

# Tribulation— Reason for it!

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Col. 3:2 *Set your affection on things above*  
Daniel 12:1 *there shall be a time of trouble*  
Matt. 24:21 *For then shall be great tribulation*  
Rev. 3:10 *Since you have kept my command*  
1 Thess 4:17 *we who are alive and remain shall*  
Luke 21:36 *Watch ye therefore, and pray*

1 There is a limited amount of time to be prepared for the *imminency* of the Rapture—it is critical that we *redeem* our time *AV Ephesians 5:16* “*because the days are evil.*”

2 Supernatural judgments begin with military conflict—nation against nation, famine, floods, earthquakes, strange viruses—all bringing about the most dreadful conditions on earth since the world began.

3 *AV Matthew 24:21* “*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*”

4 Believers in Christ and those who passed away in the faith are raptured—as Enoch and Elijah were *caught up* to Heaven.

5 Those who *were ready* are partaking in the marriage supper of the Lamb *in Heaven*; while any who *were not ready* are going through the most dreadful conditions we could ever imagine *on earth*.

6 Because there have been many *centuries* of wickedness, corruption, idolatry, unbelief, apathy, and apostasy along with the total rejection of God’s plan of faith in Jesus for the

saving of their soul, the Tribulation happens on earth.

7 Supernatural Judgments are the result of the depravity and debauchery of the majority of people; the world is judged because of the sinful lifestyles of billions and because of the evil desires of so many today. The world is ripe for harvesting and seeing the wrath of God.

8 The horrible spiritual condition that has come about on earth today is why supernatural judgments are coming.

9 *Jesus* has warned us they are coming, and *God* warns us to repent of past sins. Scripture tells us not to become too absorbed with things of this world. *AV Colossians 3:2* “*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*”

10 All that people have constructed and built will be destroyed; buildings leveled; and a new order established.

11 God just wants us to be ready in a moment by allowing Him to teach us every day—keeping our trust on Him to heal us; to supply our needs; to change our attitudes; and to control every situation we encounter.

12 The world sows to the *flesh*, and they will reap *corruption*; it sows to the *devil* and will reap *destruction*.

13 Every sin will be answered for at the judgment seat of Christ. Only by placing our past mistakes under the Blood of Jesus and trusting Him to forgive us, can our sins be erased and our heart cleansed.

14 There is a white throne judgment when everyone will give an account of every idle word spoken *Matthew 12:36*.

15 It is the *final* judgment where everyone is *judged* according to how they *lived* on earth—whether they accepted or rejected Jesus as their Lord and Savior. *AV Romans 14:12* “*Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*”

16 Dreadful times and serious trouble will come because the world in general is living in Adam’s sin. They have sown to the *flesh*, and they will reap the Tribulation.

17 These supernatural judgments will search the hearts of everyone still on earth—it will reveal the *cause* of all their troubles and the *reason* for the tribulation.

18 God purchased the world by paying for it with the life of His Son. What a gift He gave! What compassion He showed! What forgiveness He offers!

19 But the world has flatly rejected His salvation plan—by rejecting His Son as their Messiah.

20 To *escape* what is coming, everyone will have to *accept* the sacrifice of Christ; they will have to *believe* in His atoning Blood; and they will have to *live* by faith in Him by following His instructions on godly living concerning every aspect of life.

21 The Jewish nation began with Abraham and was recognized again as a nation on May 14, 1948. As a re-established nation, however, Israel has fallen away from faith, and it has rejected God’s *Truth* by rejecting God’s *Son*.

22 Israel piled up its sins by crucifying the Son of God who was sent to save them from the lake of fire. That was the most serious rejection anyone could ever make!

23 And adding to their depravity, they chose a convicted murderer while chanting for Jesus to *AV Matthew 27:22* “*be crucified.*” It is no surprise that a time of unprecedented trouble is coming to earth!

24 The *horrible* sin of rejecting God’s Son shows how *desperately wicked and deceitful* the human heart is *Jeremiah 17:9*.

25 And it shows the unspeakable evil and debauchery to which the world has fallen. The Tribulation happens because so many have refused to believe the One God sent *John 6:29*.

**26** Out of compassion Jesus told them AV John 8:24 *"If ye believe **not** that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*

**27** The Gentiles will act even *worse* during the Tribulation by not only rejecting the *true* Christ of God, but in accepting the *false* Antichrist of the devil.

**28** Israel as a nation was set aside when the *tame* olive branches were broken *off*, and the *wild* olive branches were grafted *in*.

**29** The Gentiles were blessed by God until the third century—after which the Christian church fell to the unbelief of the world.

**30** There are, no doubt, *some* individuals and religious groups who trust God in *spirit* and in *truth*—and only God *knows* a person's heart.

**31** There has to be some who *trust* God as we have come to know is required, but the Christian world as a whole has a *"form of godliness, but denying the power thereof"* AV 2 Timothy 3:5.

**32** The Tribulation happens because of the horrible spiritual condition of the majority. These times will test and expose the intentions of most people. It should bring to repentance some who had previously rejected God's Son.

**33** Leading up to the start of the Tribulation will be military conflicts, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes.

**34** There will be the rapture of true believers which begins the Tribulation on earth. The world today is approaching the rapture of God's true children.

**35** Not one person of the 8,231,613,070 living on earth as of mid-2025 [an increase of 70 million people from 2024]—would survive the Tribulation if God in His love and mercy had not reduced the duration of it.

**36** AV Matthew 24:22 *"Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved."*

**37** The Bible says that all who are deceased and were living God's Truth at the time of their passing are raptured first—

**38** AV 1 Thessalonians 4:17 *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."*

**39** We are also given comforting verses NIV Daniel 12:4 *"Close up and seal the words of the scroll until the **time of the end**. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."*

**40** We have reached the *time of the end*—the world travels everywhere everyday all over the globe.

**41** Jesus told us how to escape these dreadful times coming on an unbelieving world.

**42** NIV Revelation 3:10 *"Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also **keep you** from the **hour of trial** that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth."*

**43** *This life is a test* NIV James 1:12 *"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."*

**44** Every believer is *tested* to *prove* if they love God more than they love the world.

**45** The *first* and *great* commandment is AV Matthew 22:37 *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy **heart**, and with all thy **soul**, and with all thy **mind**."*

**46** The things we meet each day are a *test* to see how we will respond—whether we will meet them in the *Lord's* way or in the *world's* way.

**47** The things people *say* to us and the circumstances that *happen* to us, will show if we *really* love God with all our *heart*, *soul*, and *mind*.

**48** If there is any *compromise* in our heart, a test will reveal it. Any difficulty we go through will

test our sincerity—and the Tribulation will be a *supreme* test—an *hour of trial* that will reveal any *lack of faith* in anyone's heart.

**49** It is all too *easy* to be all too *interested* in things of this life, rather than be interested in the spiritual condition of our own heart.

**50** We should ask ourselves whether we would *hold* to our faith if we were *tested* like Bible believers were tested.

**51** **For instance**—we often want *expensive* things, but Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in *tents*—inspiring the hymn lyrics *A tent or a cottage, why should I care?*—but do we *mean* that?

**52** Nothing can be allowed to come between *us* and our *faith* in God. We should not be *too absorbed* with things on earth as they can easily command *too much* of our attention.

**53** Jesus wants us to focus on what is of *eternal* importance because *He knows*—and now *we know*—that the Tribulation *will* take place. We have to *be ready* so we can *escape* those horrible conditions coming on this world.

**54** AV Luke 21:36 *"**Watch** ye therefore, and **pray** always, that ye may be accounted worthy to **escape** all these things that shall come to pass, and to **stand** before the Son of man."*



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