

Why We Believe in the Pre-Tribulational Rapture

1. **There is a difference between the Church and Israel.**
Daniel 9:23-27 explains that the tribulation is part of Israel's prophetic time clock.
2. **Believers are "kept from the hour of testing."** (Revelation 3:10)
3. **Believers are saved from God's wrath through Christ.**
This includes eternal wrath (Romans 5:9) as well as the wrath of the tribulation (1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9).
4. **Revelation pictures a pre-tribulational rapture.**
After the letters to the churches in Revelation 1-3, John is caught up into heaven in 4 to watch the tribulation unfold.
5. **Any other view causes us to take our eyes off heaven.**
Titus 2:11-13 commands us to look for the blessed hope because the return of Christ is imminent. If the rapture does not occur before the tribulation begins, we are no longer waiting for the coming of Christ, but Antichrist!

Salvation Belongs to Our God

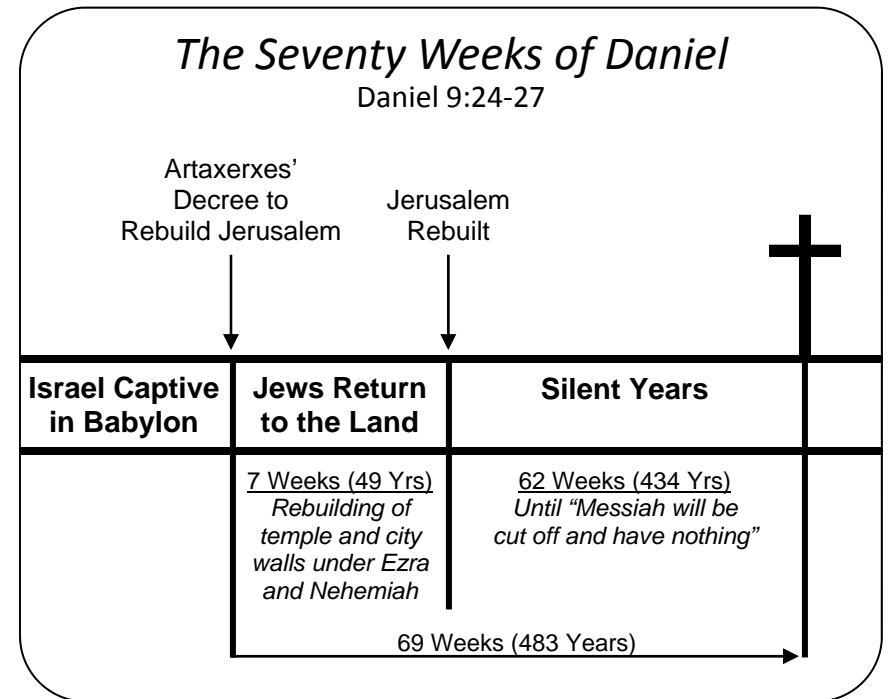
Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the Throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen

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Part Five
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What is the Great Tribulation?



The Precision of God's Plan

- $69 \times 7 \times 360 =$ _____ days
- Artaxerxes' Decree (Nehemiah 2:1-8) = _____.
- _____ + _____ = _____,
the date of the _____.

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The Seventy Weeks of Daniel, Continued

Daniel 9:24-27

The Seventieth Week, The Great Tribulation

- The 70 week clock was paused at the _____.
Daniel 9:26
- It resumes when a _____ with the Antichrist. Daniel 9:27a
- Seven years of _____, in two _____ parts. Daniel 9:27b, Revelation 11:2-3

What the Great Tribulation Shows Us

- A Glimpse into the _____ of God.
- A Demonstration of the _____ of God (Rev 11:7).
- An Example of the _____ of Man
Revelation 6:16-17, 9:20-21, 16:9,11,21

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The Great Tribulation

The Seven Seals (Revelation 6)

1. (6:1-2) White Horse – The Antichrist achieves world domination.
2. (6:3-4) Red Horse – A world war
3. (6:5-6) Black Horse – A terrible famine, a days wages is required to purchase a quart of wheat.
4. (6:7-8) Pale Horse – Death comes to a fourth of the world.
5. (6:9-11) Martyrs cry out for justice.
6. (6:12-17) A massive earthquake, the sun is darkened, the moon appears red, stars fall to the earth, people on the earth are given a glimpse into heaven.
7. (8:1-2) Silence in Heaven, The Seven Trumpets

The Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8-9, 11)

1. (8:7) $\frac{1}{3}$ of the earth and trees and all the green grass are burned.
2. (8:8-9) A flaming mountain hits the sea. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the sea becomes blood. $\frac{1}{3}$ of sea creatures die. $\frac{1}{3}$ of ships are destroyed.
3. (8:10-11) A star falls from heaven and contaminates $\frac{1}{3}$ of the fresh water. Many die from drinking it.
4. (8:12) The sun and moon's light is reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the stars cease to shine.
5. (9:1-11) Demonic creatures are released from the abyss and torture man for 5 months
6. (9:13-21) A demonic army is released and kills $\frac{1}{3}$ of mankind.
7. (11:15-19) Worship in Heaven

The Bowls

1. (16:2) A malignant sore on the followers of the Antichrist.
2. (16:3) The sea becomes blood. Every living thing in it dies.
3. (16:4-7) The rivers and springs of water become blood.
4. (16:8-9) The sun becomes stronger and scorches the earth.
5. (16:10-11) Darkness covers the Antichrist's kingdom.
6. (16:12-16) Euphrates river is dried up to prepare for Armageddon.
7. (16:17-21) The greatest earthquake in history destroys cities, islands and mountains. 100 pound hailstones fall from heaven.