

TURNING TO TRUTH IN TIMES OF TRIBULATION

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14).

Students of international demographics continue to express grave concern about the staggering growth of world population. Studies indicate that only 300 million souls inhabited the globe when Jesus was born. The population of the world did not exceed 500 million until 1650. By 1750, there were 800 million in the world. Between 1850 and 1950 the population of the world doubled from 1.2 to 2.5 billion. In 1995, there were 5.7 billion people in the world and today there are over 6 billion. Currently, the population of the world is growing by more than a billion every 13 years!

Students of Bible prophecy know that there will be many that turn to the _____ in times of Tribulation. Revelation promises that the number of souls saved during the Tribulation will be without number (Rev. 7:9). "It is safe to say that more people will turn to Christ during the 70th week of Daniel than during any comparable period of time in human history" (Bob Shelton, God's Prophetic Blueprint).

Could it be that God is allowing the population of the world to grow exponentially today in order for multitudes to be saved tomorrow?

Let's consider what the Bible teaches about the souls that will be saved in the Tribulation.

THE MESSENGERS OF SALVATION

I Thessalonians 4 prophesies the Rapture of the entire church (v. 17).

I Thessalonians 5 tells of the terror of the Tribulation (v. 1-11). If Christians are raptured before the Tribulation, how will those left behind hear the Gospel? God has a marvelous plan (Acts 14:17).

TWO SUPERNATURAL EVANGELISTS - Rev. 11

During the first _____ of the Tribulation period (v. 3), God will send _____ witnesses to the wayward world.

1. Their _____ (Rev. 11:4-6). Most believe these two men to be _____ and _____ because one is a prophet of plagues (Ex. 7-12) and the other a prophet of fire (I Kings 18). One represents the Law and the other the Prophets. They appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration and are spoken of in Malachi 4:4-6).
2. Their _____ (Rev. 11:7-10). Their death results in a worldwide holiday that is anything but a "Holy Day."
3. Their _____ (Rev. 11:11-13). The resurrection of these 2 faithful witnesses will bring fear and _____ to many (Rev. 11:13).

144,000 NATIONAL EVANGELISTS

It has long been God's purpose to bring spiritual blessings to the world through the faithful witness of the Jews (Gen. 12:1-3). Paul was a great evangelist of Jewish descent. In I Cor. 15:8, Paul says that he was born _____. Revelation 7 helps us to understand what Paul meant. Revelation 7 prophesies the coming of _____ Jewish evangelists.

1. The Old Testament promised a Jewish witness to the World (Joel 2:28-32). Note: This prophecy was partially fulfilled at _____ (Acts 2:16-21) and thousands were saved. Imagine the impact when the prophecy is fulfilled.
2. The _____ promised a Jewish witness to the world (Mt. 24:14).
 - There are no _____ Tribes (Ezra 2:70).
 - There is a _____ restoration of Israel (Rom. 11).

THE MARTYRS SLAIN

An innumerable host will be slain during the Tribulation for their loyalty to the Lord (Rev. 7:9-17). The Bible identifies the persecutor of the people of God during the Tribulation. He is none other than the anti-Christ (Daniel 7:21-25).

GOD _____ THE PERSECUTION OF HIS PEOPLE (Dan. 7:25; Rev. 6:11; 13:7).

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GOD _____ THE PERSECUTION OF HIS PEOPLE (Heb. 10:30; Rev. 13:10; 16:6-7; Ps. 73:17-20). Though many die, they are on the winning side (Rev. 15:1-4).

THE MULTITUDE SAVED

Through the message preached and the martyr's persecution, many will be saved.

THE MULTITUDE THAT WILL BE _____ (Dan. 12:9).

THE MEANS THAT ARE IN _____.

