



Revelation Conclusion Various Scriptures—from 7.7.19

Read *Revelation 1:3*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon:

God has revealed all we need to know about the end times. We see He is just as worthy to be praised in His holy, righteous wrath as He is in His merciful grace. Revelation teaches a 7-year period of Tribulation as God removes common grace and avenges sin and rebellion. Throughout it all, He continues to offer life through repentance.

What happens to the Church at the end of this Age and launches the Tribulation? The Rapture of the church

What pieces of evidence do we have that the Church is removed from the world?

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 & 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Scripture
- The absence of the church in Revelation chapters 4-21
- Genesis 6:13-14, Genesis 19:12-13, & Joshua 6:22-24. The pattern of God removing His elect prior to judgment.

Just because the genuine Church is removed prior to the Tribulation, does that mean believers won't face persecution, ridicule, imprisonment, and even death for the Faith? Not at all. In fact, Jesus said we should expect it, even in the safest/most free societies. See Luke 21:12-17 & 2 Timothy 3:12

What nation is really the center and focus of Revelation? Israel

What does that tell us about God? various answers: He keeps His Covenants and promises. He is faithful. He will fulfill as Scripture—He means what He says and says what He means.

What important structure does Israel rebuild prior to/during the Tribulation? The Temple
See Daniel 9:27 & Matthew 24:15-16

Why is that both significant and miraculous? The Bible is clearly showing the Jews back in Israel at the end times. When John wrote Revelation (circa 95 A.D.), the Temple had been destroyed for 25 years and the Jews dispersed around the known world. Since the 7th Century, Islam has ruled Jerusalem and a sacred Muslim mosque has stood there since that time.

What other things did we learn about Islam and its role in the Tribulation? They believe a dominant, Muslim world leader is coming on the stage. He will make a pact with Israel only to break it. Their Messiah our Antichrist. They have Jesus coming back to do miracles and signs. But, their Jesus is the Bible's False Prophet. Just as true Islam is today, they will kill Jews and Christians.

Where is America in end-times prophecy? We cannot clearly find her. She's either imploded and no longer significant in the world's drama. Or, she may be included in the revived Roman Empire of the Beast.

What events and changes in the world, today, are evidence the end is very near?

2 Timothy 3:1-7 & 13—The decline of culture

2 Timothy 4:3—The decline of the Church: abandoning doctrine and truth

Matthew 24:6-8—increase in frequency and intensity of natural disasters and conflict

Isaiah 11:11-12—The return of the Jews to the Land and the reestablishing of Israel.

Matthew 24:14—The Gospel is likely very close to having been preached to all nations.

Does this give you comfort or anxiety? Why?