

The Tribulation

Revelation Series

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I. Background

- A. Daniel was **reading** the Scriptures, **praying**, fasting and repenting when God told him about the Tribulation (Dan. 9:2, 20)

II. Let's talk "septets"

- A. Daniel's seventy septets (v.24) are divided into **three** septet groups (Dan. 9:25-27)
- B. Septet is a word that describes a **group of seven**
- C. Septets are groups of seven **years**
- D. The first seven "septets of years" equals **49** years
- E. The next sixty two "septets of years" equals **434** years
- F. The third "septet of years" is a **single** septet which equals **seven** years and is named the **Tribulation**

III. The Tribulation is further described as...

- A. A Day of **wrath** (Zeph. 1:15)
- B. A Time of **distress** (Dan 12:1)
- C. A period of **wickedness** and God's **judgment** (Rev. 6-18)
- D. The first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation will be a time of the antichrist's **peaceful** rule (Dan. 9:27)
- E. The second 3 ½ years of the Tribulation will be a time of **wrath** and **judgment** such as the world has never seen (Dan. 11: 31-32, 12:1; Matt. 24: 15-21)

IV. Who is the "Antichrist"?

- A. The "antichrist" is **Satan's** embodied agent on earth (Dan. 7:8; Rev. 13:3)
- B. The "antichrist" is also known as the "**beast**" or the "**man of lawlessness**" (Daniel 7:23; II Thess. 2:3)
- C. The "antichrist" is represented by the **little horn** in Daniel (Dan. 7:8)

V. The Antichrist's rise to power

- A. The "antichrist's" rise to power will be **subtle** (Rev. 17:13)
- B. He will rise to power through **political** accomplishments (Dan. 9:27)
- C. He will rise to power through **economic** accomplishments (Rev. 13:16-18)
- D. He will rise to power through **religious** accomplishments (Dan. 9:27, 11:31, 12:11; Matt. 24:15)

VI. Why give so much attention to the Tribulation?

- A. To further appreciate our **salvation** (Eph. 2:7)
- B. To increase our heart for the **unsaved** (Matt. 25:41; II Thess. 1:8-9; Jn. 3:16; I Pet. 2:5)
- C. To be **prepared** for the Rapture (I Thess. 5:2-4)



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