

A CHRONOLOGY OF THE HORRIFIC JUDGMENTS GOD WILL POUR OUT IN THE GREAT TRIBULATION

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When the Apostle John wrote the book of Revelation, he specifically said there would be an unprecedented time of God's wrath in world history in the future that he specifically called "The Great Tribulation" (Rev. 7:14).

John had traveled with Jesus Christ and when Jesus Christ was here on earth, He made an amazing statement about the Great Tribulation: "For then there will be a great Tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world, until now, nor ever will be" (Matthew 24:21).

Now when Jesus made that statement, there had been some horrible things that had happened in the history of the world. For example, if we go back to Genesis 6-7, God sent a flood that literally destroyed every living thing on earth.

Here is what we read in Genesis 7:23: we read "Thus He (*God*) blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left together with those that were with him in the ark."

Now how could the Great Tribulation be worse than that? Jesus said the Great Tribulation will be the most awful thing to ever hit this world. There had never been anything like it. So how could the Great Tribulation be worse than the flood that destroyed everything?

Well one way certainly it could be worse than the flood would be to drag it out for seven years. The flood killed people, but it was swift and fast and not dragged out. If God decided to pour out His anger or wrath for seven consecutive years, we would certainly conclude there has never been anything like it in history.

In the Great Tribulation, that is exactly what God will do. The prophet Jeremiah said, "Alas! For that day is great, there is none like it..." (Jer. 30:7). Daniel said, "...there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time" (Dan. 12:1).

Jesus said that Great Tribulation will be so bad that "unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved..." (Matt. 24:22).

The Tribulation will be a seven year period of time in which God targets the world and people in it and pours out His wrath on a God-mocking, Christ-rejecting, Bible-hating world. It will be a time that chronologically will develop from bad to worse to awful to grim.

During this time, God will be causing the world to drink the full cup of His wrath (Rev. 14:10). In the full strength of His anger He will pour out destructive judgments and will swing His sickle to kill and destroy people all over the world (Rev. 14:15-16).

As we begin this, I want to ask and answer a couple of questions:

Question #1 - Why would God let us see so many graphic details about the Tribulation, when we won't even be here when it happens?

It would be for the same reason he let Moses, Daniel, Jeremiah, Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah and John see it even though they would not be here to see it.

It is the truth about what will happen and He wants His people to know truth and He wants His people to communicate this truth to this world and to Israel.

Question #2 - What is the purpose of the Great Tribulation?

There are at least seven purposes of the Tribulation as we understand it:

(Purpose 1) - God will display His Absolute Sovereignty over everything.

(Purpose 2) - God will pour out His wrath on a God-mocking, Christ-rejecting, Bible-hating, Israel-hating world.

This world does not want the sovereign God who created it to have anything to do with it. This world mocks God and His word so God will crush it.

(Purpose #3) - God will bring to an end the time of the Gentiles.

Ever since 586 BC, Gentile powers have dominated the world and not national Israel. God will bring that to an end. When the Tribulation is over, Israel will be honored as the ultimate power by every nation in the world.

(Purpose #4) - God will save the last people He will save before Christ returns.

Jesus said, "all the father gives me shall come to Me" and "I'll not lose one." During the Tribulation, the last number of people who will be saved will believe in Christ. It will take the Tribulation to cause them to believe and therefore, the final believers will be saved.

(Purpose #5) - God will bring Israel as a nation to the point she will turn to Jesus Christ and cry out to Him.

Jesus said that the nation will not see Him again until it cries out "blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." It will take the Tribulation to bring National Israel to the point she will do that.

(Purpose #6) - God will regather Israel.

God will use the Tribulation to regather Israel to ultimately bring Israel to her land and give her the Kingdom. During the Tribulation there will be 144,000 Jewish evangelists, plus two prophets in Jerusalem who will take the Kingdom nation to the world. Many Jews will respond.

(Purpose #7) - God will prepare the world for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The first time Jesus Christ came to this world, He was a lamb born in an animal barn. The second time He comes to Israel, He is coming as a roaring lion out of heaven and the Tribulation sets the stage for His glorious second coming.

The Bible reveals that two key historical events will take place just before the Tribulation begins:

- 1) There will be the Rapture of the Church. Jesus Christ will not let His family go through the Tribulation wrath. He will take them up to heaven in the Rapture. We covered this in our previous study, "Sign clouds forming that we are nearing the Rapture."
- 2) There will be a peace treaty made between the Antichrist and Israel. We covered that last week in our study of the Coming Antichrist.

These two events will be significant to entering the Time period of the Great Tribulation.

What we would like to do today is to take you on a journey through the chronology of what will happen in the seven year time period known as the Great Tribulation. There is value to this because just like Jesus said, there will never be another time like it in history.

As we have already mentioned, the Tribulation is mentioned in multiple books of the Bible, but it is explicitly developed in the book of Revelation. The book of Revelation systematizes the Tribulation by seven seal judgments being specifically implemented and controlled by Jesus Christ. The totality of those judgments is described in Revelation 6-19. **Starting in Revelation 6, Jesus Christ breaks the seals of judgments open and begins to pour out God's wrath in a rapid fire, chronological sequence that lasts seven years.**

In the Tribulation there are several series of horrible judgments. There are seven seal judgments, seven trumpet judgments and seven bowl judgments. The seventh seal judgment contains the seven trumpet judgments and the seven bowl judgments and the seventh trumpet judgment contains the seven bowl judgments.

So seal judgment number 7 is the worst of all because it contains the seven trumpet and seven bowl judgments. **These three series of seven judgments are that which fill up and complete the wrath of God that He will pour out on this world. God will pour out the totality of His wrath worldwide over a seven year span of time.**

We have never seen God do anything like this in our lifetime and the world has never seen God do anything like this in its history. It is just as Jesus said; it will be like nothing that has ever existed in the world.

What we are going to do is to take you through all the judgment events as we understand them that will occur in chronological order. (For greater detail and in depth study, go to our Web Site and go through our Revelation Lecture series.)

Based on the book of Revelation, we may observe at least 27 main judgment events:

Judgment Event #1 - Antichrist surfaces to make a peace treaty with Israel.

Dan. 9:24; Rev. 6:2

The surfacing of the Antichrist is a judgment of God and it is the first thing that will happen in the Tribulation. God will permit a diabolical, satanic man to come on the scene to rule the world. We examined him last time in our study of “The Coming Antichrist.” So we will not spend a great deal of time on him now. Other than to say he initially makes a peace agreement with Israel (Dan. 9:24) and he wants to conquer the world and God permits him to do it (Rev. 6:2). So after entering into a peace agreement with Israel, he will head out to conquer the world. He will not come back to Israel for 3 ½ years.

Judgment Event #2 - False religions and false religious leaders will surface who will try to mislead Israel and the world to get them to follow them.

Matt. 24:5; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8

Matthew, Mark and Luke predict that there will be “many” false religious leaders who will surface at the beginning of the Tribulation. When the Rapture of the church takes place, all you will have left on this earth will be false religions. People are being duped by these false religions now so just imagine what it will be like when all those who know the truth are gone.

Apparently, one of the things that will happen after the Rapture is that many will surface who will claim they are the Messiah/Savior. This is why Jesus said make sure you know this important point; when I come the next time, I will come in glory in the sky. Everyone will see Me. I will not show up on earth unannounced. I will come in heaven in Glory.

For those who know the Bible, false religions are easy to spot. They promote works and they have their teachings and they attack the Person and world of Jesus Christ. Phony religions are based on a bunch of lies that are easy to see because they are sham religions.

Muhammad says he rode a magical horse one night from Mecca, to Jerusalem to heaven and back to Mecca. People believe that junk. Then he writes a book that he says he got from God and people fall for that baloney. He steals and rapes young women and he kills people.

In 1842, Joseph Smith was making his wild claims about his scholarly ability to translate God's word. He claimed he knew Biblical languages so a clergyman named Henry Caswell handed Smith a copy of Psalms written in the Greek Language and asked him to identify it. Henry Caswell was a serious student of Biblical languages and he pretended like he didn't know what it was. So he asked Joseph Smith to identify it. Smith said it was Egyptian Hieroglyphics. Smith said it was the same language he translated on the Golden Tablets in the book of Mormon.

Charles Taze Russell, founder of Jehovah's Witness, claimed he was a Biblical scholar who was able to really interpret the Bible.

He was asked in a court of law if he knew Greek and he said yes. So he was handed a beginner Greek grammar and asked to read the Greek Alphabet and he could not do it. These are phony liars easy to spot.

They are easy to spot when you know truth. But in the Tribulation all believers who know truth will be gone and these religious liars won't be so easy to spot.

Judgment Event #3 - Wars and Civil wars will break out all over the world. **Rev. 6:3-4**

When Jesus spoke of the Tribulation, He said, "And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom" (Matt. 24:6-7; Mark 13:7-8; Luke 21:9-10). **Now Jesus said this specifically to the people of Israel in Jerusalem.** They will initially seem to be a safe, peaceful place, but it won't be that way anywhere else in the world.

God will cause peace to be taken from everywhere in this earth. In other words, no place in the world will be a safe peaceful place. There will be a tremendous loss of life. There will be looting and killing. Nations will go to war with each other; major powers will go to war with each other and men will slay "one another" which means there will be outbreaks of civil war within every nation.

There will be killing and murders and fightings and shootings and knifings and strangulations that will take place worldwide. There will be corpses everywhere you look during the Tribulation.

There will be a mountain of dead bodies and to give you some perspective of the amount of dead bodies, according to Ezekiel 39:11-14, when Jesus Christ returns, just in the land of Israel it will take all the people in the land of Israel seven months just to bury dead bodies.

The Tribulation will produce carnage never before seen. It will be a time of horror and at this point, it is just getting started.

Judgment Event #4 - There will be worldwide famines and food will be hard to get and will be very expensive. **Rev. 6:5-6**

In the early part of the Tribulation there will be a major food shortage and famines will exist worldwide. Jesus said, “**there will be famines and earthquakes**” (Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11). It is interesting that Jesus connects famines to earthquakes. Massive earthquakes cause massive food shortages.

Food will be so expensive that it will take a day’s wage to earn a quart of wheat or three quarts of barley. In Revelation 6:6 John writes it will take “**a denarius to buy a quart of wheat and three quarts of barley.**”

A denarius was a Roman coin worth about a day’s wage (Matt. 20:2). So it will take about a day’s wage to earn a quart of wheat and three quarts of barley. If you mix wheat with barley, it is not as nutritious, but it does last longer.

The average person would eat about a quart of wheat for one day. Herodotus, the Greek historian, says that a quart of wheat was typically one day supply of food for one of Xerxes soldiers (Stephen Smalley, *Revelation*, p. 153). So it will take about a day’s wage to earn enough food for one person for one day. This will be a very serious and dire situation because if it takes everything one makes in a day to buy food, there will be nothing left for anything else, including bare necessities.

We are beginning to see some food shortages right now. Clouds are forming. We are specifically seeing this in the production of meat. People are stock piling food because they think there will be a lack of it. Well there will be a big lack of it in the Tribulation. It is not much of a stretch to see how people could actually want just to get a loaf of bread.

It is interesting that when this happens, Revelation says there will be a good supply of oil and wine (Rev. 6:6). Oil and wine will still be plentiful during the Tribulation. I do not think it is any coincidence that right now we are seeing a massive buildup of oil reserves and we are also seeing there does not seem to be any shortage of alcoholic beverages.

Oil prices are plummeting because there is such high volume and low demand and liquor stores are still open even when other stores are not open. As proverbs says - give strong drink to those ready to perish - Prov. 31:6.

All of this says we are nearing the Tribulation.

Judgment Event #5 - One fourth of the world’s population will die and the vast majority will go to Hades/Hell. **Rev. 6:8**

In the early stages of the Tribulation one quarter of the world’s population will die. There are four specific things mentioned that God will use to kill people: War, famine, pestilence, wild beasts.

One quarter of the world's population is 2 billion people. One quarter of the population of the United States is 82 million people. One quarter of the population of the State of Michigan is 2.5 million people.

War always kills people. We think the stage is being set right now.

Famine food shortages will kill people. We believe food shortages are taking shape now.

Pandemic pestilence sickness and disease will kill people. We are living this now.

Wild predator animals will kill people.

Let me read you some relatively recent headlines taken from various news reporters:

2018 - Deadly Alligator Attacks are a Growing Trend - in Carolinas and Florida.

2019 - Encounters between mountain lions and humans are on the rise - population of lions exploding. Confrontations in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, California, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

2019 - Bear Attacks Increasing Worldwide.

Do you think this is a coincidence that these predator animals are losing their sense of fear of humans? The stage is being set for the Tribulation.

Judgment Event #6 - Any believer in Jesus Christ will be killed and martyred. **Rev. 6:11**

Shortly after the Rapture many will believe. Perhaps some that listened to this series. They will be killed. It is specifically stated they were killed because of their defense of God's word and their testimony pertaining to Jesus Christ and what is happening. We don't know what the number is, but apparently it is a large number. If one is a believer in Jesus Christ and the word of God, that one will be targeted for execution and assassination.

This is just the beginning of the Tribulation. Right now you can believe in Christ and pretty much enjoy your life. If you believe in Christ during the Tribulation, you will probably be executed.

Judgment Event #7 - God will do cosmological things that only He can do. **Rev. 6:12-17**

- 1) God will cause a great, mega earthquake. **6:12a** - This will be a worldwide earthquake; it will knock out power and disrupt travel routes worldwide. - Aorist verb "was."
- 2) God will cause the sun to become black. **6:12b** - A very eerie black darkness.
Aorist verb "became"- point of time.
- 3) God will cause the whole moon to become like blood. **6:12c** - whole moon red blood look.
Aorist verb "became"- point of time
- 4) God will cause stars to fall to the earth. **6:13a** - Specific stars will fall into the earth.
Aorist verb "fell"- point of time
- 5) God will split apart the sky like a scroll. **6:14a** - Aorist verb "split apart"- point of time.
- 6) God will move every mountain and island. **6:14b** - Aorist verb "were move"- point of time.

These aorist verbs are all connected to the same judgment at the same point of time. So God will do all of these things at the same moment of time in the early stages of the Tribulation. This event will hit all at once worldwide.

The result is everyone in the world is hiding from the wrath of God. In Revelation 6:16-17, the people of the world admit the Trinity. “Hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb for the great day of their wrath has come.”

There are no atheists at this point. In fact, there is a Trinitarian belief. Since these judgments are coming right out of heaven, the world is forced to acknowledge not only the existence of God, but the wrath of God. The Godhead is doing this. This is “their” day of wrath.

Judgment Event #8 - God will burn up 1/3rd of the earth, trees, and green grass. **Rev. 8:7**

When these next horrible things happen, we are only about 1/3rd of the way through the Tribulation. Think of this. We are only 1/3rd or 2 years through the seven year period. The Tribulation will be brutal.

God will use hail and fire mixed with blood to destroy 1/3rd of the vegetation things God created on earth.

- 1) There are about 60 million square miles of land and 20 million will be destroyed at this time.
- 2) There are about 3 trillion trees on this earth and 1 trillion will be destroyed here.
- 3) There are about 12 million square miles of grass and 4 million will be destroyed here.

In the USA we have 4 million square miles of land and 1.3 million will be destroyed here.

In the USA we have 3 billion trees and 1 billion will be destroyed here.

In the USA we have 40 million square miles of acres of grass and 13 million will be destroyed.

God will start shutting down the world He created and turn it into a burnt, desert-like wasteland cemetery.

Judgment Event #9 - God will destroy 1/3rd of the sea and kill 1/3rd of all sea life. **Rev. 8:9a**

Apparently God will cause some fiery meteor to fall out of heaven into the sea. The prophet Zephaniah predicted that God would “remove the fish of the sea” (Zeph. 1:3).

There are 320 million cubic square miles of ocean on this earth and this judgment will destroy 105 million square miles of sea.

It is estimated that there are 18,000 different types of fish species that live in the sea and it is also estimated that there are 3.5 trillion fish that live in the sea. At this one judgment, God will destroy 10 billion fish.

Judgment Event #10 - God will destroy 1/3rd of all ships in the ocean. **Rev. 8:9b**

It is calculated by naval calculations that there are about 51,000 ships that are active in the ocean every day.

There are 1) Navy War Ships; 2) Cargo/Container Ships; 3) Tanker Ships; 4) Passenger Ships; 5) Bulk Container Ships; 6) Roll On/Off Ships; 7) Off Shore Ships; 8) Fishing Ships; 9) Special Vessel Ships.

If there are 51,000 of these ships in the ocean every day, just this one judgment will destroy nearly 17,000 ships that are in the sea. **The Captains and crews will die and there will not be one thing anyone will be able to do about it.**

This will be a horrible time of judgment on both the land and the sea.

Judgment Event #11 - God will destroy 1/3rd of the world's fresh water supply. **Rev. 8:10-11**

This next judgment of God will not hit sea water, it will hit fresh water. Fresh water lakes and rivers will be hit with God's judgment. Fresh drinking water will begin to become very hard to find.

There are several sources of fresh water on this earth. There groundwater that infiltrates the ground via rain or melting snow and fills the aquifers. There surface fresh water from rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs. God will shut them all down.

There are approximately 9.9 million cubic square miles of fresh water on this earth and 3.3 million cubic square miles of fresh water will be destroyed in this judgment. The Great Lakes in Michigan comprise 94,000 square miles of fresh water. At this one judgment over 31,000 square miles of fresh water will be destroyed by God.

So just a couple years into the Tribulation and God has caused one third of all vegetation destroyed; one third of the oceans destroyed and one third of the fresh drinking water is destroyed. The God-mocking world will be experiencing the wrath of an angry God. But at this point God is a long way from being done.

Judgment Event #12 - God will remove 1/3rd of the world's light. **Rev. 8:12**

At this point in the Tribulation, God will cause 1/3rd of the light to be removed from the sun, moon and stars. This will obviously affect every place in the world because it will be darker in the day time and darker in the night time, so everyone will understand this is coming directly from God. People all realize these are judgments of God.

Back in the mid 1950's, Willie Nelson wrote a song called "Turn out the lights, the party's over."

This will be a time when God will do just that. He is putting an end to the party and literally turning off Celestial lights.

Now after this specific judgment takes place, God will send a talking, flying eagle in mid-heaven who will loudly announce “woe, woe, woe” because of the remaining judgments. This is God’s way of saying, you have not seen anything yet and the worst and most ferocious judgments are yet to occur.

We are not quite at the half way point of the Tribulation and God is just getting started in wrath judgments.

Judgment Event #13 - God will cause a scorpion-like insect to sting and torment people.
Rev. 9:1-12

This is a scary Tribulation judgment in which God will permit a demonic invasion to literally come up out of a hellish, fiery abyss pit to attack humans with some horrible destructive judgment.

This demonic force will literally sting people like a scorpion bite and they will search out all people of the world who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads (Rev. 9:3).

These Scorpions cannot kill people, even though people stung by them will want to die, but they can only torment people. **They are permitted by God to attack any human not connected to Him for five months (Rev. 9:10), which is a literal time regulation.** This plague is a judgment of God carried out by demons.

In fact, the leader of the Demons has a name in Hebrew “Abaddon” (Abaddwn), and in Greek “Apollyon” (Apolluwn), both of which mean “destruction of the one who destroys.”

Judgment Event #14 - God will cause a 200 million man army to kill 1/3rd of the world’s population. **Rev. 9:13-21**

At this point in the Tribulation, God is using demons to carry out His judgments on earth and at this point, **God will permit demons to round up a 200 million man army to kill 1/3rd of the remaining world’s population in one year, one month, one day and one hour** (Rev. 9:15).

At this point, well over ¼ of the world’s population has been killed. So God kills 1/3rd more of the world’s population, at this point in the Tribulation, ½ of the world’s population has been killed.

If there were 8 billion people in the world when the Tribulation began, and 2 billion were killed in Revelation 6:8, leaving 6 billion, then another 1/3rd is 2 more billion so 50% of the world is dead. 4 billion are dead at this point.

In the United States, if there were 330 million people and $\frac{1}{4}$ is killed by Revelation 6:8, then there would be 248 million left and if you kill another $\frac{1}{3}$ rd, then 164 million people are now dead.

In Michigan, if there are 10 million people in the state and 2.5 million were killed by Revelation 6:8 and another 2.5 are killed here, the state is left with 5 million people. **So at this point in the Tribulation, which is about the half-way point, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the world's population has been killed by God in His wrath judgment.**

Since it is specifically brought out that these demons will use a 200 million man army coming from the east (Rev. 9:14; Dan. 11:44; Is. 5:25-30), our conclusion is China will be the primary demonic power these demons will use.

I want to read to you the words of Dr. John Walvoord concerning this text: "It is fascinating that China alone is reported to have over 314,000,000 men ages 16-49 who are 'fit for military service' along with over 298,000,000 women in this category" (*Revelation*, Revised and Edited, p. 165).

Things are beginning to stir in China right now. The world is turning against China and when God permits those demons to go get her, China will attack the world.

Judgment Event #15 - God will permit the Antichrist to dominate Israel for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.
Rev. 12-13

The Tribulation was first predicted in Deuteronomy 4:27-30 and Moses aimed it straight at Israel. Moses says in latter days Israel will be in great distress and in that context she will return to the Lord.

In close proximity to the movement of China in the world, God will permit the Antichrist to turn toward Israel and turn against Israel for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. In fact, at this point if one does not take his mark, one cannot buy or sell. If one refuses to worship him, he will kill him (Rev. 13:15-18). Jeremiah specifically refers to this moment that is incomparable. He calls this the "time of Jacob's trouble or distress" (Jer. 30:7).

The second half of the Tribulation will be horrific for Israel. For 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years she will be the focus of the Antichrist. Now we discussed the Antichrist in depth last time. So we will just mention at this point the Antichrist really begins to focus on Israel.

To this point, the Antichrist has been involved in killing people worldwide, now his attention centers on Israel. Under Adolph Hitler, $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the Jews were killed. Under the Antichrist, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Jews will be killed (Zechariah 13:8).

This will be the time he will sit in the Temple of Jerusalem and demand he be worshipped as God by the Jews. Jesus said when you see him go into the Temple flee from Jerusalem as fast as you can because this Antichrist will start exterminating Jews. Jesus said don't even take the time to go back and get a coat. Daniel called this the abomination of desolation.

Judgment Event #16 - God will cause a loathsome and malignant sore to appear on all who took the mark of the beast. **Rev. 16:2**

At this point in time, God will cause everyone who took the mark of the beast to receive a very painful ulcer or wound. The word "loathsome" means it will be very harmful and a person will be very sick. The word "malignant" means that it will be very painful.

God will target those who took the mark of the Antichrist and all people will receive this sore and there will be nothing they can do to cure it. No doctor or medicine will make it go away (Rev. 16:10-11).

No drug will kill the pain. People all over the world will breakout with these sores as a direct judgment of God.

Judgment Event #17 - God will cause all remaining life in the sea to die. **Rev. 16:3**

Earlier, God destroyed 1/3rd of the sea life (Rev. 8:8); now God destroys the rest of it. Food is scarce so some will obviously try and catch fish to eat. At this point, God will destroy the remaining sea life and there will be nothing for people to catch and eat.

We would expect that billions of sea creatures will die and float to the surface, which will bring about horrible stench and disease.

Judgment Event #18 - God will cause all sea water to be turned to blood. **Rev. 16:3**

God will literally turn the rest of the sea water into blood. There is nothing here that would indicate this is symbolic language. We believe this is literally what God will do. He did it in Exodus when He turned the Red Sea into blood (Ex. 7:20-25).

God-mocking liberals and skeptics, who said the plague in Exodus just means the water was reddish in color, will learn that it was in fact real blood. If in fact they are alive at this point in the Tribulation, they will see it is real blood.

Judgment Event #19 - God will cause all remaining fresh water to be turned to blood. **Rev. 16:4-7**

At this point in the Tribulation, God will cause all remaining fresh water to become blood. Now it is interesting that God promises that those who are alive and faithful to Him at this point will see God provide fresh water for them (**Is. 30:25**; Ps. 107:33-34; Is. 35:6-7; 41:18).

In this very context of turning fresh water into blood we read in **Revelation 16:5-7** - “**And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous are You who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it. And I heard the altar saying, Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.**”

These judgments of the Tribulation are righteous judgments coming from a righteous, just, Holy, Almighty God. **Just as verse 6 says, this God-mocking world deserves this.**

Judgment Event #20 - God will cause a scorching sun to burn people up. **Rev. 16:8-9**

We know at this point that there has been a reduction in light from the sun (Rev. 8:12). But what this judgment does is bring about an intensification of burning heat from the sun.

God is going to use the sun He created to scorch humans with an unbearable and ferocious heat. This will be a prelude to hell.

Now chronologically before God does this, He will have already turned all water supplies into blood. Shade trees will be gone because there will be no water to maintain the leaves.

Sometimes you will hear someone say, “My life is hell on earth.” Not even close. Here will be an actual time when people can actually say, “life is hell on earth.” They will be burning up and there will not be a thing they can do about it.

In Psalm 121:5-8, God promises that when He does this, He will protect those who love Him.

Judgment Event #21 - God will cause a major blackout darkness to hit worldwide.
Rev. 16:10-11

It is specifically stated that God will target this judgment at “the throne of the beast or Antichrist and the people who comprise his kingdom.”

The people are smitten with boils; they have no drinking water, they are being scorched with heat and all light goes out. They are sitting in total darkness “gnawing their tongues because of the pain.”

There is no relief and instead of them turning to God and crying out to Him, they blasphemed God and would not repent (Rev. 16:11).

William Newell used to say, “If men are not won by grace, they will never be won.”

Judgment Event #22 - God will dry up the Euphrates. **Rev. 16:12**

This will be a major critical and prophetic moment in the Tribulation. Now to those who don't think these prophecies are literal, take a good look at this text. God specifically names the Euphrates River and says what He will do to it.

The Euphrates River is the eastern boundary of the land God has promised to Israel. That point is stated in multiple passages of Scripture (Genesis 15:18; Deuteronomy 1:7; Joshua 1:4).

The purpose of God drying up this river at this point is to make it easy for the eastern political powers to come against Israel so Jesus Christ can destroy them. At the end of the Tribulation, Jesus Christ will return and literally kill the vast majority of people still left on earth.

This drying up of the Euphrates is a prelude to this and a prelude to the battle of Armageddon or Har-Magedon (Rev. 16:16). Megiddo is located in a valley about 50 miles NW of Jerusalem and this is where this battle will be fought. The valley is about 14 miles wide and 20 miles long.

Again nations of the east would include China, Japan, India, North Korea.

Judgment Event #23 - God will cause all kings from the whole world to demonically come to fight Him at a place called Armageddon. **Rev. 16:13-16**

In **verse 13**, we learn that Satan, the Antichrist and the false prophet unleash a demonic force to get every king in the world to come to fight against Jesus Christ in the battle of Armageddon. So this battle will not just feature powers from the east, but powers from the rest of the world.

Keep in mind the world has been restructured and kings are controlling the world at the appointment of the Antichrist. Satan is literally leading these forces to not only lose the battle, but to lose eternity for they will end up burning forever in hell. Satan is no one's friend.

Judgment Event #24 - God will send thunder and lightning and a massive earthquake like never before. **Rev. 16:17-18**

During the Tribulation there will be several earthquakes, but this one at this point will be the most violent the world has ever experienced. It will destroy property, people and life. It will be the worst in the world and it will bring down the great cities of the nations of the world.

It would be interesting to hear Bill DeBlasio hold a press conference and explain this. He won't be able to blame this on President Trump. God will destroy his city.

Judgment Event #25 - God will remove mountains and islands. **Rev. 16:20**

Back in chapter 6:14, God moved mountains early in the Tribulation; now at this point, He removes them completely. He literally destroys every mountain and every island. People mocked Him all over His world so He will just destroy His world and the people living in it.

Judgment Event #26 - God will send 100 pound hail stones out of the sky to kill people.

Rev. 16:21

If you track the theme of “hail” through the Bible, what you may observe is that hail is an O.T. part of God’s weaponry that He uses for wrath purposes (Joshua 10:11; Job 38:22-23; Isaiah 28:17; Ezekiel 38:22; Haggai 2:17).

Back in 1994, an 18-year-old punk kid took a 16 pound bowling ball and dropped it 15-20 feet off an overpass bridge and it crashed through the windshield of the car and killed a baby girl in the back seat. That was 16 pounds at 15-20 feet.

During the Tribulation, God will drop 100 pound hail stones out of heaven and the text says this plague “was extremely severe.” It will destroy and kill.

Judgment Event #27 - God will completely destroy Babylon and the Islamic religion.

Rev. 17-18

The last thing God will do in the Tribulation, just before Jesus Christ returns, is to destroy Babylon. Babylon in Scripture refers to three things:

- 1) It refers to a false idolatrous system of religion.
- 2) It refers to a major political power that is not right with God.
- 3) It refers to a literal city.

One of the last things God will do in the Tribulation is to totally obliterate the false religious system of Islam and the key places of the Arab world.

FINAL OBSERVATIONS:

1. The judgments of the Great Tribulation are all directly coming from God.

People make a fatal, eternal mistake when they assume God is only a big, forgiving, loving God who would never hurt anyone. God has a wrath and angry side and when God gets angry, He is a God who pours out wrath. God will send people to hell.

2. The language of these predictions is literal.

Nothing in these judgments would indicate they are figurative. Whenever a figure of speech is used in Revelation, it is specified or identified. There are literal descriptions of what God will do in literal places. God uses literal numbers to show literal time specifications and He describes literal locations and literal judgments. People who say the book of Revelation is some symbolic code language book are making a very fatal and eternal mistake. God will literally do this.

3. There has never been anything like this anywhere in history.

Some have said the Great Tribulation has already happened. My simple question is when and where? Show us anywhere in history where the totality of these events has occurred. There has never been a seven year period of time when the world has experienced or seen anything like this.

4. You do not want to be here on this earth when these things occur.

Those here on earth during the Tribulation probably won't survive and probably won't repent.

You can escape this by becoming part of the family of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ will never let His family go into this time of wrath. So if you will believe in Jesus Christ, you will never have to worry about the Great Tribulation.

Now is the time of grace and salvation. God offers any sinner anywhere, His grace salvation right now. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved now.