



Howards Corner

Reasons for Tribulation period

The judgement of the Nations and people of world

God has called all this into being for the destruction of the evil nations and people of the world because of their many sins and turning away from Him and ignoring His word and His call for the world to receive His amazing offer of Grace and forgiveness and salvation and eternal life by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross to pay for man's many sins but have instead chosen the lure of Satan's ways and ignored God. At the time of the tribulation the nations have now been judged. You say there is no God then you have found that there is, and you have been judged.

God has always given time for people and nations to change and listen to him and put away their many gods. He waits until we have had many chances but have refused to listen to Him and His word where He has said there would be a day of judgement. The world just has never believed. You say I do not believe there is hell well the word has told us. Jesus plainly states there is a hell, and we should do drastic things to keep from going there. He has said there will be a time of reckoning and for the world the tribulation is that judgement.

Here are a few of many scriptures to support this Judgement.

Zep 3 *I have decided to assemble the nations,
to gather the kingdoms
and to pour out my wrath on them—
all my fierce anger.
The whole world will be consumed
by the fire of my jealous anger.*

Isa 13:9 *See, the day of the Lord is coming
—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—*

*to make the land desolate
and destroy the sinners within it.*

Isa 13:11-12 *I will punish the world for its evil,
the wicked for their sins.*

*I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty
and will humble the pride of the ruthless.*

12 *I will make people scarcer than pure gold,
more rare than the gold of Ophir.*

Isa 24:1 *See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth
and devastate it;
he will ruin its face
and scatter its inhabitants—*

Isa 24:6 *Therefore a curse consumes the earth;
its people must bear their guilt.*

*Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up,
and very few are left.*

From Revelation

The seven seals

Seal one – The judgement of the nations begins. *I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.*

This is the beginning of the judgement of the nations and the start of the tribulation seven years. The setting is the church has been raptured and all true believing Christians are gone along with all previously deceased believers. Obviously, there is much distress because the number of missing people will be great and the times have to be totally uncertain for the people left.

One comes out to conquer. This one appears to be the anti-Christ. He appears to be conquering without war but by diplomacy or intrigue or intimidation but nevertheless a conqueror. Because he rides a white horse, he at the beginning is posing as the “good guy” probably to make peace in a troubled world. He has a

crown so is a king or a person of authority. He has a bow which shows he has power, but it does not say he uses it for now.

Seal two - *Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.*

This is obviously the “bad guy” and comes to bring war over the whole earth. He appears to have some spiritual power to make people kill each other or is by fear to make them kill each other. The fact that he had a “large sword” indicates he has great power and may indicate he has superior weapons such as nuclear weapons. Many think this is also the anti-Christ showing a different waring nature. This will result in a major death toll over the earth and a world war will change the whole livability of the nations. Just think how much the covid 19 disrupted life and this will totally stop life as we know it. This is to the world at large and not to Israel for I believe they are protected at this time.

Seal three - *There before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds^[a] of wheat for a day’s wages,^[b] and six pounds^[c] of barley for a day’s wages,^[d] and do not damage the oil and the wine!”*

When you get worldwide war with people killing each other all normal living is changed and will result in famine and loss of infrastructure to deliver food and all other normal transportation and that will result in severe price increases. Do not damage the oil and wine is a question. Some suppose that since these items are produced in the mid-east that they will not be a part of the major war destruction. I don’t know but I do believe Israel is protected during the first half of the tribulation because of the covenant with the anti-Christ. The second half will result in the anti-Christ then turning on Israel to destroy them. That is the “Great Tribulation” or the time of Jacobs troubles.

Seal four - *I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.*

So, the Pale Horse is released and death, with Hades the result those killed by war, famine and plagues and wild beasts. The result is one fourth of the world will be killed but we do not know if it is evenly distributed around the world or if this means some places are wiped out and others are protected. This will be a very large number of deaths and destruction.

Seal five - *I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters,^[e] were killed just as they had been.*

We see now many will be killed because of their trust in the word of God and the testimony they had maintained during this tribulation time. These could be Jews or others left on the earth after the Rapture of the body of Christ but have come to believe and suffered death because of their belief. Remember the church has been taken off the earth because they are not meant for wrath. This indicates there will be more after this point and they are asking how long until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood. So far it appears to be by acts of men that these things have taken place.

Seal six - *There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.*

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us^[f] from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of their^[g] wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

Now we come to the acts of God to cause the nature of the universe to be shaken and the operation of heavens and the natural order of things to be changed. It is no longer just man's destruction but is God changing the laws of this world's natural operation. The earthquake happened and every mountain and island were

removed from its place which will severely alter the earth and will make it very likely few will survive. The mighty men of the earth finally wake up and hid themselves in caves and wanted to die to escape the wrath of God and the Lamb. So the wrath of God has come and we are not yet at the mid-point of tribulation.

I will not try to cover the rest of the judgements of Revelation because this is not a writing on Revelation but just a taste of the destruction and judgement of the nations.

Back to my discussion of the judgment of the nations

I could have given more scriptures throughout the Old Testament for there are very many, but I would just have to fill these pages with the scriptures you need to read and study. The main point I want you to see is that there is coming a judgement of the nations of this world, and it is not only after death in hell but will literally happen on this earth during the tribulation period. In looking at what is happening in the world today it is closer than many think because the world is denying the word of God and choosing to follow man's thoughts of what is right.

Today in America there are many that are thumbing their noses at God and His word and there is no remorse or repentance- no humility-no desire to make peace with God. Nations are setting up their laws to force out any belief in God or Jesus Christ but have put themselves and their ideas as the standard to live by. The church is heading back to a time of persecution and in many countries it has already happening. Judgement is coming on all nations.

It is now 5783 on the Jewish calendar and if I am right, we are faced with no more than another 217 years until all this happens because we have been given as men 6000 years. Then will come the sabbath rest of the 1000 years of Christ's reign on the earth. So, it is time for us to get our act together and surrender to Jesus alone for our salvation from destruction in earth and in hell.

Church beliefs

Many of the churches of today still think that the church will continue to grow into the kingdom of Christ but fail to look at what is happening all around us in today's world and in history. It is not getting better but is instead getting worse. The

thought that the church is going to continue to grow until the whole earth is filled with the kingdom is however a misinterpretation of Daniel chapter 2 that says –

Dan 2: 34 *While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.*

So, you see the church along the way thought that the rock cut out not by human hands was the church but if you read carefully, you will see that all the gentile nations still exist today and have not become like chaff and blown away. The stone cut out not by human hands is Jesus, but it will not happen until Jesus' second coming when He will destroy all the gentile nations at the end of the tribulation and the millennial kingdom is established. This kingdom then will become the huge mountain that fills the whole earth. The stone struck the statue on the feet which tells us that it is at the end of the gentile reign which matches with Jesus' second coming. This is one of the many reasons Daniel is in the bible.

Even today many of the denominational churches believe this and are believing the church is to grow until the church fills the whole earth. The problem is therefore that for Israel to be a literal nation again gets in the way of this interpretation so then came the belief in "replacement theology" which eliminates Israel as a literal nation again. Therefore, many books of the bible have been labeled as having no meaning and not taught or in most cases not believed at all. Those books are there for a reason. They must be opened and understood.

It also requires that the church still be here until Jesus' second coming and that there is no rapture, and the church still exists and therefore the church would go through the tribulation but that invalidates a lot of scripture.

Many errors have developed over these 2000 years but very few are willing to go back and dig out the truth because it messes up their theology and their traditions. They then would have to go back and relook at all their concepts of the church and all its beliefs, and it is too ingrained in their teachings to do that, so the errors continue to exist. Only those that are led by the scriptures and the infilling of the Holy Spirit dare to open these many questions of doctrine and theology.

Individual of today

This is a warning for those of today not just to those in the Tribulation. You will have your chance today to believe but it will not last forever because death can come on you suddenly and then there is no more time to accept this salvation by grace that Jesus has paid for by His blood shed on the cross. Time to get serious.

I am also talking to those that are in the churches of today that think they are alright because they are a member of a church organization which has no power to save but have not sought a personal relation with our might Savior and Lord. Although you have been deceived by many church leaders with wrong teaching you are not free of guilt. You have the word of God at your fingertips with much access to the bible and other resources, but have you diligently sought the truth, or did you just go along with the church teaching without testing that teaching with the word of God? Did you ask the Lord to show you the truth or did you just fall asleep and were sleeping when the truth was revealed to you? Unfortunately, many are asleep in today's churches with no desire to seek the truth and just follow the easy way for we just don't want to "rock the boat". I have been trying to rock the boat for the last few years but have found that love of churches and the comfort of friends and relationships are hard to break away from. Remember there is a narrow way leading to eternal life and there is a broad way that leads to destruction. Which one are you on?

To church leaders, Pastors, Bishops and teachers

Beware for those in the pulpits of the churches. You will be held accountable for the things you have preached or not preached. Do you preach the word of God and the Gospel of grace, or do you teach your own way or other ways of man? Do you seek to rightly divide the word of truth or to teach only doctrines of man? Do you fail to tell the truth because you do not want to offend your congregation or maybe lose your job? Have you ever received the Holy Spirit or are you operating in your own wisdom and understanding? Remember you are a leader and are more accountable than the person in the pew for they are looking to you for the true word of God. I think you will be judged more severely because you are to diligently seek the truth and examine the scriptures and teach the truth to the congregations.

So, this teaching is the first of five reasons for the tribulation and goes with the previous teaching on "Thoughts on the great tribulation ". As time permits I will

cover the other four reasons for the tribulation period. Remember that we are not to focus on these future events but instead to focus on the work of the “kingdom” and on our own salvation.

God bless you!

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