

Sunday, July 12, 2020 with Mike Teel, Pastor
TRIBULATION: The Tribulation Period Revealed 4

FOCAL PASSAGE: II Thessalonians 2:1-7 *Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. 5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? 6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.*

Revelation 6:15-17 ...*15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"*

Matthew 24:4-25 ...*4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. 9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. 15 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. 22 "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time.*

WHO IS THE MAN OF SIN (ANTICHRIST)?

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1. HIS PROFILE

2. HIS PREVENTION

TRIBULATION EVENTS REVEALED

- THE FIRST SEAL – **Revelations 6:1-2** (White Horse) Antichrist
- THE SECOND SEAL – **Revelation 6:3-4** (Red Horse) wars / weapon
- THE THIRD SEAL – **Revelation 6:5-6** (Black Horse) financial collapse
- THE FOURTH SEAL – **Revelation 6:7** (Pale Horse) death from war & famine
- THE FIFTH SEAL – **Revelation 6:9-11** Martyrs from the Tribulation
- THE SIXTH SEAL – **Revelation 6:12-14** (physical changes on the earth)
- THE SEVENTH SEAL – **Revelation 6:15-17** Silence (Preparation for greater conflict to come.)
- There will be terrible famine and dramatic increase in cost of living – a person will have to work all day just for a good meal.
- Jesus warned us about these days. **Matthew 24:15-25** ...*"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the*

abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. 22 "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time.

DURING THE TRIBULATION?

- Will anyone be saved during the Tribulation Period? If so, who will it be?
- These are probably the most important questions of this time.

1. 144,000 JEWISH

- Scripture indicates that 144K Israelites will be saved during the tribulation.
- **Revelation 7:4** ...4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.
- These 144K will be effective witness for Jesus.

2. SAINTS

- The Scripture provides further insight on these who will be saved during the tribulation.
- **Revelation 7:9-13** ...9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" 13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"
- **Revelation 7:14** ...14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

3. WHO BE DURING THE TRIBULATION?

- Returning now to **II Thessalonians 2:8-12** ...8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.
- Paul addresses for us those who cannot be saved during the tribulation.
- If a person has rejected the gospel before Jesus comes, they will not be able to be saved during the tribulation.
- On the other hand those who have never rejected the gospel will be able to hear and be saved during the tribulation – although through much suffering.

LIVE IT OUT

- I am so glad I will not be here during the tribulation! Will you?

>The Bible tells us today is the day of salvation.

>Today is the day the Holy Spirit is working and calling you to come to Christ.

>Today the church is here to encourage and support you as you give your life to Christ.

>Today could be the day of the rapture of the church.

- Why would you want to take the chance of missing the rapture and going through the tribulation?