

4. The Jewish Temple will be rebuilt and the “sacrificial system” restored (Dan. 9:27)

5. The Seven Seals of Judgment Begin (Rev. 6:1-7, Rev. 8:1-2)

Revelation 6:1, NIV - ¹ *I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals...*

The four Horsemen of the Apocalypse:

Seal 1: The Rider on the White Horse—Deception by a False-christ (6:1-2)

Seal 2: The Rider on the Red Horse—Destruction by War (6:3-4)

Seal 3: The Rider on the Black Horse—Destitution by Famine (6:5-6)

Seal 4: The Rider on the Pale Horse—Devastation by Death (6:7-8)

Seal 5: The Martyred Tribulation Saints—Persecution/Martyrdom (6:9-11)

Seal 6: A Great Earthquake—Devastation by Terror (6:12-17)

Seal 7: Silence in Heaven—Beginning of Trumpet Judgments (Rev. 8:1-2)

“We see God’s mercy in the midst of wrath” – Pastor Joe

Uppermost in the mind of God is the Salvation of souls...Revelation 7:9 indicates that during the first part of the tribulation, the greatest harvest of souls in all history will take place. In fact, it is this writer’s belief that more people will accept Christ during the early months of the tribulation, before the Antichrist really has a chance to consolidate his one world government and set up his one world religion, than have been converted in nearly 2000 years of the church age. – Dr. Tim LaHaye, *Revelation Unveiled*, p. 153.

Revelation 7:9, NASB - ⁹ *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands....*

6. The 7 Trumpet Judgments Begin (Rev. 8, 9, 16 and 19)

Revelation 8:7, NIV - ⁷ *The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.*

Trumpet 1: One-third of the vegetation is destroyed. (8:7)

Trumpet 2: One-third of the sea will be turned into blood. (8:8-9)

Trumpet 3: One-third of the waters are contaminated. (8:10-11)

Trumpet 4: One-third of the sky is darkened. (8:12)

Trumpet 5: The “first woe”: locust-like creatures plague the earth. (9:1-12)

Trumpet 6: The “second woe”: An army of 200,000,000 men from the east will destroy one-third of all people. (9:13-21)

Trumpet 7: The “third woe”: Beginning of the seven bowl judgments. (9:22ff)

C. Midway through “The 7 Year Tribulation”

1. The devil/demons are unrestrained on Earth (Rev 12:9, 12-13)

2. The Antichrist and devil begin a 42-month cartel (Rev. 12)

3. The “Two Witnesses” are killed and resurrected (11:7-12)

Revelation 11:7–12, NLT - ⁷ *When they complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them.* ⁸ *And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem, the city that is figuratively called “Sodom” and “Egypt,” the city where their Lord was crucified.* ⁹ *And for three and a half days, all peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will stare at their bodies. No one will be allowed to bury them.* ¹⁰ *All the people who belong to this world will gloat over them and give presents to each other to celebrate the death of the two prophets who had tormented them.* ¹¹ *But after three and a half days, God breathed life into them, and they stood up! Terror struck all who were staring at them.* ¹² *Then a loud voice from heaven called to the two prophets, “Come up here!” And they rose to heaven in a cloud as their enemies watched.*

4. The Antichrist stands and declares himself to be god (Dan. 7:27, Matt. 24:15, 2 Thess. 2:4 and Rev. 13)

5. Israel flees into the wilderness for 3½ years (Rev. 12:14ff)

6. The False Prophet joins forces with the Antichrist (Rev. 13:11-15)

D. Immediately after the midway point in “The 7 Year Tribulation”

1. The Antichrist establishes the “mark of the beast” (666) (Rev. 13:16)

2. Christ appears to the 144,000 witnesses (Rev. 14:1)

3. The 144,000 witnesses are commissioned (Rev. 14:1-11)

E. The Second 3½ years of “The 7 Year Tribulation” (1,260 Days or 42 Months) (This time period is also called “The Great Tribulation”)

1. The Antichrist begins his reign of terror (Dan 7:25; Rev. 13:5ff)

2. The Mark of the Beast (666) will be enforced (Rev. 13:14-18)

Revelation 13:16–18, NIV - ¹⁶ *[The antichrist]...forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,* ¹⁷ *so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.* ¹⁸ *This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.*

“We now have a one-world order and a one-world religion”

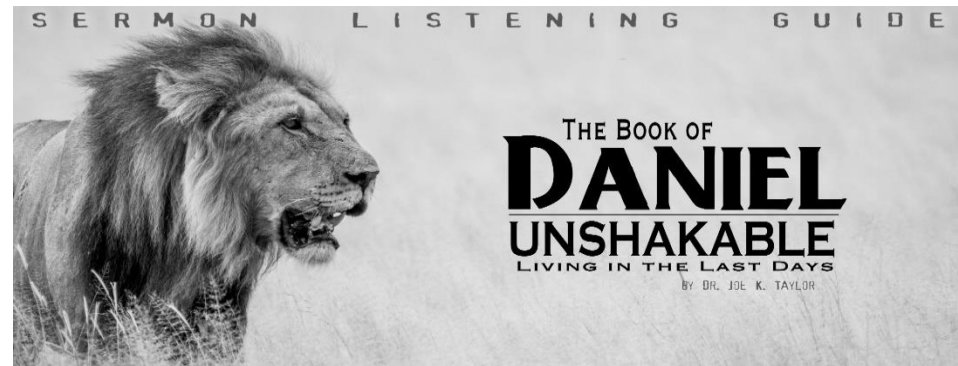
3. The 144,000 witnesses are commissioned (Rev. 14:1-11; Note: a massive harvest of souls will be gathered for God’s glory.)

4. Half of the world's population will die during the Great Tribulation (Rev. 6:8)

- 2 ½ million people will die every single day for 42 months
- **Illustration:** In the Jewish concentration camp, *Auschwitz*, 2 ½ million people died there. The camp opened the doors of its gas chambers September 3, 1941—those murders lasted exactly 3 ½ years (1,260 days or 42 months). [SOURCE: Yad Vashem Magazine, Vol. 80., June 2016 (YV WHMC Archive)]
- In the Tribulation, time stops, life ends, nothing is the same.
- **The believer in Christ will not be here for any of the 7 Year Tribulation.**

F. On the last day of “The 7 Year Tribulation”

1. The Antichrist and the false prophet will begin a final war to defeat Israel, but as they begin, the forces of Heaven will intervene, and the antichrist and the false prophet will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 14:1; Rev. 13:5, rev. 16:12-16, Rev. 19:11-21)
2. This final battle, called “The Battle of Armageddon” will begin by a command of the Antichrist but will end by a command by Jesus Christ—Himself.
3. The devil will be bound for 1,000 years, and Jesus Christ will begin His Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-4)
4. **The unbeliever will be here for this horrible event called the 7 Year Tribulation.**
5. **There is still time for the unbeliever to act: You must receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, as the rapture is specifically a rescue, by God, for all believers, BUT it happens before the Tribulation begins.**



A Review of the Major Events in the Last Days
Part Two

The 7 Year Tribulation

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There will be a great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be” - Matthew 24:21

A. OVERVIEW (VERY BIG PICTURE)

Through various prophetic passages found in the Bible, we learn that “**The 7 Year Tribulation**” will be:

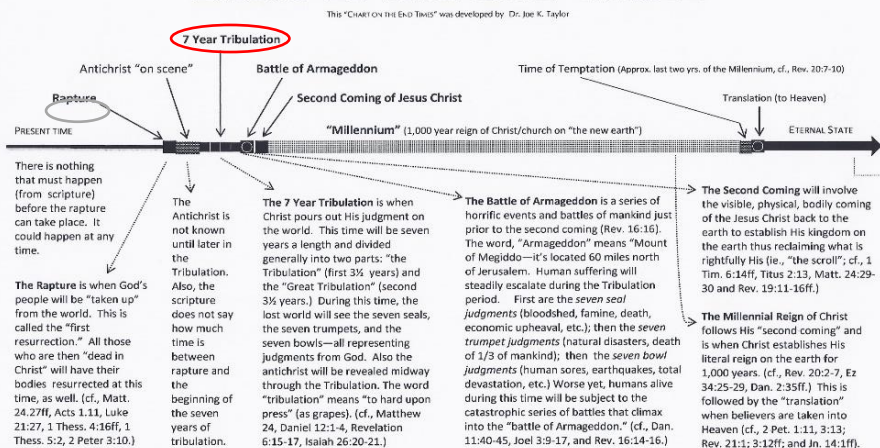
- A time of **judgment** for those who reject the Savior.
- A time of **conclusion** for those who rebel against God.
- A time of **decision** for those who will be forced to choose between Christ and the Antichrist.
- A time of **chaos** designed to shake mankind's false sense of security.
- A time of unprecedented **revival**, resulting in the greatest soul harvest in history.

B THE 7 YEAR TRIBULATION (DETAILED OUTLINE)

A. The First 3½ Years of the “The 7 Year Tribulation” (1,260 Days or 42 Months)

1. It begins shortly after the Rapture of the Church
2. The Antichrist will establish a 7-year season of peace with Israel - This treaty marks the formal beginning of the 7 Year Tribulation (Dan 9:27ff)
3. The “Two Witnesses” begin to prophesy for exactly 1,260 days (Rev. 7:3)

Chart of the End Times



The Eternal State will be a time of unspeakable joy, reward and fellowship for the believer (cf., Rev. 21:1-8) and a time of judgment for the unbeliever (cf., Revelation 20:11-15). (NOTE: When a believer in Christ dies, their body goes into the grave and their soul goes immediately to be with God in Heaven (cf., 2 Cor. 5:8). At the rapture, the old body will be resurrected and "made perfect" and reunited with their soul in what the bible and theologians call the glorified state. Cf., 1 Thess. 13-18 and 1 Cor. 15:42-49.)

When I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." - Rev. 4:1, NLT