

The Great Tribulation

End Time Study – Using Rev to look at the final topics of this study

3W – Rapture – Rev 4:1

- * NOT – The Great Tribulation, “Day of the Lord” nor “2nd Coming”
- * We believe it happens Pre-Tribulation

TW – Great Tribulation = “The Day of the Lord” = Wrath

- * Not – Tribulation We/Church experience, Rapture, 2nd Coming
- * Believe it begins in Rev 6 covers time until Chapter 18
- * Rapture Rev 4:1
- * See God worshipped Chapter 4
- * See Jesus worshipped in Chapter 5 – **Moses’ Worship Song**
- * See the Saints who have been redeemed by His blood there!

Chapter 6-18

- * **Wrath** of God begins to be poured out – Rev 6:17...15:1
- * Three Phases – Seals, **Trumpets**, Bowls
- * Rom 5:9 = 1 Thes 5:9 = **Rev 5:9**

Romans 5:9⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Revelation 5:9⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Why do we call it the “Day of the Lord” **Old Testament**

Isa 13:6-16 – Day of the Lord for Israel

Joel 1:15¹⁵ Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 2:1-2¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of

the LORD is coming, For it is at hand: ² A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains. A people *come*, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any *such* after them, Even for many successive generations.

Joel 2:11¹¹ The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word. For the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

Joel 2:30-31³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

Joel 3:14-16¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. ¹⁶ The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

Amos 5:18-20¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good *is* the day of the LORD to you? It *will be* darkness, and not light. ¹⁹ It *will be* as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or *as though* he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! ²⁰ *Is* not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? *Is it not* very dark, with no brightness in it?

Zeph 1:7-18 – Day of the Lord

Malachi 4:5-6⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶ And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

New Testament

Matthew 24:15-21 – Jesus’ teaching - Great tribulation – Future tense
* Ends 2nd Coming – V29-31

Acts 2:20²⁰ *The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

Revelation 2:21-22 (Thyatira) **And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.** ²² **Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.**

Revelation 7:9-14 ⁹ 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!” ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Versus “Tribulation”

Matthew 13:20-21 ²⁰ **But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;** ²¹ **yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.**

Matthew 24:9 ⁹ **“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.**

John 16:33 ³³ **These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”**

Acts 14:21-22 ²¹ And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to

continue in the faith, and *saying*, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

1 Thessalonians 3:1-4 ¹ Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, ² and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith, ³ that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. ⁴ For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.

2 Timothy 3:12 ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

1 Peter 4:12-16 ¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters. ¹⁶ Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

End with the 2nd Coming of Jesus

Matthew 24:42-44 ⁴² **Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.** ⁴³ **But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.** ⁴⁴ **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

Effect us?

Luke 21:34-36 – Jesus’ teaching

1 Thes 5:1-11 – Paul’s teaching/reminding of the ‘Day of the Lord’

2 Peter 3:1-13 – Peter’s teaching