

## Tribulation and Rapture Daniel 12:1, 7, 11-12

### Names

Daniel 12:1 a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time.

Jeremiah 30:7 a time of distress for Jacob ... that day is so great there is none like it.

*Tribulation* (thlipsis): trouble that inflicts distress, oppression, affliction, tribulation<sup>1</sup>

Matthew 24:21 there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

Matthew 24:29-30 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.... And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven.

Revelation 7:13-14 "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ... These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

### People

### Events & Purposes

the world's worst ruler

the world's worst government

Satan's great wrath (Revelation 12)

God's wrath and judgment

Revelation 6:17 hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand? (Joel 3:12-13; Matthew 13; Revelation 14:15)

Evangelism

Revelation 7; 11:3; 12:11; Zephaniah 3:9; Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 66:20

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<sup>1</sup> Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). In [A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature](#) (3rd ed., p. 457). University of Chicago Press.

## Salvation for a Remnant of Israel

Daniel 9:24 *“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.”*

Daniel 12:1 *At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.*  
(Zechariah 12:10; 13:1; Isaiah 66:8-9; Hosea 6:1-2; Jeremiah 30 [and see the new covenant in Jeremiah 31]; Luke 13:35; Romans 11:26-27; Revelation 1:7)

Daniel 12:5-7 <sup>5</sup> *Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. <sup>6</sup> And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” <sup>7</sup> And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished.*  
(Daniel 9:27; Jeremiah 30:1-7; Revelation 11:2, 13:5; Zechariah 12:10, 13:7-14:21)

Matthew 23:39 *For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’*

## **Time**

Daniel 7:25 the saints are given into the hand of the terrible fourth kingdom ruler *for a time, times, and half a time*

Daniel 9:27 69 periods of seven years + 1 period of 7 years; the terrible ruler *shall make a strong covenant with many for one ‘week’, and for half of the ‘week’ he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering*

Daniel 12:7 the time of trouble followed by deliverance will be *for a time, times, and half a time*

Daniel 12:11 *from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days*

Daniel 12:12 *Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days*

Revelation 11:2, 3 *the nations will trample the holy city for forty-two months ... two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days*

Revelation 12:6, 14 *the woman (Israel) flees into the wilderness ... to be nourished for 1,260 days ... a time, times, and half a time*

Revelation 13:5-7 *the beast ... was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months*

Daniel 12:12: *blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days*

## Is there a rapture?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 *For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

- *Caught up* (harpazō): to grab or seize suddenly so as to remove or gain control, *snatch/take away*<sup>2</sup>

Revelation 3:10 *Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 *Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.*

### Pre-tribulation rapture

### Pre-wrath rapture

### Post-tribulation rapture

1. No matter what you conclude about the rapture, you must be ready for Christ to come again at any time.
2. No matter what you conclude about the rapture, you must be ready to be faithful to Christ even if you have to face the world's most terrible empire and ruler.

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