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End Times Prophecy

“The Terrors of the Tribulation”

1. The Period of the Tribulation

Whenever we talk about the time length of it, we talk about 7 years; based on Dan 7:25 & 9:24-27 the prophecy about the 70 weeks of Daniel or 70 weeks of years. This was 490 years from Artaxerxes decree to rebuild the temple (Mar. 14, 445 B.C.) to the beginning of the kingdom in vs. 25. The 69th week ended with Christ riding into Jerusalem as King in 32 A.D. Because of the Jews rejection of Him as their King, the 70th week (or 7 years) is yet to be played out, and it will be at the Tribulation.

This actually is two 3 ½ year periods. The first half has peace in Israel and worship in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem restored.

The second half begins with the “abomination of desolation” in the temple and peace is lost. Also known as the Great Tribulation (Rev. 13:14,15; 2 Thess. 2:4;)

2. The Plan of the Tribulation

God’s Description – Zephaniah 1:12-2:3 A terrible judgment

Jesus’ Discussion – Matthew 24

When shall these things be? Vs. 3-14

What shall be the sign of thy coming? – vs. 15-22

What does “this generation” mean in vs. 34?

Jer. 24, Joel 1 and Hosea 9 indicate Israel is the fig tree. It may be a fair interpretation to say that they generation that sees Israel bud (1948), won’t die off until the signs of the end come to pass.

John’s Detail – Revelation 6-19 – note the “sevens”

(7 Seals of Rev. 6; 7 trumpets of Rev. 8; 7 bowls of Rev. 11-19)

3. The Purpose of the Tribulation –

For Israel – to judge and save them - Ezek. 20:34- 38

For the Gentiles – to judge and save them – Matthew 25:33 – 41

Saving the Gentiles? (Revelation 7:9 – 10)

Sin runs its full course in the Tribulation so God can crush it.

For ourselves, we get to see how much God hates sin, with an absolute eternal hatred.