

Jacob's Trouble - The Tribulation

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Matthew 24:3-21

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Jeremiah 30:6,7 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.

II Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

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.'"

1. The Tribulation will begin with a great Disappearance

I Thessalonians 4:16,17 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

2. The tribulation will be a time of Disobedience and lawlessness **Matthew 24:10, 12**

3. The Tribulation will be a time of incredible Deception- Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, 23, 24

Revelation 6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

4. The Tribulation be marked by death -24:6, 7

- **Death through War**

Revelation 6:4 "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

- **Death through famine **Matthew 24:7****

Revelation 6:5, 6, When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

- **Death by Disease and Pestilence-**Matthew 24:7****

Revelation 6:8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

- **Death through Natural Disasters- Matthew 24:7**

Revelation 6:12-17, I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and 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 His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

5. The Tribulation will be marked by the Abomination of Desolation-Matthew 24:15

Revelation 13:3-4 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

2 Thessalonians 2:9-11, ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

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."

Revelation 13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Revelation 13:15 He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Revelation 13:16, 17 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark of ^b the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

6. The Tribulation will be marked by an attempt to destroy Israel. Matthew 24:15-20

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Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Matthew 2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

Revelation 12:14- 16 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵ So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

7. The tribulation will be marked by a Special Declaration of God's truth-Matthew 24:14

Revelation 11:3 And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Revelation 7:9,10 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

8. The Tribulation will end with the Defeat of Satan-24:30

Trumpet and Vial Judgments

- 1. The First Trumpet - Rev. 8:7** - 1/3 of the green vegetation on the face of the earth is destroyed.
- 2. The Second Trumpet - Rev. 8:8-9** - 1/3 of the oceans become blood and 1/3 of the life in the sea is destroyed. 1/3 of the world's shipping is also destroyed.
- 3. The Third Trumpet - Rev. 8:10-11** -A meteor that falls into the water supplies and pollute 1/3 of the freshwater of the world.
- 4. The Fourth Trumpet - Rev. 8:12** - Some even takes place in the heavens and the sun's light is diminished by one-third. Also, one-third of the light of the other heavenly bodies is destroyed.
- 5. The Fifth Trumpet - Rev. 9:1-12** - The earth is invaded by an army of demons from the pits of Hell. The demons have the power to torment men for 5 months. They won't kill men, but the pain will be so intense that men will want to die, but they will be unable to achieve death!
- 6. The Sixth Trumpet - Rev. 9:13-21** - A demonic invasion of an army that numbers 200,000,000. The results of this invasion will be that 1/3 of the human population will be destroyed. Note: when this event is coupled with the 4th Seal, it means that over ½ the population of earth has been killed. But, what is the reaction of humanity? **Rev. 9:20-21**, they remain unrepentant!
- 7. The Seventh Trumpet - Rev. 11:15-19** - This trumpet announces the soon return of the Lord Jesus. It also introduces the seven Vial or Bowl Judgments.

The Vial Judgments

- 1. The First Vial - Rev. 16:2** - Some kind of vile cancerous sore is poured out on mankind.
- 2. The Second Vial - Rev. 16:3** - The waters of the sea are turned to blood and every creature in the sea dies.
- 3. The Third Vial - Rev. 16:4-7** - The fresh waters of the earth are turned to blood.

4. **The Fourth Vial - Rev. 16:8-9** - The sun's heat is intensified and men's bodies are burned by the heat of the sun. Yet, with all these torments, they do not repent!
5. **The Fifth Vial - Rev. 16:10** - This plague brings darkness and intense pain to the inhabitant of the earth. Again so intense that they gnaw their tongues in their pain, yet they still refuse to repent.
6. **The Sixth Vial - Rev. 16:12-14** - The Euphrates River is dried up preparing a pathway for the nations of the earth to descend upon Israel for the final conflict.
7. **The Seventh Vial - Rev. 16:17-21** - This vial brings with it a terrible cataclysm in the earth. There is an earthquake of such magnitude that the islands of the sea sink and all the mountains of the earth fall down flat. On top of this, all the major cities of the earth will be destroyed! Then, hailstones fall from the heavens that weigh in at around 125 pounds each.