

Chapter 1 : Antichrist and the Great Tribulation

Home; Front Page; The Rise and Fall of the Antichrist Chapter Six The Great Tribulation. THEREFORE WHEN YOU SEE THE "abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

How do we respond to all this? I believe that Christians are likely to face tribulation at any time. Many Christians are facing serious persecution in at least 47 countries at the present time. It seems to me quite reasonable to expect that this will get worse in the time approaching the Return of Christ. We could think of it as Satan having his final fling, if you like. Furthermore, such an End Time tribulation is taught in Scripture. Similarly, John says there are many antichrists. So there are still many antichrists today. Paranoia, naivety and cynicism This subject creates paranoia amongst some fundamentalists who readily see the Antichrist as present in the world today. For example, in a survey one in four Americans were found to think that Barack Obama was the Antichrist. Half of them were sure and the other half not sure. They thought he was the Antichrist because he was expanding the power of the federal government and was an internationalist in outlook. It was, of course, at the time of Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and the massive return of the Jews to Palestine. The rationale here is: It was already foretold in the Bible that someone powerful would rise up and lead the world to destruction. Bill Gates definitely has that kind of power in his hands. If all his products have some kind of small program that can give him control, setting off nuclear arsenals, creating havoc in security systems, financial systems all over the world, etc His First Lady wore a lot of red and he moved to a house at St. These suggestions are quite entertaining but totally ridiculous. However it is important that we avoid both paranoia and naivety. On the one hand, we must not jump to hasty conclusions. On the other, without being dogmatic, we need to recognise factors and trends in modern society which could facilitate the fulfilment of the prophecies about the Antichrist. Whilst being properly critical, we must also avoid cynicism. Joyce Baldwin wrote a commentary on Daniel whose prophecies influence the teaching of the NT on the Antichrist. She makes the following perceptive comment actually about Daniel 11, but it has wider relevance: An earthbound, rationalistic humanism has so invaded Christian thinking as to tinge with faint ridicule all claims to see in the Bible anything more than the vaguest references to future events. He has been talking about Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek king who attacked Jerusalem in BC and desecrated the temple by erecting an image of Zeus in it. But commentators say that from verse 36 onwards there is a reference to the Antichrist. Joyce Baldwin in her commentary writes: At this point we do well to consider the time-honoured question whether in this chapter reference is being made only to Antiochus IV, or whether there is a secondary reference also to some later ruler or rulers of whom he is a prototype Notice that i there are details which do not apply to Antiochus if our information about him from other sources is accurate â€œ. The writer is never speaking only about one era of history, even though the prediction was to be applied to Antiochus as the first of many oppressors What the book suggests and later prophecy confirms cf. Only after the latter event had taken place did it become possible to distinguish which passages applied to the events of ad 70, and which were predictions of the more distant future But is this a credible interpretation? Chapter 14 leaps to the day when the Lord will reign over the earth, and so to the end of time She also draws parallels between Zechariah and the Book of Revelation in their use of the themes of earthquake, miraculous intervention, divine deliverance of Jerusalem, bitter mourning and ultimate joy. This relates to the Antichrist who turns against the Jewish people. It is part of the Great Tribulation. The nations will be defeated This would seem to be the Battle of Armageddon. The Lord will return to the Mt of Olives He defeats the Antichrist. The Jewish people look on the one they have pierced The interpretation is not convincing The murder has occurred in Jerusalem of a man, who is in some way identified with the Lord, and the inhabitants of the city have been responsible for his death. After the event they have been conscience-stricken, and in their deep grief have found within themselves the gift of a new spirit of repentance and supplication for forgiveness, which is closely followed by the promise of cleansing from a newly opened fountain Zechariah, however, does not identify his pierced one with either the Servant or the king. People from the nations who survive the defeat will go up to Jerusalem to

worship the Lord As always, some interpreters will want to conclude the passage is totally symbolical and others that it refers to events long ago in history. But it seems to me that both of those views have serious difficulties. At the very least the interpretation I have suggested does seem feasible. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. Paul is predicting the ultimate rebellion against God, which focuses on a very powerful, Satanically-inspired leader. However, he will not appear to be evil to many people in the world. He will be in fact an evil parody of the Messiah, the Anti-Christ, seeking to make out that he is the true Messiah. This is how we know it is the last hour. Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. As we have stressed, there have been many antichrists but it appears there will be one ultimate fulfilment. We shall return to this. He goes on to prophesy in The Antichrist Rev The Antichrist survives until, with nearly absolute power, he wages war on Christians and is finally consigned to hell Rev The great tribulation is also mentioned in Rev 7: By definition, Antichrist claims to be an alternative Christ. Interpretation of the Biblical teaching We should bear in mind that prophecy can be fulfilled more than once – an initial fulfilment or fulfilments and then a final major fulfilment. Surely the Holocaust was worse. As for Christians, there have been terrible persecutions. But, it seems clear there will be an End Time great tribulation. Similar comments may be made about the Antichrist. After all, as we have noted, John says there are many antichrists 1 John 2: Then there are the references to the Beast in Revelation 13 which most scholars say was written well after AD John probably saw the beast as the persecuting Roman Empire but it seems clear, especially in the light of 2 Thess. We look now at what some scholars say about these passages. Hestekota The masculine suggests that what is meant by it is no mere idolatrous object but Antichrist himself. But there was more to come. The new Israel like the old would be sinful and would again and again be menaced by divine judgement, and Antichrist would again and again embody himself in proud and sacrilegious men. Thus in the crises of history the eschatological is foreshadowed. The key to their understanding is the recognition that there is here a double reference. It was that spirit of imperial power which claimed a religious sanction for its gross injustices. Yet the beast is more than the Roman Empire. The beast has always been, and will be in a final intensified manifestation, the deification of secular authority. What Satan calls from the abyss is not government, but that abuse of government, the omniscient state. It is thus misleading to say that the monster is Rome To achieve this end he is empowered to work miracles. By economic boycott and the threat of death he intends to make all men worship the Image of the beast. This priestly role identifies the second beast as a religious power. In the final days of Antichrist the false prophet stands for the role of false religion in effecting the manipulation of mankind to the worship of secular power. It is the universal victory of humanism. He will be rebellious and boastful, but I suspect that will not be overt. Rather he will seek to display characteristics which parody the true Messiah and deceive those who do not have faith in Christ. He will have remarkable abilities and will welcome adulation or worship of himself. This will be linked with worship of the omniscient state and the encouragement of absolute loyalty and obedience – a deification of secular authority. It identifies the king of the end time who exalts himself above every god as the Antichrist and adds: Joyce Baldwin comments on Daniel The very introduction of the term Anti-Christ to a text given before the Christ had even come raises the question of a-priori reasoning. It raises acutely the matter of exegetical method, and it is preferable to avoid a term which occurs first in the Epistles of John 1 Jn.

Chapter 2 : How We Escape the Great Tribulation: Faith, not a Rapture – Escape All These Things (Luke

To associate the Antichrist and the Tribulation is natural to the case as both biblically and traditionally the Tribulation has been seen as a consequence of the Antichrist's rule. 2. It is an unmistakable teaching of Scripture that the goal of world history is not the natural product of that history.

The Antichrist will invade Egypt then Israel. Egypt has loosed the bands of the Muslim Brotherhood for now, but ultimately Egypt will not escape. During the first half of the seven year Tribulation period Turkey will conquer Egypt! Antiochus Epiphanies was the king over one quarter of the Grecian Empire headquartered in Syria. Antiochus Epiphanies is a forerunner and type of the Antichrist. The Antichrist will do many of the same things that Antiochus Epiphanies did. Ezekiel chapter 39 describes the battle of Armageddon led by the Antichrist. So a Turkish Prime Minister will be the Antichrist. The battle of Armageddon happens at the end of the seven year Tribulation period. Daniel chapter 11 describes an invasion into Egypt and then into Israel that happened in BC led by Antiochus Epiphanies. I think that Daniel chapter 11 also predicts a future invasion of Egypt and then Israel led by the Antichrist. Instead it is the attack that begins the Great Tribulation. This invasion into Egypt and then Israel happens in the middle of the seven year Tribulation period. In Daniel 11 below, the king of the south is Egypt. The king of the north is Turkey in this future invasion into Egypt and then into Israel! So Turkey will invade Egypt and even come into Israel the glorious land. Turkey will be joined in its conquests by Libya and Sudan. Remember that this account refers to two separate invasions of Egypt and then Israel. He then invaded Israel to stop it. Turkey will invade Egypt in the future led by the Antichrist. He will probably also hear news from Jerusalem concerning the newly built temple. The Turkish Antichrist will attack Israel in much the same way. Raging like a wild animal, he set out from Egypt and took Jerusalem by storm. He ordered his soldiers to cut down without mercy those whom they met and to slay those who took refuge in their houses. There was a massacre of young and old, a killing of women and children, a slaughter of virgins and infants. In the space of three days, eighty thousand were lost, forty thousand meeting a violent death, and the same number being sold into slavery. The seas described in this verse are typically thought to be the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea. Jerusalem is between the two seas. The glorious holy mountain is thought to be Mt. In BC Antiochus Epiphanies took-over the temple in Jerusalem and declared that he should be worshiped as god. In the future the Antichrist will take-over the temple in Jerusalem and declare that he should be worshiped there. This verse reflects the desecration of the temple spoken of in Dan. When the Jews around Jerusalem see the Antichrist claiming to be god in the temple at Jerusalem then they are instructed to flee to the hills of Jordan! In the middle of the Tribulation the Antichrist will attack Israel. Just before his armies invade Israel they will invade Egypt and carry away their treasures. So when Israel sees Turkey invade Egypt they will have an advanced warning that they will be attacked next! Today Egypt has seemingly avoided a Muslim Brotherhood takeover but in the end the entire Middle East and northern Africa will be under the control of the Antichrist. Turkey will first invade Syria and destroy Damascus. All of these forces are fighting in Syria today! I think that this invasion could begin in ! Very interesting to read and hard to stop.

Chapter 3 : The reign of antichrist: 7 years or 3 and 1/2 years?

Before the Great Tribulation. The Antichrist will invade Egypt then Israel. Daniel By Craig C. White. There is a movement in Northern Africa and the Middle East to bring the region under an Islamist umbrella.

The Events of the Tribulation Period 1 Revelation 4: John, a symbol of the church, is taken up to heaven. The Antichrist signs a covenant for seven years with the nation of Israel. This is the event that inaugurates the Tribulation period. Christ opens the first of the seven-sealed scroll, and the rider on the white horse probably Antichrist appears, using diplomacy and the promise of peace to establish his one-world government. The second seal introduces a great world war. The third seal begins the suffering of famine and inflation the aftermath of war. The fourth seal results, as do all wars, in death, but in this case it totals one-fourth of the people and living creatures. This passage introduces the martyrdom of those who are converted under the preaching of the , Jewish witnesses described in chapter 7. An innumerable number of people receive Christ and are martyred by the government leader and harlot the religious system described in chapter 17 , who gets her power from the Antichrist. Note that evangelism during this period is back in the hands of the Jews. Since the church is absent, the , apostle-Paul-type believers will make powerful evangelists. This sixth seal exhibits the wrath of God poured out in the form of a mighty earthquake, the like of which has never been experienced. It is so severe that people call on the rocks to fall on them. The first trumpet judgment results in one-third of all trees and green grass being burned up by hail, fire, and blood cast upon the earth. The second trumpet sees a great mountain of sulfur falling into the sea and destroying a third-part of the sea and all living creatures in it and a third of the shipping vessels. The fourth trumpet results in one-third less sun, moonlight, and stars, extending the darkness of night. A special angel flies around the earth, warning that worse judgments are to come. The fifth trumpet introduces hideous demon-like creatures such as scorpions and locusts out of the bottomless pit. The sixth trumpet introduces two hundred million horsemen demon spirit-like death angels , who kill one-third of the people. This will occur between the fortieth and forty-second month of the first part of the Tribulation, which brings to 50 percent the population that is destroyed by God before the midpoint of the Tribulation. These individuals have taken the mark of the Beast and are considered incorrigibles. Since estimates of upwards of a quarter of those living at that time still be saved under the preaching of the , mentioned in Revelation 7: The saints who are martyred during the Tribulation are not part of the church. They are defined in Revelation 7: Obviously, these two witnesses are real people with miraculous powers like Moses and Elijah, here to preach and witness during the entire first half of the Tribulation. It may be through their witness that the , are saved and sent out preaching. As dreadful a time as this will be, God is faithful to provide plenty of gospel preaching to the nations. The seventh trumpet judgment introduces the awesome events described in chapters and the most severe set of judgments yet reported, the Vial Judgments. But because of their hatred for the harlot, at the midpoint of the Tribulation, they will make war on her and kill her. The False Prophet will replace the slain religious system, forcing people to worship Antichrist and his image, or be killed. And I find no scriptural evidence that any believers will remain at the end of the Tribulation to be raptured, if that event is post-Trib. Remember, the worst half of the Tribulation period, which our Lord termed the Great Tribulation, has not yet begun! That last forty-two month period is covered by the Vial Judgments. The first vial causes giant sores on those who rejected Christ and instead accepted the mark of the Beast, signifying their worship of him. The third vial turns the rivers and other sources of water to blood an especially just judgment because the people remaining had killed so many Tribulation saints. The fifth vial will cause darkness to cover the throne of Antichrist and his entire kingdom. The sores will continue unrelentingly, producing such agony that men will gnaw their tongues for pain and blaspheme God and refuse to repent. The seventh vial result sin a judgment of Almighty God that destroys the entire world system and judges all unsaved men severely. But even though enormous hailstones fall, the unregenerate still refuse to repent. This judgment is so devastating that it prepares the world for the coming of Christ to set up His earthly kingdom.

Chapter 4 : Great Tribulation: When Will It Start? - Prophecy Proof Insights

Throughout the Great Tribulation there are three spirit powers that are servants of Satan, and contend against the servants of God. They are the harlot, the beast, and the Antichrist. All three of these spirits are already active now, in our day and age.

This shows us how important these two themes are to God and thus, to the Church. The Church will be on earth during the Great Tribulation. It is the context in which God will bring the Church to our greatest victory, purity and evangelism as we walk in the glory of God. They will lack understanding and perseverance 2 Thes. This is unprecedented in history, yet this will be far surpassed during the Tribulation Rev. Jesus spoke of false christs anointed ones coming Mt. In Scripture, there are two applications of the antichrist. All four specific references to the antichrist are by the Apostle John 1 Jn. This is the spirit of the Antichrist which is now already in the world. Examples of those considered to be antichrists by Church history include the Roman Emperors, Popes and other political leaders, especially Antiochus Epiphanes BC , the Syrian king Seleucid dynasty who persecuted Israel in the days of Judas Maccabaeus Dan. Other figures often quoted are Nero A. Some see the fulfillment of what the Scripture says about the Antichrist in the lives of past religious or political leaders. They limit their understanding of the Antichrist as referring only to the spirit of the antichrist. They do not believe he will be a literal worldwide leader. John wrote of the Antichrist coming after the death of Antiochus years and Nero 25 years. The most significant historical manifestation of the spirit of the antichrist in modern times was in the leadership of Adolf Hitler in Germany and in World War II What Hitler did gives us insight into the magnitude of terror and evil that the Antichrist will accomplish. He will make war against God in oppressing Israel and the Church Rev. However, Scripture describes him in other ways, calling him the little horn Dan. He will reason like a wild beast and will be the most cruel man in history. It will be impossible to negotiate with him for mercy. He is called the Beast 36 times in Revelation Rev. He will sin to the fullest capacity possible for man. In the OT, they are Dan. The Antichrist will be fully human yet fully demonized. He will be a counterfeit to Jesus who is fully human and fully God. Satan will give him his authority Rev. He will supernaturally ascend from the bottomless pit as Jesus descended from heaven. He will have authority and worshippers in all nations yet will not totally dominate all as seen by those who continually war against him Dan. He will fiercely persecute Israel and the Church Dan. He will have the largest army, the largest political and religious network and the most money of any in history and he will be the greatest criminal in history. The nation confederation Dan. Summary of the coming Antichrist as the most powerful evil political leader in history. Oratorical Genius moves masses of people Dan. Political Genius diplomacy Rev. Commercial Genius prosperity Dan. Religious Genius doctrines and history 2 Thes. Intellectual Genius science, math, technology, languages, etc. Occult Genius demonology, miracles , human sacrifice Dan. Jesus has all power and authority in heaven and over the nations on earth. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast Rev. Pressure in the Great Tribulation will come from four sources. It is NOT against the saints. The Church needs an adversary to resist as part of the process of becoming wholehearted. Understanding will be an issue of life and death. Those with understanding will have discernment to know what to avoid or what not to do. Those with understanding will be in peace instead of fear and offense towards God. They will have confidence that God is fully in control of the End-Time crisis and is never surprised. We must make decisions in peace. Our prayers will change history and lead many to salvation and protection. Paul taught that the End-Time destruction will come suddenly taking most people by surprise. And they shall not escape. Satan works to blind the mind of people 2 Cor. They will be captured and thrown alive in the Lake of Fire.

Chapter 5 : What does the Bible say about the Great Tribulation?

The Great Multitude of Believers in the Church will have to endure days of the Great Tribulation. Only the First Fruits (followers of the Lamb) will escape the Tribulation. The Church will be Raptured at the end of the days before God pours out his wrath upon the Nations.

Until now I have been writing mainly about signs of the End Times. We need to avoid them but not to avoid the subject. It is important biblical teaching and we need to face up to it and understand it as best we can. We could think of it as Satan having his final fling. Such an End Time tribulation is taught in Scripture. Unfortunately some fundamentalists become paranoid and jump to bizarre conclusions that the Antichrist is here now, for example, Barack Obama, Bill Gates, Ronald Reagan or Mikhail Gorbachev the details will be added to my blog soon. We must avoid both paranoia and naivety. On the other hand, we need to recognise factors and trends in modern society which could facilitate the fulfilment of the prophecies about the Antichrist. Joyce Baldwin in her commentary on Daniel says that the church has lost its nerve about saying prophecy foretells the future. We shall return to this. Commentators say that from verse 36 onwards there is a reference to the Antichrist although that term is not used. But Joyce Baldwin in her commentary writes that the details do not fit Antiochus. She believes there is a double reference both to history and to the End Times. Zechariah is also seen as a description of the End Times. She also draws parallels between Zechariah and the Book of Revelation. These chapters describe the following: This relates to the Antichrist who turns against the Jewish people. It is part of the Great Tribulation. The nations will be defeated This would seem to be the Battle of Armageddon. The Lord will return to the Mt of Olives He defeats the Antichrist. The Jewish people look on the one they have pierced Baldwin considers various interpretations but relates this to Jesus. People from the nations who survive the defeat will go up to Jerusalem to worship the Lord As always, some interpreters will want to conclude the passage is totally symbolical and others that it refers to events long ago in history. But it seems to me that both of those views have serious difficulties. At the very least the interpretation I have suggested does seem feasible. See the fuller version at [http:](http://) He is quoting Dan 9: The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. This is the ultimate rebellion against God. This is how we know it is the last hour. Who is the liar? The Antichrist Rev The Antichrist survives until, with nearly absolute power, he wages war on Christians and is finally consigned to hell Rev Interpreting the biblical teaching Remember that prophecy can be fulfilled more than once – an initial fulfilment or fulfilments and then a final major fulfilment. Surely the Holocaust was worse. As for Christians, there have been terrible persecutions. But, it seems clear there will be an End Time great tribulation. Similar comments may be made about the Antichrist. Then there are the references to the Beast in Revelation 13 which most scholars say was written well after AD Scholars agree with this idea of an End Time great tribulation and Antichrist see [http:](http://) But the NT sees an End Time fulfilment. Some take these figures as symbolical, others as literal. There is disagreement over the starting date of the years BC or BC but either way the figure of years comes remarkably close to the time of Christ, although the figures are not absolutely precise. I am hesitant about taking numbers literally in the Book of Revelation because they are frequently used symbolically. However, if it is credible to take the 69 sevens as literal seven year periods then it is not wild speculation to regard the coming great tribulation as lasting seven years. On the other hand, it may be that the figures seven and three and a half are not to be taken strictly literally but rather as referring to a firm limitation on the freedom of the Antichrist. This holds that the church is raptured before the Great Tribulation begins, so the church is safely out of the way in heaven when the 7-year wrath of God breaks out on earth. This holds that the church is raptured half way through the 7-year Great Tribulation when the Antichrist turns against the Jewish people, so the church is safely out of the way in heaven when the 3. This holds that half way through the 7-year Great Tribulation when the Antichrist turns against the Jewish people, the wrath of Satan is revealed on earth with the church still on earth. Then shortly afterwards the wrath of God is revealed on earth, but the church is raptured to heaven before the wrath of God breaks out some time after the middle of the 7-year Great Tribulation. The Post-tribulation Rapture view: This view holds that the church goes through the

Great Tribulation foretold by Jesus whether it lasts 7 years or not and is raptured after that when Jesus returns to earth. Some say the church is raptured to heaven, safely out of the way. Others say the church is caught up to meet the Lord and then escorts him to earth after the historical tradition of the leaders and people of a city going out to meet a visiting king and to escort him into the city. I have explained before why I believe that the Rapture is the church being caught up to meet the Lord and then escorting him to earth. I have also pointed out that there is no evidence in Scripture for two returns of Jesus. I therefore believe that the Rapture occurs after the Great Tribulation when Jesus returns to earth, accompanied by the church. In my understanding, we seem to have the following aspects mentioned in Scripture: He attacks the believing community. He is ultimately destroyed by Jesus at his second coming. Much of this creates little difficulty, in my opinion, but there are some questions about the idea that the Antichrist makes a 7-year covenant with the Jewish people who have rebuilt the temple and resumed the sacrificial system, then he breaks that covenant after 3. With whom does the Antichrist make a covenant? It seems Paul refers to a literal temple in 2 Thess. Many would not see this as literal. This cannot be fulfilled by the AD70 events but is clearly referring to the End Times. Would God want the Jewish people to re-build the temple and resume the sacrifices in the End Times? I do not believe he would because the death and high priesthood of Jesus have replaced the old sacrificial system. But the question remains: It is not beyond the bounds of credibility. They have created all the gold and silver vessels, furniture and instruments used in the sacrificial services together with the robes, breastplate, ephod and golden crown of the high priest. So there is certainly an organised group campaigning for the rebuilding of the temple. However, given the great sensitivities on Temple Mount with the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque, any attempt to rebuild the temple there would create a very strong reaction from the Muslim community. It would not be the messianic Jewish people who accept Jesus as Messiah because they would not want to renew the animal sacrifices. The prophecies seem to require this to be the case. So it is not inconceivable that he could pretend to make a covenant with the Jews and then break it. What is the mark of the Beast? There have been many ideas about this, some of them weird and ridiculous. More recently people have thought it is the bar code used on the packaging of many goods today. Others refer to the micro-chips which some people have implanted under their skin today. The chip is a radio frequency identification device RFID and is the size of a grain of rice or the tip of a ballpoint pen. It is a tiny transmitter-computer which never runs down and has a life expectancy of 20 years. But it could also be used as a lie-detector. Certainly modern technology encourages a literal interpretation of the mark of the Beast. Perhaps the most convincing is that it is a number which falls short of the perfect number 7. This seems more credible but we really cannot be sure what means. Are there events today which could facilitate the rise of Antichrist? This is an area in which there has been much paranoid and bizarre speculation. God has not called us to be paranoid. We must not jump to hasty conclusions. On the other, without being dogmatic, we need to recognise factors and trends in modern society which could facilitate the fulfilment of the prophecies about the Antichrist. Whilst being properly critical, we must also avoid cynicism. We need to face up to the current and future failings and evils in society, in particular injustice, declining moral standards, church decline and apostasy, oppression and persecution, false prophets and messiahs, as well as natural disasters: And, of course, the media constantly emphasise such things. But we need also to remember what theologians call the general work of the Holy Spirit or common grace, i. There is an immense amount of good in the world and I want to make this point as strongly as I can. Just read through this list of words and thank God for the great deal of good there is in human society:

Chapter 6 : Tribulation and Antichrist

Although I believe that rapture can occur at anytime, this video does seem to show it being in the Midway part of the 7 Year Tribulation or at the time of the 6th Seal. End Time Events Please.

The tribulation, the Anti-Christ and the Church Jesus said as long as your in this world you will have tribulation. As we follow Christ, we were not promised to be taken from or delivered out of the daily tribulations of life. However there is coming a specific time called the great tribulation that is known as the final outcome of mankind. This tribulation we are promised deliverance from. To others who are Christian who hold the Amillennial view or teach preterism, this event has already taken place in 70 AD. So there is no future tribulation. To an atheist, if true, it is feared, since they must make a decision between God or the Devil or be assigned to everlasting judgment. Biblically it is the signal of the time of the very end before the kingdom of God comes to earth through Christ ruling. It officially begins with the signing of the covenant a false peace treaty Daniel 9: But more likely the tribulation takes place sometime after the rapture. A decree of destruction is issued by God when the covenant is signed with the anti-Christ which begins the tribulation. God sends judgment for people to repent because God is a jealous God. Before there can be a covenant signed there must be a Jewish state this covenant is signed with the many not the all, some will go along and some will not. The tribulation begins with the signing of the peace treaty covenant Jer. Ever since the nation Israel was given the land it has been a struggle to keep it. Everyone wants a piece of it. Whoever gains possession of it will be short lived. What Israel thought was best for their security will turn out to be their worst nightmare. The foundation stone, the cornerstone who Peter calls Christ is rejected. Many of the people will go against the covenant Isaiah writes of that was set in Zion and instead go along with the NEW false covenant instituted by the false Messiah. The tribulation will affect all who live on this planet. For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. With huge floods recently in central America, Honduras, Niguragua over 11, people died in this terrible catastrophe. These floods did not come close to covering the smallest mountain. We can understand how real the antediluvian flood was that covered the mountains and no one survived except eight. Peter goes on and writes in 2: It is not a single day but begins with a period of judgments. It begins with the tribulation and ends with the 2nd coming. The new heavens and earth comes at the end of the 1, year millennium as the Day of God which brings us into the eternal state. And they shall not escape. Paul writes in 1 Thess. Just when they are convinced that they have finally reached the ultimate goal that mankind for all ages has dreamed of achieving by their own strength, they will experience the very opposite. It will be like labor pains, once a woman with child goes into labor there is no turning back, the birth is imminent. Paul was teaching that the Day of the Lord will begin with the very first birth pang suddenly as travail an unexpected suddenness with which the Day of the Lord begins, destruction will come. 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? When asked what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age? The Day of the Lord will include the beginning of birth pangs referred to by Jesus in Matthew The severe birth pangs of hard labor will take place during the second half of the 70th week known as the Great tribulation, they increase in frequency and intensity. What we are seeing today is a dress rehearsal for the real thing. If your falling for deception now you certainly will not be able to stand when the real thing comes. Altogether Christ pointed out several events that will occur during the first half of the tribulation. There will be persecution of the saints in a unprecedented scale, this is found in Revelation 6: Today almost , Christians are killed each year but this will be nothing compared to the slaughter that is coming. The one-world religious system known as Ecclesiastical Babylon will be doing the persecuting and will be responsible for the death of the saints during the first half of the tribulation Revelation Much speculation has been on the one who persecutes the saints and mystery Babylon. But this does not answer who kills the saints. We find that it was the Roman Empire who relished in the fact of lighting up the countryside with saints tarred and burned. They also entertained themselves with Christians fighting the lions. However Islam has killed many saints, as well as atheists even in our modern times so to identify the group who martyrs the saints is a

bit premature. However there is no religion on earth today that is more Antichrist and will use force than Islam, they have never been a friend to the church, and have killed an imprisoned the saints. It is presented as a fact that Peter and Paul used Babylon as a code word for Rome. The dispute is whether they referred Rome to the Government through Caesar in which they were all under or the literal city which sits on 7 hills. It is not insignificant that the Vatican City is centered in Rome, which is actually built on seven hills! However the Mountains are to be interpreted symbolically. Mountains are symbolically used for kingdoms and thrones so they represent something other than literal mountains so it appears to be 7 kings. If these were literal mountains they would no longer exist. The first half of the tribulation will be characterized by the rise of many false prophets Mt. This is also found in Zechariah There will be a tremendous rise of sin and iniquity Mt. The Jews who resist evil and survive through to the end of the tribulation will be saved. The most significant event of the first half of the tribulation will be the worldwide preaching of the Gospel Matt. They are from the 4 corners of the earth not only Israel. This will accomplish the main goal of the tribulation, salvation before the judgment of the sheep and the goats when Christ comes back. And I heard the man Clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever. If this were the Church, the antichrist would destroy the whole church, Jesus said the gates of hell would not prevail against meaning even death would not win in the end. There would be no blessed hope for the believer-- which is related to Christ coming, but only death and the resurrection after the tribulation. Those who state Israel was present during the judgments on Egypt only prove a pre-tribulationist view. We need to understand the tribulation is specifically for Israel so they will go through it just as some saints who are not part of the church will too also. The Great Tribulation will begin in the middle of the seven-year period known as the 70th Week of Daniel 9. The evidence for this is found in: However 1 John 2: The false Christ does not deny the existence of Christ but claim that they are Christ. They can claim his authority his anointing as Christ and go around doing miracles. Their ministry is specifically to deceive the elect as well as the false prophets Mt. The Antichrist denies the existence of the true God calling himself plainly, God. With the declaration of deity by the Antichrist, he will execute his first purpose in the program to displace Christ, and install himself instead as lord of the universe and king of Israel and Jerusalem. The abomination of desolation will be progressive. The ultimate blasphemy which brings in the great tribulation is when the Antichrist will take over the Jewish temple, sit down in the holy of holies, and declare himself to be God 2 Thessalonians 2: It would not take much for someone to go in and mock the Jews by saying this, However, this person will really mean it. The word for temple indicates the holy of holies where God himself appeared in the tabernacle. He trespasses into the most sacred place and takes his seat, which is a claim to deity. The second part of the abomination of desolation will be when the 2nd beast will have everyone make an image of the Antichrist and will set one up in the holy of holies Revelation What this image is can be anything from a Idol that is given supernatural ability to look alive, to a deception with technology that is a 3D holographic image that has artificial intelligence. Whatever it is it is animated to give the appearance of a living being which will be worshipped. This is what makes it an abomination. Jews were never to bow down to idols only God. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; they are in trouble because there is no shepherd. Those who look to idols have no shepherd as well as those who reject the true shepherd. The need for a leader prompts Israel to accept one that comes along that offers them peace by political clout. A bow down or die decree will be declared which will produce allegiance or repulsion. An abomination is an image or a person worshipped as God. This is what it was called throughout the Old Testament. When the Israelites worshipped images they were called abominations, and this is an abomination which when it is worshipped, makes people desolate, a destroying image. Because those with the mark worship it and him. There is one thing through history after the diaspora the Jews have been able to recognize and avoid, the worship or bowing to idols. To make an end of wickedness and wicked ones Isaiah This is the time when God judges the earth and pours out His wrath on a Christ rejecting world and to turn Israel back to their maker. To break the power will of the Holy People, as Daniel

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The second half of the Tribulation will truly be the "time of great tribulation" for the Jews. That's because they will live in peace during the first half of the Tribulation under a covenant guaranteed by the Antichrist.

We have been so focused on getting out of here before the trouble starts that we have completely missed an important key to understanding the end times. Scriptures do not identify the length of time for this period, but I believe it has already started. More false messiahs arise. Many believers fall away from the faith and lawlessness increases Matthew This period is also called the day of the Lord. It then continues with the rapture of believers and the outpouring of the wrath of God. So now we can consider the differences between the tribulation and great tribulation. He is an imposter, a false messiah, the antichrist. He presents himself in the imagery of the true messiah to conceal his identity because he is the antichrist. By contrast, another rider on a white horse appears during the great tribulation. He is called faithful and true. He comes to destroy the first rider and his kingdom. Two Different Promises from God The trouble during the tribulation is persecution and affliction coming from men filled with the spirit of antichrist. They will severely persecute and murder many Christians Revelation 6: No one will be allowed to buy or sell without the mark of the beast Revelation God has not promised to deliver his people from these things. In fact, he promised His people would be persecuted, hated, and killed Mark The trouble during the great tribulation is administered by angels blowing trumpets. Another group of , bond-servants will be protected by the seal of God Revelation 7: Believers endure great hardships, but it is only temporary. During the great tribulation trouble comes upon the unbelievers as they are put to death in large numbers. Others are afflicted with painful sores and made sick by bitter waters. The enemies of the Lord gnaw their tongues because of pain Revelation After they are destroyed they are sentenced to eternal torment. Two Different Sources of Trouble During the tribulation the source of trouble is men filled with the spirit of antichrist, which is the spirit of the devil. The trouble inflicted is similar to the same kinds of trouble the earth has endured since the fall of Adam and Eve, which includes persecution, wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. However, the level of trouble is increased during this time. In fact, he has promised us we would be persecuted John During the great tribulation the trouble is administered by angels and released into the earth when they blow trumpets. There were no mentions of angels or trumpets during the tribulation events. John saw the wrath of God poured out by seven angels blowing seven trumpets Revelation Two Different Vessels Proclaim the Good News During the tribulation, the primary vessel for proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ is the same as it has been for the past two thousand years, the church, the worldwide body of believers. However, the persecution during that time is so severe supernatural protection is required to spread the gospel. During the great tribulation, believers are removed from the earth in the rapture. However, God provides another vessel to proclaim the good news. That is the mission of the , bond-servants of God who will be sealed with the seal of God on their foreheads Revelation 7: These bond-servants have kept themselves sexually pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes and no lie is found in their mouths. They are blameless before God Revelation The seal of God protects them from the wrath of God so they are not harmed. In addition to the ,, an angel preaches the eternal gospel to those who live on the earth and to every nation and tribe and tongue Revelation Two Different Durations The final seven-year period begins when the antichrist makes a covenant with the many Daniel 9: The tribulation occurs during the first months of this period, which is during the reign of the antichrist. This abominable act marks the beginning of the end of his reign. The great tribulation begins and ends during the second half of the final seven-year period. We know the wrath continues for at least five months because the locusts released by the fifth trumpet are instructed to harm the people of the earth for five months Revelation 9: Two Different Identities for the Antichrist During the tribulation, the antichrist continues to hide his true identity from the world. They will be deceived into believing he is the messiah and will worship the beast. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast. This event marks the beginning of the great tribulation Matthew The world will finally know he is a fraud. If the world had known his true identity they never would have followed him, but by then it will be too late because they have taken his mark. They will willingly follow this false

messiah to their destruction. They see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory Matthew The Antichrist Increases Then Decreases During the tribulation the antichrist continually increases in power. He prospers in whatever he does and performs his will with no one to stop him Daniel 8: He rises from ruler of one nation to ruler of the world Revelation 6: He destroys many while they are at ease Daniel 8: During the great tribulation the antichrist continually decreases in power. He will be broken without a hand laid on him Daniel 8: Complete destruction will be poured out on him Daniel 9: The Lord will destroy him along with all those who destroy the earth Revelation They will be given into his hand for three and a half years Daniel 7: He will strip them of the right to buy or sell Revelation He will put many of them to death. During the great tribulation his dominion will be taken away, annihilated, and destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him Daniel 7: Two Different Endings for the Antichrist After 42 months of speaking arrogant words and blasphemies against God, and being worshiped by the whole world Revelation He wants to be God. Adding to his long list of abominable acts, this extreme act takes him right to the edge and over the edge. The antichrist brings devastation and destruction upon himself and everything around him because of his offensive words and actions against God. He is the abomination that brings desolation. At the end of the great tribulation the antichrist is arrested and thrown down to the lowest place. He is thrown alive into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, and the false prophet with him Revelation The burning fire will destroy his body and put him to death Daniel 7:

Chapter 8 : The "Great Tribulation" and the Antichrist Summary

Twelve Differences Between the Tribulation and Great Tribulation October 11, PM By James Bailey 42 Comments No wonder there is so much confusion among Christians regarding the timing of the rapture.

Probably no other personage in all of Christendom, besides the Lord Jesus, has captivated the imagination of both saint and sinner alike. Books and even movies have been produced centering on this one infamous individual. Since the antichrist is such an integral part of dispensational thought, it necessitates some consideration for discussion. The Jews will reject him as their Messiah and, consequently, he will begin to persecute them. This is just a brief synopsis of the dispensational teaching regarding the antichrist. There is some variation to this particular interpretation among the dispensationalists, although its basic tenets are the same. He implicitly references him in First Timothy by ascribing to him certain causal attributes. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: He is antichrist, that denies the Father and the Son. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Essentially, it is someone who teaches error, false doctrine, tradition, or otherwise, would cause apostasy within the Church. Paul goes into a little more detail about this infamous personage. Here, this man of sin sits in the temple of God, as if he were God. Whenever Paul uses the term, temple of God, he is referring to the Church and not the Jewish temple see 1 Corinthians 3: Thus, the antichrist is someone inside the Church who attempts to destroy it by leading it into apostasy. Notice the following clauses which he uses: I personally believe that the fathers of the Reformation were correct in identifying the antichrist with the pope or papacy. Let me explain why. Thus began the departure from the Faith. Finally, in A. Originally, the Dark Ages was considered by many historians to occupy the bulk of the Middle Ages which lasted from the 4th century to the 14th century. I will now provide to the reader a list of quotes from Catholic authors and even some from the popes themselves. Let the reader judge whether these quotes support what both Paul and John had to say about the antichrist. The following history of Catholic heresies and the dates of their adoption is taken from an article written by Dr. The pope with a demon looking image on his shawl. Its greatest sin lies in the fact of the millions of Christians that were slaughtered during the Dark Ages of the Church. Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: From the early church fathers to the modern commentaries, this prophecy has been interpreted with a plethora of views. There are those who maintain that this prophecy was fulfilled in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes in approximately B. However, many place its fulfillment during the time of the life of Christ. Still, others say that its ultimate fulfillment extends to the time of the antichrist toward the end of the church age. This type of interpretation is a flagrant violation of the rules for interpreting scripture. Gabriel further states the purpose of the years: Therefore, we will search the scriptures to find the fulfillment of this prophecy. In order to understand the thought being presented in these two clauses, one must view them within their proper context. Daniel received this vision as he was contemplating the end of the seventy years of desolation as was foretold by the prophet Jeremiah. In like manner, Gabriel tells Daniel that Israel will once again be judged for their apostasy against God. However, this future judgment will have a note of finality to it. When their sins reach that breaking point, judgment will follow. Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary [hostile] to all men. Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: Fill you up then the measure of your fathers. Reconciliation means to cover, to atone, to expiate sin. When Jesus picked up the scroll of Isaiah there in the synagogue of Nazareth at the beginning of his ministry, he boldly announced that he was the fulfillment of that prophecy. Malachi, speaking as the last prophet of the Old Covenant, spoke of this historic event: The end of this definite period would complete this prophetic vision. It would also bring

into history the anointing of the long-awaited promised Messiah. Here, Gabriel revealed to Daniel when the beginning of this prophecy would actually start. From the study of Ezra, we find that there were three decrees issued from the kings of the Medes and Persians that dealt with the Jews returning to their homeland in Israel. The first decree was made by Cyrus in approximately B. However, it was during the reign of Darius that a second decree was proclaimed that gave authority for the Jews to again resume the construction on the temple. This was in B. It was in B. He was further given the authority to return to the temple the vessels that were taken from it by Nebuchadnezzar in B. Although the temple had been rebuilt, the streets and the wall lay still in ruins. This was yet another purpose of the decree and Ezra was assisted in this task by Nehemiah some 13 years later. From the study of Nehemiah, we find that the Jews were in constant battle against Sanballat in his effort to sabotage their efforts. According to this verse, the end of the 69th week would usher in the Messiah. This would mean that the Messiah would be ministering in the 70th week, contrary to dispensational thought. Notice the somber words spoken by both Jesus and Paul concerning the Jews in the following passages. Obviously, since this prince will be instrumental in the destruction of the city and the sanctuary, the reference must be applied to the Roman General Titus. So that the reader does not have to refer back to the original quote of Daniel 9, I will provide it to them at this time. According to their interpretation, the antichrist will make a covenant with the Jewish people. However, after three and one half years, he will sit in the rebuilt temple and declare himself to be God. At this point, the Jews will rebel against him and will acknowledge Jesus as the promised Messiah. This is a brief synopsis of the dispensational view. Notice the prophecy found in Malachi. Notice the prophecy found in Isaiah They are both self-explanatory with no need for commentary. According to verse 27, the confirmation period of this covenant was to last seven years. Also, Luke in his gospel Luke Upon the death of Christ, God no longer accepted and recognized animal sacrifices, since the ultimate sacrifice had now been paid. After rejecting their only savior, the Jews now faced certain judgment. Within that generation, the Roman armies would come and destroy both Jerusalem and its temple. He had to completely fulfill all scripture. Specifically, the gospel to the Gentiles could not start until the end of the 70th week ended. It is no accident that Paul, the apostle to the gentiles, was called in Acts 9 and, Peter delivered the gospel to the first gentile, Cornelius, in Acts Again, I must remind the reader that it is necessary to study the most referenced texts that the dispensationalists use, in order to show how they have been taken out of context, or else, completely misinterpreted. The next major passage most often quoted in prophetic circles is Matthew 24, more commonly referred to as the Olivet Discourse. And Jesus said to them, See you not all these things? Verily I say to you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? Notice the question posed to Jesus by the disciples just before his ascension in Acts 1: The beloved temple complex would achieve an unparalleled and elevated status in the Messianic kingdom. Even today, many confuse the signs of the destruction of the temple with signs of his second coming. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. According to the Jewish historian Josephus, twelve years after the death of Christ, another deceiver whose name was Theudas persuaded a multitude to follow him to the river Jordan. Supposedly, the river would divide at his command. But in just a short period of time, the empire was filled with strife, insurrection, and wars. The Roman historian Tacitus, in his Annals, recorded the following accounts: As the time drew closer to 70 A. In that one year, amid insurrections and civil turmoil, four men ascended to the office of Emperor. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Jerusalem and Judea suffered much from the famine during those years. The poor suffered the most during the famine. Sickly bodies, a consequence of starvation, become the breeding grounds for disease.

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Some Pretribulationists believe that those who choose to follow God, will be raptured before the tribulation, and thus escape it. In this view, the Tribulation will last seven prophetic Hebrew years lasting days each in all but the Great Tribulation will be the second half of the Tribulation period see Matt After seven weeks and 62 weeks, the prophecy says that the messiah will be "cut off", which is taken to correspond to the death of Christ. This is seen as creating a break of indeterminate length in the timeline, with one week remaining to be fulfilled. The time period for these beliefs is also based on other passages: The days of Daniel Pretribulationists believe that all righteous Christians dead and alive will be taken bodily up to Heaven called the rapture before the Tribulation begins. Those who become Christians after the rapture will live through or perish during the Tribulation. After the Tribulation, Christ will return to establish his Millennial Kingdom. Prewrath Tribulationists believe the Rapture will occur during the Tribulation, halfway through or after, but before the seven bowls of the wrath of God. Midtribulationists believe that the rapture will occur halfway through the Tribulation, but before the worst part of it occurs. The seven-year period is divided into halves—the "beginning of sorrows" and the "Great Tribulation". Posttribulationists believe that Christians will not be taken up into Heaven for eternity, but will be received or gathered in the air by Christ, to descend together to establish the Kingdom of God on earth at the end of the Tribulation. In pretribulationism and midtribulationism, the rapture and the Second Coming of Christ are separate events, while in post-tribulationism the two events are identical or simultaneous. Another feature of the pre- and mid-tribulation beliefs is the idea that after the rapture, Christ will return for a third time when also counting the first coming to set up his kingdom on the earth. Generally neither the Catholic Church, nor the various Orthodox and Anglican communions and older Protestant denominations, use the term "rapture", and tend towards amillennialism. Christian preterists believe that the Tribulation was a divine judgment visited upon the Jews for their sins, including rejection of Jesus as the promised Messiah. It occurred entirely in the past, around 70 AD when the armed forces of the Roman Empire destroyed Jerusalem and its temple. A preterist discussion of the Tribulation has its focus on the Gospels, in particular the prophetic passages in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, rather than on the Apocalypse or Book of Revelation. The destruction in 70 AD occurred within a year generation from the time when Jesus gave that discourse. The judgment on the Jewish nation was executed by the Roman legions, "the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet" Matthew Since Matthew 24 begins with Jesus visiting the Jerusalem Temple and pronouncing that "there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" vs. The prophecies were all fulfilled on the then-existing temple that Jesus spoke about and that was subsequently destroyed within that generation. Historicism[edit] The Historicist view applies Tribulation to the period known as "persecution of the saints" Daniel 7, Revelation This is believed by some to have been a period after the "falling away" when papal Rome came to power for years from to using the Day-year principle. They believe that the Tribulation is not a future event. Thus, instead of expecting a single Antichrist to rule the earth during a future Tribulation period, Martin Luther, John Calvin and the other Protestant Reformers saw the Antichrist as a present feature in the world of their time, fulfilled in the papacy.