

“THE WORLD IN TRIBULATION”

(Fourth in an 8 week series on “The Future Unfolded”)

False Messiahs	Worldwide Military Conflict	Famines
Widespread Plagues	Massive Earthquakes‘	Martyrdoms
Deceptions	Unchecked Lawlessness	Idolatry
Planetary Upheavals	Unrestrained Immorality	Pestilence
Devastating Hail	Scorching Heat	Anarchy
Blood-filled Water	Painful Body Sores	Starvation
Countless Deaths	International Dictatorship	Genocide
Economic Collapse	Longing for Death	Sorcery

- ✓ **The Day of the Lord** - 1 Thessalonians 5:2
- ✓ **The Day of God’s Vengeance** - Isaiah 61:2
- ✓ **The time of Jacob’s Trouble** - Jeremiah 30:7
- ✓ **The Seventieth week** - Daniel 9:24-27
- ✓ **The Great day of their Wrath** - Revelation 6:17
- ✓ **The Hour of His judgment** - Revelation 14:7
- ✓ **The End of this world** - Matthew 13:40, 49
- ✓ **The Time of Distress** - Daniel 12:1

*“Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that **the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.** ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” **destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.**”*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

AND YET ...

*“The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still **did not repent** of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. ²¹ **Nor did they repent** of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”*
- Revelation 9:20-21

*“They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, **but they refused to repent** and glorify him. ¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but **they refused to repent** of what they had done.”*
- Revelation 16:9-11

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

➤ Seven Years of Great Tribulation - *Daniel 9; 12*

“He will confirm a covenant with many for **one ‘seven.’** ... There will be a time of distress **such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.**” - Daniel 9:27a, 12:1a

➤ Distress Unequaled in History - *Matthew 24/Revelation 6*

“For then there will be great distress, **unequaled** from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.” - Matthew 24:21

➤ World-wide Torment & Turmoil - *Revelation 6 - 19*

“Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man 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 from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ **For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?**” - Revelation 6:15-17

➤ Rebellion, Evil & Powerful Delusion - *2 Thessalonians 2*

“The coming of **the lawless one** will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and in **every sort of evil** that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God sends them a **powerful delusion** so that they will believe the lie ¹² and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.” - 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

➤ A Northern Coalition against Israel - *Ezekiel 38-39*

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? ¹⁵ **You will come from your place in the far north**, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army. ¹⁶ You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, O Gog, **I will bring you against my land**, so that the nations may know me when I show myself holy through you before their eyes.’” - Ezekiel 38:14-16

➤ A Purging of Israel

- *Ezekiel 20:34-38*

*“I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered—with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. ³⁵ I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you. ³⁶ As I judged your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign LORD. ³⁷ I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. ³⁸ **I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me.** Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”*
- Ezekiel 20:34-38

➤ A National Salvation for Israel

- *Zechariah 13:8-9*

*“In the whole land,” declares the LORD, “two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. ⁹ This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; **I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’**”*
- Zechariah 13:8-9

➤ The Battle of Armageddon

– *Revelation 16:16/Joel 3*

*“Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon.**”*

- Revelation 16:16

WHO ARE THE PLAYERS?

➤ The Devil

– *Revelation 12:12*

➤ The Anti-Christ

– *Daniel 7:25/Revelation 13:1-7*

➤ The False Prophet

– *Revelation 13:11-17*

➤ The 144,000 Evangelists

– *Revelation 7:1-8/14:1-5*

➤ The Two Witnesses

– *Revelation 11:3-12*

➤ The Two Babylons

– *Revelation 17 & 18*

➤ The King of Kings & Lord of Lords

– *Revelation 19:11-21*

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

- Daniel 9:24/2 Thessalonians 2:11-12/Matthew 25:32-34

“... **to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.**” - Daniel 9:24

“For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie ¹² and so that all will be **condemned** who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.”

- 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the **kingdom** prepared for you since the creation of the world.’” - Matthew 25:34

- To **“finish transgression”**
 - ✓ Israel’s sin of rejecting her Messiah
- To **“put an end to sin”**
 - ✓ Israel’s sins removed in New Covenant
- To **“atone for wickedness”**
 - ✓ Israel reconciled with a Holy God
- To **“bring in everlasting righteousness”**
 - ✓ Israel enters a Messianic Kingdom
- To **“seal up vision and prophecy”**
 - ✓ All Messianic Prophecies fulfilled
- To **“anoint the most holy” place**
 - ✓ The Temple of the Messianic Kingdom
- To condemn those **“who have not believed”**
 - ✓ The Gentiles who delighted in wickedness
- To **“separate” a people for “the kingdom”**
 - ✓ The Gentiles who inhabit the Kingdom