



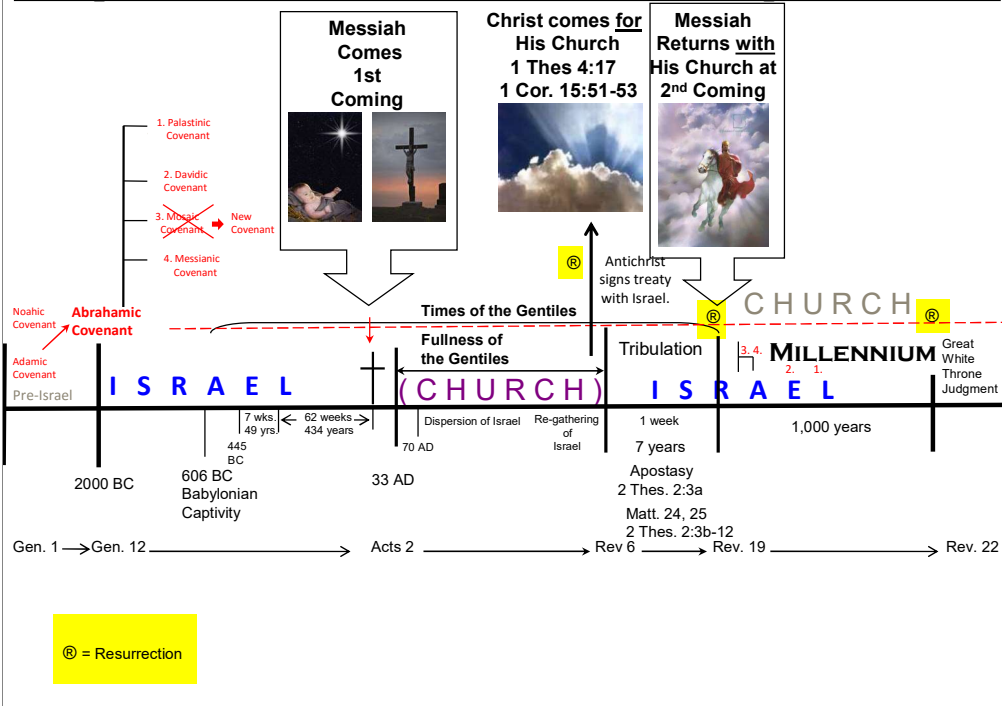
“The 7 Trumpet Judgments”

Part 1

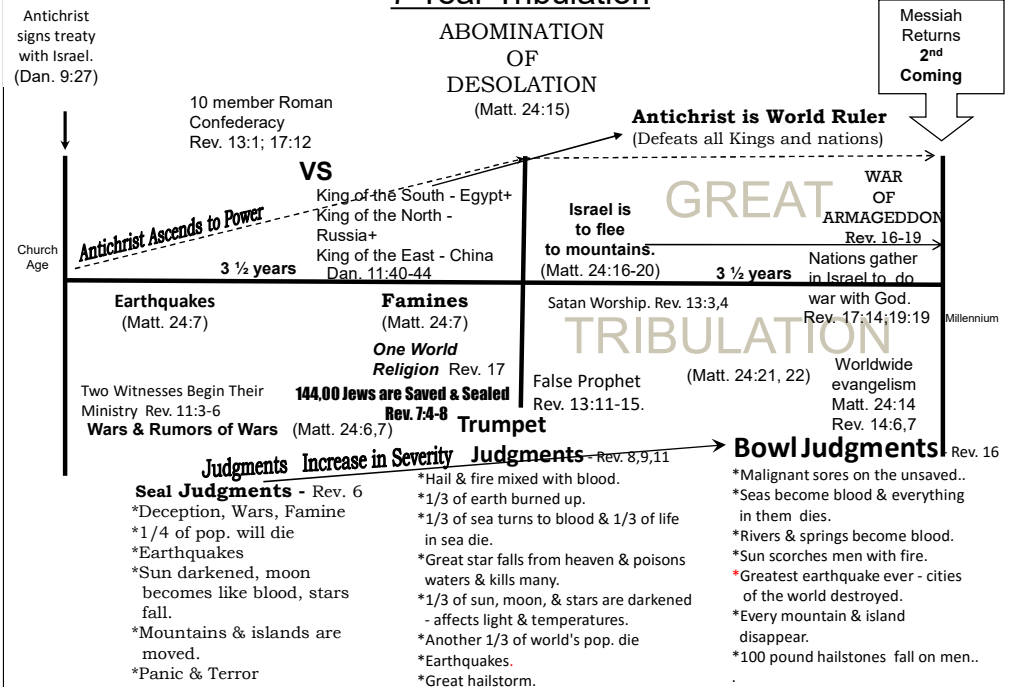
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Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



7 Year Tribulation



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Comparing the "7s" of Jericho to the Tribulation

Jericho -

- seven blasts
- on seven trumpets
- by seven priests
- after a seven-fold march
- on the seventh day, which signaled judgment.

Tribulation -

- seven blasts
- on seven trumpets
- by seven angels
- during the seven-year Tribulation, will signal judgment.

Symbol

Meaning

Fiery Mountain

Satan, or a great heresy or Vespasian, or Rome, or a system of power, or the Messianic Kingdom, or the Jewish state, or Babylon, or Zion, or a heathen nation.

Sea

The nations, or the church's baptismal waters, or sea of Galilee, or pure doctrine, or confusion and anarchy, or the non-Roman world.

Blood

Corruption of deadly error, or introduction of false doctrine, or spiritual death and apostasy.

Living Creatures

Destruction of souls, or Jews, or people.

Symbol

Meaning

Ships

Congregations, or churches, or cities of Palestine, or bearers of the gospel, or sack of Rome, or commerce and means of communication, or little states at the time of the Roman empire.

Trees

Men in the haughtiness of pride and position, or the elect remnant.

Grass

The people of Israel, or the elect remnant.

Symbol

Meaning

Great Star

Mohammed, or Simon Magus, or Montanus, or Arius, or Cerinthus, or Pelagius, or Eleazar, or Josephus, or Gensericor, Attila, or Menander, or Manes, or Novatus, or Origen.

Symbol

Meaning

Sun, Moon, Stars

Cities of Galilee and the people of the Jews, or the Jewish temple, Jerusalem, and its population or the Bible, its doctrine, and the ministers of the Church or the decay of imperial government from Valens to the fall of Augustus, or false doctrines and corrupt manners of the patriarchs and bishops, or the great prevalence of errors or defections, apostasies, and confusions in Christendom, or the subversion of the Western imperial government and its dependencies.

“Sometimes I think children can understand Revelation better than adults because their minds tend to go right to the point of the words that they read, and therefore they don’t have all of the problems that we have built up through the years.”

- S. Lewis Johnson

What people end up doing, who inject all kinds of foreign meanings into the text of Scripture, is re-writing Scripture and when you do that, you pull divine inspiration out of the words of the Bible, all of which eventually will lead to confusion.

If John wants us to interpret the book of Revelation other than the plain literal sense, and rather use a symbol, he will tell us that in the context.

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This is not the first time God has brought hail, fire and rain as judgment -

Ex 9:13-26

- 13 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.
- 14 "For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.
- 15 "For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth.
- 16 "But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.
- 17 "Still you exalt yourself against My people by not letting them go.
- 18 "Behold, about this time tomorrow, I will send a very heavy hail, such as has not been seen in Egypt from the day it was founded until now.
- 19 "Now therefore send, bring your livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety. Every man and beast that is found in the field and is not brought home, when the hail comes down on them, will die.'""

- 20 The one among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of the Lord made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses;
- 21 but he who paid no regard to the word of the Lord left his servants and his livestock in the field.
- 22 Now the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on man and on beast and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."
- 23 Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt.
- 24 So there was hail, and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very severe, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.
- 25 The hail struck all that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree of the field.
- 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail.

Fire is often used by God for judgment

Matt 3:12

- 12 "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Rev 19:20

- 20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

2 Peter 3:7-10

- 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
- 8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.
- 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
- 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

- 1/3 of all the great forests of the world (the Amazon, the Congo, Yosemite, Yellowstone) burn.
- It is a natural disaster beyond anything imaginable.
- Think of all the firefighters of the world trying to extinguish fires thousands of times greater than anything ever known.
- California fires – costing \$10,000,000/day.

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Impact -

- loss of crops on the earth like wheat, barley, rice, corn, etc.
- food supply for animals.
- all lumber-producing trees - home prices, availability of paper, and millions of paper products.
- oxygen, which is a by-product of trees and vegetation.

Why is God striking the earth?

1. The ground is cursed.

Gen 3:17

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

Cursed is the ground because of you;

2. Because mankind has moved from just environmental concerns for health and safety, to an idolatrous worship of "Mother Nature" by trying to protect and perpetuate the earth -

1. *Depletion of the ozone layer.*
2. *Creation of pollution.*
3. *The destruction of the rain forests.*
4. *Global warming .*
5. *Save the whales, the spotted owls, California condors, and 1,450 other endangered species.*

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Rom 1:18-25

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, **Earth Day** events in more than 193 countries by more than 1 billion people are now coordinated globally by the **Earth Day** Network.

Forty-seven years after the first Earth Day, the jury is still out on whether we will take the actions that are necessary to save ourselves.

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- **There will be little of the earth left to celebrate.**

Rom 8:19-24

- 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.
- 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope
- 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
- 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.
- 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

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2. The Fall changed everything.
3. Under the curse the earth now becomes disposable and is moving on a continuum toward that end.

“In other words, whereas once there was no suffering or pain or death, now every human dies, every human suffers, animals suffer, rivers overflow their banks suddenly and sweep villages away, avalanches bury skiers, volcanoes destroy whole cities, a tsunami kills 250,000 people in one night, storms sink Philippine ferries with 800 people on board, AIDS and malaria and cancer and heart disease kill millions of people old and young, a monster tornado takes out an entire Midwestern town, droughts and famines bring millions to the brink — over the brink — of starvation. Freak accidents happen, and the son of a friend falls into a grain elevator and dies. Another loses an eye. And a baby is born with no face. If we could see one ten-thousandth of the suffering of the world at any given moment, we would collapse under the horror of it all. Only God can endure that sight and carry on.”

- John Piper

3. To reveal how horrific sin is.

“God put the natural world under a curse so that the physical horrors we see around us in diseases and calamities would become vivid pictures of how horrible sin is.”

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4. It will continue to decay and destroy itself until God will finally destroy it and create a new earth.
5. ***So if you think man is destroying planet earth today, wait until you see what God is going to do to it.***

Joel 1:15-20

5 Alas for the day!

For the day of the Lord is near,

And it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

16 Has not food been cut off before our eyes,

Gladness and joy from the house of our God?

17 The seeds shrivel under their clods;

The storehouses are desolate,

The barns are torn down,

For the grain is dried up.

18 How the beasts groan!

The herds of cattle wander aimlessly

Because there is no pasture for them;

Even the flocks of sheep suffer.

19 To You, O Lord, I cry;

For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness

And the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.

20 Even the beasts of the field pant for You;

For the water brooks are dried up

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