

The great tribulation Pt 2 We will NOT be there.

This is our second study on the topic of the “great tribulation”. In our previous teaching we established three points– (1) Jesus spoke of the sign of His coming and the end of the world and mentioned a period of great tribulation, (2) Jesus identified events that will take place before, and be signs of the great tribulation, and (3) In the great tribulation a third of men will die. In this study we establish– (1) Jesus set the period of “great tribulation” immediately after the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, (2) Daniel’s 70 week prophesy was to the nation of Israel and (3) This current age is between the sixty ninth and seventieth week.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. Jesus set the period of “great tribulation” immediately after the abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel the prophet.

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) [21] For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matt.24: 15, 21).

2. Daniel’s 70 week prophesy was to the nation of Israel.

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy” (Dan 9:24).

3. This current age is between the sixty ninth and seventieth week.

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined” (Dan 9: 26).

Illustration

A Christian’s theology of the Great Tribulation will determine how they live. Are they gearing up storing food, and water– non–perishables for a period of time when they will be unable to buy and sell or are they gearing up for the rapture, to get out there and preach that as many souls as possible will be saved, and so NOT go through this period of great tribulation.

Questions to think about.

Why do some church's teach that Christians will go though the Great Tribulation?

Answers from the scriptures

A) Some churches believe they are going through the great Tribulation because–

i) The Tribulation is after the falling away, after the “man of sin be revealed”– 2 Thes.2: 3, after the last trumpet, after the dead in Christ are raised which is after the last trumpet (at the end of time).

ii) Their interpretation excludes Matt.24: 15 which sets Daniel’s 70 week prophesy. let us focus on reaching the lost with the gospel and not gearing up to last through seven years of tribulation, because we are NOT going through the great Tribulation! Amen!