Studies in Biblical Eschatology What About the Tribulation? December 10, 2000 (Message #8)

#### **Review**

## I. The Biblical Teaching on the Tribulation in General

- A. The word "tribulation" is qliyij
- B. The Bible is unambiguous about the reality and even necessity of tribulation in the life of the Church

Mk. 13; Jn. 16:33; Acts 14:22; 1 Thess. 3:1-4; Rev. 1:9

C. Tribulation Between The Two Advents

### II. The Biblical Teaching on the Final Tribulation

- A. Throughout Redemptive-History there have been typological tribulations
- B. these tribulations are a combination of affliction of God's people and judgment upon the nations! Phil. 1:27-30

# III. The Two Major Signs of the Tribulation

2 Thess. 2:1-2

- A. the Apostasy
- B. the Man of Lawlessness

### **IV.** The Purposes of Tribulation

- A. The eschatological Tribulation is the inevitable climactic clash between the two Kingdoms, the two seeds.
- B. The eschatological Tribulation will be the earthly consummation of the judgment of God on an impenitent world that loved the Dragon and followed the Beast, instead of giving glory to the Lamb.
- C. All tribulation, including the final Tribulation will test, sift and purify faith among God's people.