

First words:

How is the tribulation described?

1. It is a time \_\_\_\_\_ between the two phases of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

a. Jesus comes in the air at the beginning of the tribulation –

“\_\_\_\_\_”– **1 Thessalonians 4:17** - *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.*

b. Jesus comes to the earth at the end of the tribulation – “\_\_\_\_\_”

- **Zechariah 14:3–4** - *Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. <sup>4</sup> On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.*

These are two events that can't be easily harmonized into one thus they should be seen as two separate events.

- 1) Different order in coming
- 2) Different destinations of coming
- 3) Different precursors before coming

2. It is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ upon the earth and its inhabitants

**Zechariah 1:15** - *And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster.*

**Revelation 6:16–17** - *.....calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup> for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”*

3. It is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ for the nations

**Revelation 14:7** - *And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”*

**Revelation 16:5** - *And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say, “Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments.*

**Revelation 19:9** - *And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”*

4. It is a time of trouble for \_\_\_\_\_

**Jeremiah 30:7** - *Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.*

**Zephaniah 1:14–15** - *The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup> A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness...*

5. It is a time of seven years in \_\_\_\_\_

a. The 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel - **Daniel 9:26–27** - *And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. <sup>27</sup> And he 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. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”*

b. The forty-two months of the beast (anti-Christ) - **Revelation 13:5** - *And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.*

c. The 1260 days of the Woman of Revelation 12 - **Revelation 12:6** - *And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.*

d. The times, times and half times of the woman's protection - **Revelation 12:14** - *But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.*  
See also **Daniel 7:25**

6. It is a time of a \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 13:5, 17-18** - *And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months....<sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.*  
<sup>18</sup> *This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.*

7. It is a time of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church

a. The church is absent from the book of Revelation from 4:1 on - **Revelation 4:1** - *After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."*

b. The church is promised exemption from the wrath of God – **1 Thess. 5:9**

c. The church must participate in certain events before Jesus Christ returns to earth

1) The Bema Seat Judgment of Believers

2) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

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