trumpet judgment introduces the gruesome events described in chapters 12-18 and the most severe set of judgments yet reported, the Vial Judgments.

Revelation chapters 12 to 14 the tribulation viewed from the stand of Point Satan.

Revelation 12, The women mentioned is Israel, Child is Christ. Church is always mentioned as virgin Bride of Christ.

Israel has mentioned in the scriptures as an unfaithful wife, committing adultery etc.

Revelation 13:1-3, In the process of killing the harlot Mystery Babylon, the false religious system, somehow the Antichrist is killed and gets “a deadly wound” that is healed. In chapter 12 Satan himself is cast out of heaven, where he has been “the accuser of our brethren,” and now he enters Antichrist’s body and resurrects him to a new and even more vicious life.

Revelation 13:4-10, Antichrist, now incarnated, will force the remaining people of the earth to worship him, except those whose names are in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

Revelation 13:11-18, The False Prophet will replace the slain religious system, forcing people to worship Antichrist and his image, or be killed. Everyone will be compelled to display a 666 mark in order to hold a job and “buy and sell.”

Half way point: Now the worst and the last 3 ½ year period starts.

Revelation 15, Prelude the bowl judgement.

Revelation 16:1-2, The first bowl causes giant sores on those who rejected Christ and instead accepted the mark of the Beast, signifying their worship of him.

Revelation 16:3, The second bowl is poured out on the sea, turning it “to blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.”

Revelation 16:4, The third bowl turns the rivers and other sources of water to blood (an especially just judgment because the people remaining had killed so many Tribulation saints).

Revelation 16:8-9, The fourth bowl will intensify the sun’s heat until ungodly men blaspheme the name of God.

Revelation 16:10-11, The fifth bowl will cause darkness to cover the throne of Antichrist and his entire kingdom.

The sores will continue unrelentingly, producing such agony that men will distress their tongues for pain and blaspheme God and refuse to repent.

Revelation 16:13-16, The sixth bowl sends lying demon spirits out to the kings of the whole world to bring them down to “the battle of that great day of God Almighty,” more popularly known as the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 16:17-21, The seventh bowl results in a judgment of Almighty God that destroys the entire world system and judges all unsaved men severely. But even though enormous hailstones fall, still refuse to repent. This judgment is so devastating that it prepares the world for the coming of Christ to set up His earthly kingdom.

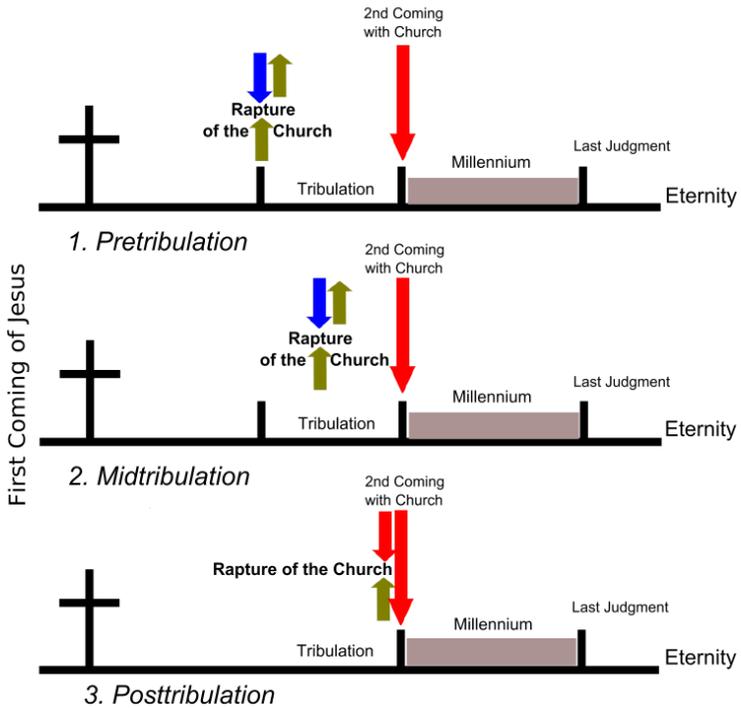
Revelation 17:1-18, Describes the destruction of the Babylonians, false religious system—the great harlot—which will merge all the religions of the world during the first part of the Tribulation (which will take place easily after the church is raptured).

This system will be so powerful that it will dominate both the Antichrist (“the beast”) and the ten kings at that time. But because of their hatred for the harlot, at the midpoint of the Tribulation, they will make war on her and kill her.

Revelation 18:1-24, The destruction of commercial and governmental Babylon, the New World Order for which man has yearned ever since his rebellion at Babylon— now occurs, possibly during the seventh bowl since it fits there (verse 19) just before earth's final judgment. It will totally collapse the Antichrist's system and further pave the way for the best event of the Tribulation.

Revelation 19:11-21, We finally witness the Glorious Appearing of Christ in Power and Great Glory as King of kings and Lord of lords to set up His thousand-year reign on this earth

Comparison of Christian Tribulation Views



There are three views here on the Tribulation as well.

Pre- Tribulation

Mid Tribulation

Post Tribulation

Post Tribulation

In this theory people believe that Christ will come after the tribulation and then only the church will be taken up. The church will go through great tribulation. This is not what the Bible says.

Mid Tribulation

Here people believe that Jesus will come from heaven and take the church half way of tribulation that is after 3 ½ years. Which is not what the bible states.

Pre- Tribulation

We hold this view based on the scripture that the church will be taken away from earth when the rapture takes place. The remaining Israelites will go through tribulation and after 7 years Jesus second coming will take place. The church will come down from heaven with Jesus Christ then 1,000 years reign will take place.

We are **Pre-Millennium Pre-Tribulation** believing church!

Let me explain to you.

The following is the sequence that will take place:

- Rapture – Church will be taken
- Great Tribulation – 7 Year period starts as soon as Rapture takes place. Israel will go through
- First 3 ½ Years of Peace
- Second 3 ½ years Severe trial
- Second coming of Jesus Christ
- Millennium: 1,000 years rule
- Judgement at the end of 1,00 years rule

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

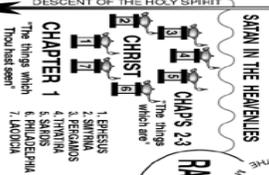
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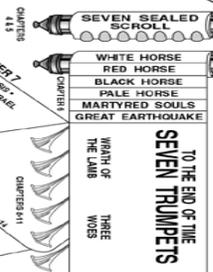
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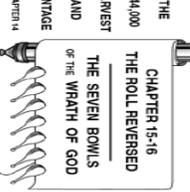
"The things which shall be after these things."



THE HEAVENLY SAINTS
Marriage Supper of the Lamb
Chapter 19:1-15:16

THE GREAT ACTORS
FOR GOOD & EVIL
IN THE LAST DAYS

- THE WOMAN
- THE MAN CHILD
- MICHAEL
- THE DRAGON
- THE TEN HORNED BEAST
- THE LAMB-LIKE BEAST



A REMNANT SAVED

THE LAST HALF OF THE WEEK
42 MONTHS—1260 DAYS

SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

CHAPTERS 20 to 22
REIGN OF THE LAMB AND HIS END

JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS



DEATH

THE GRAVE

HADES THE UNSEEN WORLD ABODE OF THE LOST

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OMEGA
ALL IN ALL
GOD
NEW HEAVEN
LAKE OF FIRE