Chapter 4+5

# Great Tribulation: What is/How long is the GT?

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# 4. What is the Great Tribulation? Daniel 12:1-2

"At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt."

# What is the Great Tribulation? Daniel 12:3-4,11

"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

'But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.'

"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days."

# What is the Great Tribulation? Matthew 24:15-18

"Therefore, when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes."

# What is the Great Tribulation? Matthew 24:21-22, AMPC

"For then there will be great tribulation (affliction, distress, and oppression) such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now - no, and never will be [again].

And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would endure and survive [be saved], but for the sake of the elect (God's chosen ones) those days will be shortened."

# What is the Great Tribulation? Revelation 12:7-9

"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

• The Great Tribulation is Satan's Wrath!

# What is the Great Tribulation? Revelation 12:13-14

"Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent."

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# What is the Great Tribulation? Revelation 3:10

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- · "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you [to attend to carefully, take care of, to guard, metaph. to keep, one in the state in which he is. to observe, to reserve: to undergo something, Strong's G5083] from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."

# What is the Great Tribulation? Revelation 12:16-17

"But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Satan attacks the Saints!

# What is the Great Tribulation? Revelation 13:7; 20:4

#### Many Saints will be Martyred!

"It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation." "... Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

#### RECAP: What is the Great Tribulation?

- The Great Tribulation is primarily Satan's Wrath in a period of immense affliction, distress, oppression, as well as persecution of the Saints!
- In that time period, a Remnant will be spared in the 'wilderness'!
- Nonetheless, many Saints will be Martyred!

# 5. How long is the Great Tribulation? Daniel 7:21-24a

"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. Thus, he said:

'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom.'"

# How long is the Great Tribulation? Daniel 7:24b-25

"And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law.

Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time." [time=1 year, and times=2 years, and half a time= ½ year, total 3 ½ years]"

### How long is the Great Tribulation? Daniel 7:26-27

"But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.

Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.

His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

# How long is the Great Tribulation? Daniel 12:6-7

"And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?" Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished."

# How long is the Great Tribulation? Daniel 12:11-13

"And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days [i.e., 1,290 days or 3 ½ years].

How blessed *and* beloved is he who waits expectantly [who endures without wavering beyond the period of tribulation] and comes to the 1,335 days! [AMP/AMPC]

But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

# How long is the Great Tribulation? Revelation 11:1-3

"Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles.

And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months [3½ years]. And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days [3½ years], clothed in sackcloth."

# How long is the Great Tribulation? Revelation 13:5-6

"And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months [3½ years].

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven."

#### RECAP: How long is the Great Tribulation?

• The Great Tribulation starts when the daily sacrifice is stopped and the "Abomination of Desolation" is set up in the temple; this period is 3 ½ years!