

# **“What the Bible Says about the Great Tribulation”**

## **Selected Scriptures**

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### **1. The Great Tribulation was predicted by the Old Testament Prophets, taught by Jesus, and is explained in Revelation.**

*“there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time” (Daniel 12:1, 550 BC)*

*“Jesus answered and said to them...“for then there will be a **Great Tribulation**, such has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall” (Matthew 24:21, AD 32)*

*“I will keep you from the Hour of Trial, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test earth-dwellers” (Revelation 3:10, AD 95)*

*“These are the ones who have come out of **the Great Tribulation**, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14)*

### **2. The Great Tribulation is literal and will last seven years.**

*“And he [the Antichrist] will make a firm covenant with the many [Jews] for seven [years], but in the middle of the seven he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate” (Daniel 9:27; cf. 7:2; 12:7; Revelation 11:2; 12:6, 14; 13:5)*

### **3. The Great Tribulation matters.**

*“Learn...when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door...therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming” (Matthew 24:32-33, 42)*

**4. The Great Tribulation is still future.**

*“immediately after the Tribulation of those days...they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory” (Matthew 24:29-30)*

**5. The Great Tribulation has a specific purpose.**

A. To chasten Israel.

*“When you are in distress...in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice (Deuteronomy 4:30, 1400 BC)*

*“ ‘Alas! For that Day is great, there is none like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he will be saved from it...*

*“O Israel, I will save you...for I am with you,’ declares the LORD, ‘to save you’” (Jeremiah 30:7-11; cf. Ezekiel 20:33-40; Isaiah 27:12-13; Zechariah 13:1-14:2; Daniel 12:1-13; Revelation 7:4-8)*

*“a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and thus all Israel will be saved” (Romans 11:25-26; cf. Revelation 12:1-17)*

B. To judge God’s enemies.

*“Behold the Day of the LORD is coming, cruel with fury and burning anger...I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for the iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud and abase the haughtiness of the ruthless...At the fury of the LORD of Hosts in the Day of His burning anger” (Isaiah 13:9-13, 700 BC; cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)*

*“the hour of His judgment” (Revelation 14:7)*

C. To exalt Christ.

*“ ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.’ And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were enraged and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.’ ” (Revelation 11:14-18; cf., Daniel 9:24-27)*