



## “Your Future in the Tribulation”

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I greet you in the wonderful name of our Savior Jesus Christ and again it's always an honor and a privilege to be anywhere where we can allow God's Word to be taught. I'm privileged again to be here. I have a message as Nathan shared this morning that's a very tough one, but it's Scripture, it's biblical, and the title in reference to your hope in the Tribulation or the Tribulation itself the hope that we have as born again believers is that we won't be a part of that event. And we are going to see this morning some different things related to it, but before I do that I want to make a few announcements.....

My message today dealing with the Tribulation we have the coming seven year Tribulation which is what I am going to go through this morning and we are going to see some beautiful things in the Scriptures. Now we have a number of audio CD's.....

Now my message this morning will be entitled the coming seven year Tribulation and we are going to see in reference to this Tribulation season what the Word of God has

predicted in regards to it. And again I want you to bow your hearts as I ask the Lord again to help us this morning.....

Again this Tribulation season I have a prophecy chart here, and again this chart here is a chart of time, we are currently in what is called the Church Age. And what's happening we are going to see from Scripture that the Lord the next major prophetic event on His calendar is that event called the Rapture of the Church where Christ will literally come to take up the church and as the church departs the Bible predicts this seven year Tribulation that is going to come upon planet earth. And again we are going to see it in the Scriptures. Now I'm a teacher so I like to deal with topics and we are going to look at what is the Great Tribulation? I am going to define it for you this morning. We are going to see what is the purpose of the Great Tribulation? We are going to see this morning names, I am going to give you different names given to the Great Tribulation. We're also going to see the time span of the Great Tribulation, how long it's going to last. What all will be the factors involved in the Great Tribulation? Then we are going to see the major players of the Great Tribulation, there are a number of players that the Scriptures has predicted in regards to this event. Then we'll literally look at the events of the Tribulation, we will look at those. And then last we will close up with the end results of the Great Tribulation. I know that seems like a lot of material to go through but we're going to hit a lot of it pretty fast as we go through and we've got to allow it to help us to understand.

So first of all I want to define; what is the Great Tribulation? What is this time of Tribulation that is coming? And I want to start off with this, what is the Great Tribulation? This would be a horrifying seven year period of suffering that will be like none other in time or in world history, a one that will ever be experienced in the future. This will be a definite period of judgment on mankind sent from God upon the earth to accomplish several purposes. Now we are going to see also this morning that everything that God is doing He has a plan and a purpose behind what He is doing. Everything will accomplish something in the overall program of God. And again we will see that as we go further.

Now I want to give you one of the first prophecies in the Old Testament that alludes to the Tribulation and we find it here in the book of Deuteronomy 4:30-31, it read here in verse 30 of Deuteronomy 4, it says, "When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;" verse 31 "For the LORD thy God is a merciful God; He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He swore unto them." Back in the Old Testament in the book of Deuteronomy as Moses wrote the prophetic word God gave him a prophecy that alluded to the time of Tribulation. And what is amazing about it, He says, "When thou are in tribulation," He said, "in the latter days." He was talking to his brother, his Jewish brother, talking to Israel. There is coming a day when you are going to face Tribulation. But what I love so much about this he even told his Jewish brother and he said, "Listen," he said, "if you turn to God, God will be merciful even during this time of Great Tribulation." We are

going to see this morning that the Tribulation period is designed; God has a purpose for this even. It's not just an event that is going to bring judgment to earth but God has a plan with the Tribulation, where this Great Tribulation it is going to cause national Israel to come to a saving knowledge of Christ. God is going to use this time to bring Israel to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Israel will experience Christ the way we do as believers today. But God is going to allow them to go through this season and as they do they will come to the Lord.

Now I want to quote certain scholars and we are going to see what certain scholars have said about this event the Great Tribulation. Dr. Tim LaHaye listen to what he says, he says, "There is no question this world will yet experience a time of Great Tribulation. Such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, as predicted by our Lord in Matthew 24:21. In Revelation 3:20 He promised to keep believers from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth. Such a time will have to be worse than any other time known in human history." In other words the Tribulation is going to be a time that the world has never, ever experienced. It is going to be a time of just trouble and turmoil that this planet has never, ever experienced. This is going to be a great judgment. He goes on to say, "We should never lose sight of the true purpose of that Tribulation Period." He said, "For in that brief seven year period, at the time when the world's population is at its largest, God will shake the Earth in an attempt to lessen man's false sense of security."

God is going to show man in the Great Tribulation that He is in control because we are going to see some things. God is going to do natural things in the, He is going to mess with the elements; He is going to do supernatural things all through that seven year window. God is going to show man that I am in control. God is going to lessen man's grip on his security. God is going to show man, that hey, I am bigger than you. And again we will see that again as we go further.

Now what is the purpose of the Great Tribulation? What is the purpose of the Tribulation? I want to quote Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost in his book called, *The Things to Come*, listen to what he says "The first reason for the Tribulation is this, the first reason is that it is designed to prepare the nation of Israel to meet her Messiah." Again this is the main purpose of the Tribulation it is designed to cause Israel to come to a saving knowledge.

You know as I travel I met a lot of people that literally want to debate about the Tribulation or they want to debate whether or not the Church is going through the Tribulation. And I tell them, "You know can you give me a reason why the Church must go through the Tribulation?" Nine out of ten they will tell you that the Church must go through the Tribulation in order for the Church to be purified, or perfected. And I say, "Well that is incorrect," I say, "The Bible literally tells us what this Tribulation is designed for." And again it is mainly designed for the nation of Israel. God is going to birth Israel. Israel is going to come back. The veil will literally be lifted off of their eyes and they will

cry out for the true Messiah. God is going to take Israel through this season and as they go at the end of it they are going to come to Christ.

Now the second great purpose of the Great Tribulation is to pour out judgment on unbelieving man and nations. It will be seen that God is judging nations of the Earth because of their ungodliness. Again Saints God is going to judge men. God is going to show man, listen I am in control, and that you know you don't want to honor me, then therefore you will literally get the judgments of God. Again it is going to be a time, Jesus our Savior said, "A time that this world has never seen, nor never, ever will see again." I want to quote also Dr. Dave Reagan from his book, *God's Plan for the Ages*, listen to what he said, he said, "The Tribulation will be a living Hell with a degree of violence that is unparallel in all of history." He goes on to say, "The Jews will not be the only ones to suffer during this period of unparallel trouble. The Bible makes it clear that all the nations of the world will experience catastrophic calamities." Again saints this will be an amazing event that will come upon planet Earth. Mankind can not imagine. You know I talk to people all the time, they think that today that we are going through some turmoil and list some things. This is nothing compared to what is coming in the next dispensation.

You know the hope that we have is that you know if you are born again today, you won't face this time of Tribulation. That is the blessed hope that the Bible talks about. But for those that choose to reject God there is a season coming, there is a time coming where they will meet the Judge of Heaven. And God is going to allow this event to come into the Earth and it is going to shake the world.

Now I want to quote another colleague and I will quote him in a few minutes. But I want to deal with here why the Church will not go through the Great Tribulation. Again I want to quote Dr. Pentecost in his book again, *The Things to Come*, he is quoting Gerald Stanton, and listen to what Gerald Stanton says, he says, "The Tribulation is primarily Jewish. The fact is born out by the book of Revelation itself. It concerns Daniel's people, the coming false Messiah, the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom, flight or travel on the Sabbath, the Temple and the Holy Place, and the children of Israel."

What we are going to see as we go further in this Tribulation window, the Tribulation is primarily Jewish. Again the Temple worship will be reinstated; they will have the Sabbath day different aspects. They will participate in Jewish rituals. I mean all of these things will be involved in the Great Tribulation. So we are going to see again that it is primarily Jewish and again with that God has a purpose that He is going to do with this Tribulation. He goes on to say, "The sacrifices and ablations of the Temple, these speak of Israel and prove that the Tribulation is largely a time when God deals with the ancient people, prior to their entrance into the promised kingdom." Now again this is going to literally set up for my message this afternoon because on the tail end of the Tribulation Period, after the Second Coming of Christ we will go into that Millennial Kingdom. Not only will the Church experience this wonderful Millennial Kingdom but also the nation of

Israel. Israel will literally receive everything that God promised them as far as land and different blessings. Israel will experience the fullness of their blessing as we go further in this study.

Now the Church has not been called to this time of wrath and I want to give you a few verses here just to reiterate the fact that again our blessed hope Christ, you know the time of the Rapture is an event that will literally remove the Church out of the way in order for the Tribulation to come in. Now I must say one other thing too now. I have heard people say, "Brother Perkins, you guys that hold a Pre-Trib view, you guys want to be raptured because you are afraid of the Antichrist, or you are afraid of judgment." Well that's not the case. Based on Scripture that dispensation, the time of wrath has not been called to the Church. The Church has not been called to this time of wrath and we'll see that as we go further.

Quoting Romans 5:9 the apostle Paul wrote, he said, "We shall be saved from wrath through Him." We will be saved from this wrath through Christ, this wrath that is to come. The Church will be saved from it; we have been delivered from it. We are not called to the wrath. First Thessalonians 1:10 Paul wrote, "Even Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come." The Bible said we are waiting for Jesus from Heaven who delivered us from the wrath to come. Our Savior has already done it; we have been delivered from this time of judgment that is to come. Luke 21:36 says, "Watch you therefore and pray always that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." Here he says may you pray that you may be accounted worthy to escape, this is an event that is not ordained for the Church. The Antichrist and the events of that is not an event that is ordained for the Church.

I want to give you a few more here. The book of Revelation 3:10 this is a promise to the Church that Jesus gave He says here in verse 10, "Because though hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." This is a promise to the Church; if you overcome He said I will keep you from the hour that is to come, this hour of Tribulation, this hour of temptation that is to come. And then First Thessalonians 5:9, it says, "For God have not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." Because of what Christ has done at Calvary's cross today we have been delivered, we have not been appointed to this time. Now that word is key appointed, because what we are going to see that the Tribulation is an appointment for the House of Israel. The Tribulation period is a season, it is time frame that begun in the Old Testament it is prophecy that's literally millenniums old. God prophesied to the prophet Daniel that Israel will go through a season of test, God would take them through the 70 week judgment. And again the end result of that will literally be salvation to Israel.

Now let's go a little bit further and what I want to do here I want to give you some names for the Tribulation. And again I am going to give you a few Scriptures here, and as we

look at them it is going to give us a little bit clearer idea as to this Tribulation Period. But I am going to give you some names for the Tribulation and the first one I want to give you is found in the book of Daniel 12:1 the Bible says, "And there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to the same time." Here it is called a time of trouble. Daniel prophesied that there is coming a time upon the House of Israel where they will experience major, major trouble. Here is another one here, this is Matthew 24:21, it says, "For then shall be great tribulation, for such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor shall ever be." Now we also have it in Revelation 2:22, and Revelation 7:14, these are the only time you literally find the term Tribulation, Great Tribulation mentioned, in these verse here, but here Jesus called it the Great Tribulation. Again it is an event that will be like none other.

Here another one here we have in Jeremiah 30:7, it says, "Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble," listen to this, "but he shall be saved out of it." Another name for the Tribulation is called the time of Jacob's trouble. Now we know the name Jacob that is literally is Israel, the time of Israel's trouble. And again that is really key to understanding the Great Tribulation because it is a time that has been ordained specifically toward the House of Israel. And lastly here is one here, this is a good one here, I've got one more after this, here's a good one, Revelation 6:16 this is during the seal judgment and the Bible tells us here in verse 16, "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." This is during the first six seals judgments of the Great Tribulation. Here it is called the wrath of the Lamb. Now there is some debate you know where people believe a view they call the Pre-wrath Rapture, they believe that the Church will be raptured  $\frac{3}{4}$  into the Tribulation. They believe that the wrath of God does not come into the Tribulation until we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  in; they believe that the first half of the Tribulation is the wrath of man, and the second half is the wrath of God.

Well chapter 6 begins the Great Tribulation and here we see it called the wrath of the Lamb. Now we do know as you cross the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years and going into the Tribulation it gets worse, we do know that, it gets worse, and the judgments intensify. But at the beginning of the Tribulation it is still the wrath of God, it is the called the wrath of the Lamb here. But that is another name for it, the wrath of the Lamb. So I am going to give you one more here, and again this is Revelation 3:10, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation." So we have different names given to the Tribulation that identifies this period of time in the Scriptures. The time, an hour of great test, and toil upon men who have rejected God.

Now let's go a little bit further and let's look at the time span of the Tribulation. And what I am going to do I am going to bring in a chart, this is the 70 week chart, and I wanted to point to it, but my pointer can't work too good on this one here. But this 70 week prophecy of Daniel is an amazing prophecy because these 70 weeks is not weeks of days, it is weeks of years. It totals 490 years of judgment that God will literally bring towards the House of Israel. But as you study these events it literally gives us a

beautiful picture of what God is doing. So far today up to the point of Christ's death and resurrection, 483 of these 490 year judgment has been complete. Based on Scripture we have only 7 years left, or the last week of judgment of Daniel's 9 prophecies. And again during this time I mean God is going to bring judgment upon the House of Israel, but in the later part here this last part where we see the 666 there this later part here is the last week of judgment that God is going to bring towards Israel, and then again they are going to come to a saving knowledge.

Now again I bring our chart again, the first middle circle, the first circle there is the Church Age, the middle circle is the Tribulation. The Tribulation it only has a seven year window, it's not going to last beyond seven years God has only allowed it seven years, but that is going to be one action packed seven years. It is going to be a fast paced time upon mankind. Again man cannot imagine what is coming, what is coming at that time.

Now let's look at some of the major players of the Great Tribulation and there are a number of players that will be involved in this event. First of all I want to bring up and show you one of the first major players, and the Bible talks about the beast system, this is Revelation 13, John literally saw this beast, the Bible says, come out of the sea, and the sea represents humanity. But this beast had all different types of heads and this represented all the different Gentile Kingdoms all the way from the time of Babylon all the way up until the future. This beast system would be this system that would literally come back together in the later days. This would be the system that Antichrist will literally rule over. If you noticed there it has 10 horns and it has crowns on the horns, this talks about the revived Roman Empire or this system that will literally be in power during the time of the Great Tribulation.

Let's go a little further, here's another player, in the Tribulation and it is none other than the Antichrist himself, the literal man. You know there is some debate today people wonder, "Brother Perkins, do you believe that during the time of the Tribulation there will be a literal man called Antichrist?" The Bible says that the spirit of Antichrist has already entered the world that is true. But the Bible also literally tells us about the literal man Antichrist. Other than Christ, listen, the Bible gives us a lot of details about the Antichrist, it tells us events and things that he will be part of, things that he will do. The Scriptures are quite clear about his time and what he is going to do. Now one thing though we need to be very careful I mean there are some who try to name the Antichrist or spend hours of time trying to identify him, I don't think the Lord wants us to do that. Scriptures gives a lot about him, but this man he will only have a seven year window to do his bidding on the earth, but at the end of that time Jesus Christ will literally judge him, and again he will come to an end.

Now here is another player, the false prophet. The Antichrist will have this false prophet, this warlock, this wizard that will be with him. This will be another man, the Scripture tells that this man will have ability to do miracles, he will do miracles to the point that he will call men and women to literally be deceived in the time of the Tribulation. Many

people will literally believe in Antichrist and will literally accept him because of the works of this false prophet, and as a result of that many people will literally be judged.

Now let's go further here is another player, here is one of the major players of the Tribulation and it is the nation of Israel. I have shared many times saints that Israel is major because this period of time has been designed for the House of Israel. The end result the veil will be lifted and Israel will come to a saving knowledge. At the close of this time, Israel will literally cry out for Messiah. Israel will literally cry out for Jesus to come to be their Lord and be their Savior.

Here is another two players here, the two witnesses, the book of Revelation chapter 11 talks about these two prophets of God. Father God is going to use these men; these men will give the Antichrist Kingdom a very hard time, at this time. They will have ability also to do miracles. And what is so amazing about these two prophets the Bible says that during their time God is going to allow these two prophets to be killed. They will literally die, they Bible says that their bodies will stay in the streets of Jerusalem for three and a half days, and the spirit of life from God will literally enter into these two men and God will literally catch them up, and they will be caught up before their enemies. But their two prophets of God that God is going to use during this time to warn men.

One other thing if you look back in the illustration you see an angel in the back there. The Bible says during this time also that God is going to dispatch an angel, three of them, and one of them will fly through the earth and he will proclaim and warn men not to take the mark of the beast. This is amazing; God will literally have angels proclaiming the Gospel in the Tribulation, an amazing time.

Then I am going to give you three others here, the Bible talks about the kings of the east a way will be prepared for them. Also the Scripture deals with the Great Harlot, this Mystery Babylon, she is riding on the beast. And then it also talks about the Old Serpent, the Great Dragon, Satan, the Devil. Here the Old Serpent is no other then the Old Serpent in the Garden, that's the Devil. The Great Dragon, Revelation chapter 12 that is also talking about the enemy. Then it talks about Satan, he's the adversary, then he is called the Devil. So you've got a lot of players that will be involved in this seven year window of the Great Tribulation. Again Jesus said it will be a time that this world has never seen, or never ever will see again, a time of great wrath and judgment upon the earth.

And again I warn people all the time, I had a lady tell me, "Brother Perkins," she said, "I believe that we are living in the end times so much," she said, "I believe that the Antichrist could be revealed at any time. I am going to get saved in the Tribulation." She told me this, she said, "I am going to get saved in the Tribulation." She said, "What I am going to do, I am going to live my life the way it is. When the Rapture takes place, I am going to go through the Tribulation and I am going to let the Antichrist cut my head off."

That is what she told me. I said, "Mam, you have a real wacked out theology." I said, "That's a weird theology there." First of all she doesn't know if she is going to live to see the Tribulation, she may die in a car wreck. But she believed that it was so close that she could live like she wanted to live and go through the Tribulation and die during that time. People have some weird ideas when it comes to Scripture. Well again this is going to be a season, again like none other.

Now, one of my favorite players is none other than the Messiah, as a matter of fact Jesus will come back, the Second Coming will take place as a result of this Jesus the Savior will come back to planet Earth. As a matter of fact in the Second Coming when Jesus comes back He is literally coming back to bring an end to the Tribulation. When Christ breaks that eastern sky, and comes back to earth, He is coming to bring a close and an end to the Tribulation. Now this picture, I really love this picture so much. Look at the sword in His hand, but then look at the biceps on Him, I like that because it shows us that Christ, you know He's not this little weak lamb that you think. He is a concurring lamb, when Christ comes back he is coming back He is coming back as a man of war, and it is going to be exciting.

Here's another picture I want to bring into the screen here, another player will be the armies of Heaven. And I love this one so much because the Scripture literally predicts at the close of the Tribulation, we will come back with Christ. The saints will comprise the armies of Heaven, and we are literally coming back with Christ as Jesus comes back to take authority in the Earth and to set up His government. So we've got a number of players in the Tribulation, and again it is going to be an exciting time for all involved.

Now what I want to do here, we are going to look at the events of the Great Tribulation. So what we are going to do, we are going to take you through we are going to hit them real fast, real rapid, but I am going to take you through the events of the Tribulation. And in this event we are going to look at 21 judgments, I am going to hit them really fast. We will see seven seal judgments, we will see seven trumpet judgments, and we will see seven vials, seven bowl judgments. And again as I shared, I am just going to just surface hitting them, but these are events and again I would encourage you in your time of study go through these judgments. I mean these are events that God has so beautifully placed in the Scriptures. I was talking with one of my colleagues this morning I was sharing with them I said, "You know the Tribulation it is a really rough period of time. It is a time like no other. But you know Father God did not shy away from telling us about the horrors of that event. You know God he could have said, "Well I better not put it into my Scripture because people are going to get upset if they read about it." Well guess what He didn't shy away about it. God says, "I am going to show you exactly what I am going to do. If you choose to reject me, this is what you can look forward to." And again we are going to see those events here.

So first of all we are going to look at the seven seal judgments and one thing I can share with you about the seals is that Jesus the Savior is the one who opens the first

seal. In other words saints the Tribulation period will not begin until Jesus released the first seal. And again we are going to see these seals as they come in. There are seven seals that will be released, this first seal is a white horse rider, this rider represents none other than the Antichrist or the Man of Sin. As a matter of fact saints the Antichrist cannot be revealed until Christ released him into the Tribulation. The Antichrist will come in and again for seven years he will be able to do his bidding in the earth.

The second seal is a red horse with his rider, and this rider is carrying a great sword, this represents war, under this second seal the Bible says that this red colored horse and his rider, his main purpose in the Tribulation is to take peace from the earth. Many people will literally die as the result of the judgments that will come during this second seal.

Then we look at the third seal, and the third seal comes in the Bible talks about a black horse with this rider has a pair of balances. And this represents famine, what is going to happen because of the wars and events that will take place with the Tribulation beginning and the wars and different things; it is going to cause much famine during the time of the Tribulation. Now you think there is famine today, it is nothing compared to what is coming, it is going to be unbelievable, unbelievable famine that will come upon planet Earth.

Then the next seal will be the fourth seal, and this fourth seal the Bible talks about a pale colored horse, his rider is called death. The Scripture goes on to say too that Hell will follow this rider. It is going to bring much death as a result of the famines and the wars in the Tribulation. And again it is going to be a time like no other. Now listen saints this is just the beginning of the Tribulation. As we progress this season gets worse, it gets worse but you have a quarter of humanity that will literally lose their life as a result of the beginning of this Tribulation. And again the world has never seen it.

Let's go a little bit further let's look here at the fifth seal. The Fifth seal will be released, our Savior will release this one, John said, "I see, I look in Heaven and I see the souls of them that are under the alter." The Bible talks about under the fifth seal John sees martyrs, these are people who literally die in the Tribulation. Evidently these people have gotten saved in the Tribulation, but the Bible says because of their testimony, they find themselves before the throne. The Scripture tells us here that God gives them white robes, and they are in Heaven talking to God. They are telling God, "How long will it be before you avenge of our blood." And the Scripture tells them that God tells them, "You just hang on for a little while until the rest of your brethren that will die in the Tribulation." And then God is going to avenge them. But this is under the fifth seal. People who have lost their lives will find themselves in Heaven, awaiting the conclusion of the Tribulation event.

Now this next one, this is the sixth seal, when Jesus release that seal the Bible says that there will be just cataclysmic events. Upheavals of nature, the Bible says that the

sky will roll up like a scroll. The sun will become black as sackcloth, and the moon will become like blood. God is going to show man, listen I have control of the elements. This reminds me of what God did during the time of Moses. God messed with the elements; He messed with things in Pharaoh's world. God calls hail fire and stuff to come down upon man. God is going to show man, even in the Tribulation season that I am in control, you think you know, but God says I am in control and He is going to show man what he is going to do.

Now this last one this seventh seal, when this seal is released the Bible says that there will be thirty minutes of silence that will come upon the earth. And many scholars have grappled as to what that thirty minutes of silence means. Well I believe that thirty minutes of silence represents thirty minutes of silence. Thirty minutes of silence will come in. God is going to slow it down for thirty minutes, but then the action is going to pick up again. Listen saints it is going to be a time that this world has never seen, nor never ever will see again.

Let's go a little bit further, and we are moving pretty fast here. We look next at the seven trumpet judgments. God will release seven angels, and these angels they will literally be released and each one of them will literally blow a trumpet and as each angel blows a trumpet a different judgment will come into the earth. And again I love this so much because this is really powerful as to what God is going to do but the first trumpet will sound and the Bible tells us that hail fire mingled with blood will come down upon planet Earth. God is going to do supernatural things in the earth.

When the second trumpet is blown, Revelation 8:8-9, the Bible talks about a great mountain will fall from the heavens and the third of the sea will become blood. It goes on with the third trumpet, when the third trumpet sounds the Scripture says a star will fall from the heavens called wormwood and it will cover the rivers and the fountains and will make the water bitter or poisoned. And many men will literally die from this supernatural judgment that will come into the earth. The fourth trumpet will sound and when that trumpet sounds Revelation 8:12, the Bible talks about a third of the moon, sun and the stars will become dark. This is saying God is going to do supernatural things in the heavens. God is going to show man, listen I am in control of the elements. I know everything that is going on, I am in control of all the elements. And again God is going to show man.

Now we are going to look next at this fifth trumpet and what I want to do I just want to take a few seconds here to show you this fifth one, I want to actually read this one. The fifth trumpet is Revelation 9:1-10, and I am going to pick up here in verse 2, in verse 2 John wrote this, "And He opened the boundless pit and there rose smoke out of the pit as a smoke of a great furnace and the sun and the earth were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the pit locusts upon the earth, and unto them was given power as the scorpions of the earth have power. And to them was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months, and there

torment with torment like a scorpion. What is going to happen here under this fifth trumpet judgment, that angel blows that trumpet this judgment will release from the bottomless pit these locusts. Now again there are many scholars and some have even said, and some have actually taught that they believe that this will be mechanized weapons. I beg to differ with them because of where these things are coming from. I believe that these will be literal, locust that will come upon planet earth. The reason I believe that saints because the Bible says that these locust are coming from the bottomless pit. The bottomless pit is one of the compartments of Hell. As matter of fact during the time of the Millennium, Satan will be literally bound in the bottomless pit. The bottomless pit is a literal place in Hell, in the underworld, and from that place is where these little tormentors are coming and the Scripture says for five months they will be on planet earth with an assignment to torment mankind. The only people during this time that will not be tormented will be those men that have the mark of God in their forehead, which will be the 144,000. Anybody else in the Tribulation this judgment could fall upon them. And I mean for this five month window in the Tribulation these locusts are on assignment by God to judge men, and again men will be judged. The Bible says men during this time will see death, but death will flee. You know Jesus would not allow men to die. This is a torment that He is going to allow upon the earth for mankind's rebellion, an amazing prophecy.

Now the sixth trumpet will sound and the Bible goes on to give us a little information about that. The Bible talks about this million man army; God is going to use this time also to judge men. And then the seventh trumpet will sound in Revelation 11:15 and it literally gives a proclamation that the Kingdom of this world had become the kingdom of our Lord. Again God is going to bring this thing to an end. As He implements these prophecies as they come into the earth, God is beginning to take more and more control of planet earth. And again we are going to see that as we go a little bit further.

We are almost done here in reference to these events. But what I want to do here before I give you the last seven vial judgments I want to mention one event in the tribulation that gets a lot of talk today, and that is dealing with the mark of the beast. And I am sad to say saints that many Christians today are 666 paranoid. And what I mean by that is this, if you get a license plate with 666 on it, if you get a driver's license plate with 666 you take it back to your department of motor vehicle. If you go to the grocery store and your change comes back as \$6.66 what do you do? You buy another pack of gum, right? You do something because you don't want to fall on that dreadful number 666. Let me ask you saints, have you ever gone to a high-rise apartment complex, have you ever seen floor 666? You won't ever see that floor, because we are 666 paranoid. But I want to share something with saints, the 666 has nothing to do with the Church at all. Now the mark of the beast will be an event, a time that will come into the earth and let me just share with you what this is going to be. The Bible literally shows us this event and we are going to see how the false prophet is tied to it. But this mark of the beast, this is an amazing event in the Tribulation. The mark of the beast will

be a physical mark given to all who have surrendered their life to the Antichrist. This will take place at the mid-point of the Great Tribulation period. Men and women will not be able to buy or sell unless they have this unique mark. During the Tribulation window the Antichrist will literally take control over the economies of the world. He will implement this mark of the beast system. Men will not be able to buy or sell unless they have this unique identifier. In the book of Revelation 13:16 John wrote here, he says “And he causeth all,” the first point he calls it there, it gives reference to the false prophet, because what the Antichrist is going to do, he is going to allow this false prophet to do miracles that will literally many, many people to be deceived. But it says, “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.” He goes on to say in verse 17, “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. For here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: and it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six or 666.” Now the Word of God only gives us understanding about the number of the beast which is 666, but this will be an event that will be in the Tribulation. I got one other revelation for you, during the Tribulation season the mark of the beast does not come into the earth until the mid-part of the Tribulation. The mark of the beast system will only be enforced for 3 and ½ years. You know again people today are freaking out about 666, you don’t even have to worry about it today, because it is not implemented, it is not the Tribulation, and it only has a 3 ½ year window in the Tribulation season. But I would tell you this every man, woman, and even child that submits to the mark of the beast will be eternally damned. They will not have any way of repenting from it. I have a question, “Brother Perkins, do you believe that a person can accidently take the mark of the beast?” The answer is no. You won’t be able to accidently take it. It will be tied to your will, and mankind will literally take this mark of the beast. But if they do they will literally seal their doom.

Now we go a little bit further as we come down to the last set of judgments. And this is called the seven vial or bowl judgments. And again these are the worst of all the judgments here. And during this time in chapter 15 of Revelation the Bible talks about these angels, God is going to dispatch these angels. Verse 1-8 or Revelation 15 says this, “And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.” These angels will literally pour their wrath judgments into the Tribulation. As each one pours his judgment into the earth a different event will be stirred up in the Tribulation. Again a time this world has never seen, nor will we ever see again. Verse 7 says, “And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.” These vial judgments are full of the wrath of God that will be literally poured into the latter half of the Great Tribulation.

So let’s look at the last seven judgments that will come upon mankind in that Tribulation. And again these are the seven vial judgments. The first one here and I hope you see it

there, this first vial judgment will only affect men and women who have received the mark of the beast. What is going to happen in this first judgment here, you find that in chapter 16 of Revelation, "Anybody who receives the mark of the beast the Bible says these noisome smelly sores will cover their bodies." Very painful sores, the Scripture says that they will gnaw on their tongues because the pains of these judgments. God is going to judge those men who received the mark. God says, you want a mark, okay, I am going to mark you. And God will cause these judgments to fall upon them.

The second vial will be poured into the earth and when that one comes to the earth the Bible talks about all of the seas will become blood. The Scripture says that every living soul will die in the sea. God is going to judge the sea and blood will be the drink of the day during that time. And the fishes will literally die during that time of the Tribulation.

The next one here, when the third vial is released the Bible says that God will give man blood to drink. The Scripture goes on to say that because they have killed His prophets and His saints God the Righteous Judge will literally give man blood to drink. The rivers and fountains will become blood. And again this takes me all the way back to the book of Exodus when God judged Pharaoh's house and he turned the River Nile into blood. Well good is going to do the same thing here in the Tribulation, but it is going to be on a grander scale. And men who have judged his prophets and saints will have blood to drink.

Then we look at the fourth one and the Bible says here under the fourth vial judgment the Bible says that the sun will literally scorch men. Now again the reason that we know that this is a prophecy in the future because the Bible says that these men that involved in this season here they will know that this is the judgment of God and they will even rebel and blaspheme God. They are going to blaspheme God because the judgments of the Tribulation are so great. I do believe that these people that blaspheme God here are those that are reprobate, those who received the mark of the beast, and again these judgments will be intensified and they are going to blaspheme God even during that time.

Then this next one the fifth one the Bible talks about this fifth vial being poured into the earth and the Scripture says, "Darkness will cover the camp or the capital of the Antichrist." Just like God called darkness to come over the house of Pharaoh, God will do the same thing in the time of the Tribulation. Darkness will cover the seat of the Antichrist; God is bringing a close to the Antichrist's kingdom.

I have two more for you. Then the six one will be poured into the earth, and the Bible says that the River Euphrates that very river that is in Iraq today, the River Euphrates will literally dry up. You find this in Revelation 16 and this is starting at verse 12, the Bible says that the River Euphrates will be dried up, that the way of the kings of the easts might be prepared. But there is another unique part of the prophecy here that people really miss. You see these three frogs there? The Bible also tells us that during

the time of the sixth vial judgment that there will be three frogs, three unclean spirits, one will come out of Satan, one will come out of the False Prophet, and one will come out of the Antichrist. And the Bible says these three unclean spirits will be released into the Tribulation to go throughout the world, the whole world, to gather man unto the Battle of Armageddon. You read in Revelation 16:13-16, "Men will be supernaturally gathered, the ungodly will be supernaturally influenced by these unclean spirits going throughout the world to gather men to the battle of Armageddon." And again this is during the time of the Tribulation.

Now the last judgment here will be this great judgment, this last vial judgment poured into the earth. The Bible says that hail stones will fall upon man, when this angel pours that last vial you find this in Revelation 16:17-21, and what is going to happen here, when this judgment is poured into the earth, the Scriptures says, hailstones from the King James it says, "The size of a talent." A talent is anywhere from a 100 to a 120 pound hailstones. Can you imagine hailstones that big? I mean you get the little small ones, these hailstones could kill you. Can you imagine one 100-120 pounds? This is going to be a supernatural judgment of God. The Scripture tells us here, that men will literally blaspheme God because this judgment will be exceedingly great.

Now again saints this whole Tribulation window is a time that the world has never seen. And listen I am just racing through this, but I am telling you that this is an amazing time that is predicted in the future. This will be the judgment of God upon a generation that have rebelled and rejected Him. And all through this whole situation it is going to produce life, believe it or not life will be produced through this Tribulation.

Now I am going to close with this theme the end result of the Tribulation. And what I am going to do, I am going to bring these truth things in here, and show you the end result of the Tribulation. The end result of the Tribulation will cause the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will literally come back to planet earth. As Christ returns to planet Earth, Revelation 19:11-16, He is coming back as a man of war, He is coming back at that time to take authority in the earth. He is coming back to deliver national Israel, they are going to cry out for the Messiah. He is coming back to take His authority in the earth as King. As the result of the Second Coming the Bible gives us in chapter 19:17-21 that this will be the Battle of Armageddon, the battle like none other. Christ will officiate over this battle. So much blood that the Bible says that the blood will come up to the horses bridle. But Christ is coming back as a man of war, to take authority in the earth, and as a result of that the 1,000 year millennial kingdom will begin.

Again saints it is going to be an awesome, awesome time for the redeemed. But again these judgments are real; as I shared earlier God didn't shy away from showing us the judgment of the Tribulation. But our hope for the redeemed that are born again today, we will be raptured we will be caught up. The hope of Israel is that the end result is that they will come to Christ at the end. Also I share this with you saints you know without the Tribulation taking place, Messiah cannot come back. The Tribulation must take

place because it is hardcoded in the Scripture. These judgments these 21 judgments, they must come to pass in order for Messiah to come back. And again these events will literally bring Christ in.

So our hope is in Christ today. You are born again, you don't have to worry about the Tribulation. But there are many people today that don't know Christ and I challenge men and women all over, everywhere I go listen today is the day of salvation. If you don't know Christ, you need to accept Christ, because if the Rapture takes place and you miss the Rapture, look to what you have to look forward to. It is time of great, great judgment.