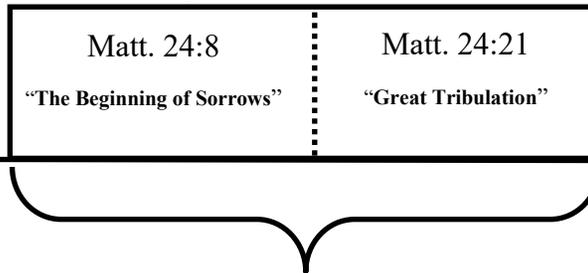


The Bible and Future Events (The Seven Year Tribulation Period)



2. The 7-year Tribulation Period



- A. **Biblical Descriptions of The Seven Year Tribulation period:** “The Day of the LORD” (used 26 times in the KJV). The proud and lofty will be brought low (Isa. 2:12). It is destruction from the Almighty (Isa. 13:6; Joel 1:15). It is a time of wrath and fierce anger to make the land desolate and to destroy the sinner out of it (Isa. 13:9). It is a time of the LORD’s vengeance (Isa. 34:8; Jer. 46:10). It is the day of the LORD’s anger, and none shall escape (Lam. 2:22; Zeph. 2:2,3). It is a day of battle (Ezek. 13:5), a cloudy day and the time of the heathen (Ezek. 30:3). It is a time for the land of Israel to tremble (Joel 2:1). It is a great and terrible day, who can abide? (Joel 2:11). It includes the valley of decision (threshing) (Joel 3:14). It is darkness and not light (Amos 5:18, 20). It is upon all the heathen (Ob. 1:15). It is a day of punishment for kings and their allies (Zeph. 1:8). The mighty men shall cry bitterly (Zeph. 1:14). Silver and gold shall not deliver them (Zeph. 1:18). Thy spoil shall be divided (Zeph. 14:1). It comes as **a thief in the night** (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10). The second part of the Day of the LORD will be glorious but only after the seven year Tribulation period.
- B. **The Biblical Duration of this time period:** **1. Daniel 9:27** (one week = 7 years; and in the middle of that week, a prince will cause the abomination of desolation, 3.5 years). **2. Rev. 12:6** (Israel is protected for 1,260 days = 3.5 years) **3. Rev. 13:5** (the Beast continues to rule for another 42 months = 3.5 years). The middle of the Tribulation period marks many significant developments prior to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth with His saints to reign!
- C. **Summary of the Seven Year Tribulation Period:**
- Unprecedented & Intensified Sufferings.** - The seal judgments, the trumpet judgments, the thunder judgments, the bowl judgments of Revelation also these coincide with the sufferings of Matt. 24.
 - The Antichrist will reign and strike a 7 year treaty with Israel & betray Israel after 3.5 years.** - The Mystery of Iniquity (2 Thess. 2:7).
 - Mystery Babylon will rise and fall.** (Rev. 17 & 18)
 - The Persecution of Israel.** The 144,000 Jewish males, and the two witnesses, and many Gentiles get saved.
 - The Battle of Armageddon, and Conversion of Israel.**
 - The Lord Jesus returns to Mt. Olives, rescues Israel, and establishes His Millennial Kingdom in Jerusalem.** - The Second Coming of Christ (bodily, visibly, literally) (Acts 1:11)

Why The Tribulation Period? (Rev. 6—18)

- ◇ **To prepare Israel.** (Jer. 30:7; Zech. 13:8,9) God will once again focus on Israel. Israel will be restored to her rightful place within the Kingdom of God. She will rule and reign beside the churches of Christ as Jehovah’s witness to the nations. NOTE: the churches do not replace Israel. She will be restored (Rom. 11) and her restoration will bring world-wide blessings!
- ◇ **To punish the unrepentant sinners.** (Isa. 26:21; Rev. 3:10; 16:2). Four times in the book of Revelation it is mentioned that unsaved people will not repent (Rev. 9:20, 21; 16:9, 11).
- ◇ **To destroy the works of Satan, again.** (Rev. 12:12).
- ◇ **To provide salvation for the Tribulation-age believers or the Tribulation saints.** (Matt. 24:14; Rev. 7:9,10; 13,14). This will accomplish the fullness of the Gentiles at the return of Christ. Saved Israel and Saved Gentiles will enter the Millennial Kingdom.