



## Revelation Review—part 1

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: the Tribulation is a 7-year period of God's final judgment of earth. Pre-Tribulation doctrine teaches that the Rapture of the Church happens first, and launches the Tribulation. Out of all the chaos and calamity resulting from wrath, the Antichrist comes on the world stage.

From Sunday: what three things grow darker and darker, before the end comes?

- The World \_\_\_\_\_ —(political, military, natural disasters) See *Matthew 24:6-7*
- The Culture \_\_\_\_\_ —(morality, ethics, values) See *2 Timothy 3:1-4*
- The Church \_\_\_\_\_ —(less doctrine, redefine sin, distort Gospel) See *2 Timothy 4:3-4*

Are we seeing any of these things happening today? Discuss and give examples. \_\_\_\_\_

How do we know the Tribulation lasts for 7 years? 1) Numerous references to the ½ way point (1260 days & 42 months). 2) Daniel's detailed prophetic timeline chapter 9

See *Daniel 9:24-27* \_\_\_\_\_ = 70 weeks (literally 70 x 7's = 490 years) verse 24

- 7 x 7 = 49 years from Artaxerxes' decree to end of Nehemiah and O.T. (Malachi) Verse 25
- 62 x 7 = 434 more years until Jesus enters Jerusalem and dies at Calvary. Verse 26
- [Long church age, unknown to Israel's prophets] See *Colossians 1:24-27*
- 1 x 7 = Israel's return to world's stage [Revelation 4-18] Verse 27

The Antichrist (beast) starts out as the hero/savior riding in on the white horse. What changes and when? Daniel says, at the 1/2 -way mark, he breaks the covenant with Israel and commandeers their Temple with his image to be worshipped. Revelation said he survives a mortal wound through a fake resurrection. After this event, he reveals his true colors, purpose, and sponsor (the Dragon)

What still needs to happen for the Rapture to take place? Nothing. Eventually, the last person will receive Christ on this side of history, and then the end begins

See also *Romans 11:25-27* [extra: was this the case even 100 years ago? No...no Israel]

What details do we NOT know about the end times and the Tribulation?

- When: the date of the Rapture. The date of Jesus return (except 7 years after Tribulation begins)
- Who: the identity of the Antichrist. His name. What the 666 really means.
- How long: How long each judgment lasts. When next set begins.

For you: What's the most difficult *known* detail of the Tribulation?

What's the most difficult *unknown* detail of the Tribulation? Various personal answers on both.

How do you deal with both? Various answers. Prayer. Pray for wisdom, understanding, and peace. Embrace the sense of urgency—the time is running out. We must get more Kingdom focused and less self-focused. Prayers for the lost and opportunities to witness.