

# "19 MORE REASONS THE CHURCH WILL NOT ENTER THE TRIBULATION"

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Today, the thinking prevails that the church will go into the first half of the tribulation, if not all of it. What are the facts?

## **1. THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL ARE TWO MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE GROUPS**

God has two entirely different plans for each of them. Not revealed in the Old Testament (OT), the church is a mystery and because of Israel's rejection of the Messiah's first advent, God calls a halt to his prophetic 70 week program for Israel (at the end of 69 weeks Dan 9:26) and inserts a 2000 year mystery church program. This plan for the church will be completed and then she will be taken out of the way, before God resumes his remaining week or seven year program for Israel. The church and Israel are like 'chalk and cheese' and never the twain shall meet except in Jesus (Gal 3:28). The 70<sup>th</sup> week (7 year) covenant is ushered in by the antichrist (Dan 9:27) after the church is raptured (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

## **2. THE 70 WEEKS FOR ISRAEL ONLY**

"Seventy weeks are determined upon **thy people** and upon **thy holy city...**" (Dan 9:24). This period of 490 years refers entirely to Israel, being Daniel's people, and to Jerusalem, being Daniel's holy city. As the church has not been involved in any of the first 69 weeks which are only for Israel, it has no part in the 70<sup>th</sup> week (7 years).

## **3. A ONE WEEK COVENANT WITH MANY**

The word "covenant" of Dan 9:27 is never used in connection with the church and therefore signifies a Jewish dispensation on earth. Again the church will have been taken away before God starts his 70<sup>th</sup> week with Israel.

## **4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK.**

The following words are used to describe the nature of this week and they refer to these seven years in its entirety and not just a part of it. (a) darkness (Zeph 1:14-18) (b) trouble (Jer 30:7) (c) judgment (2 Pet 2:9) (d) destruction (Joel 1:15) (e) wrath (Rom 2:5) (f) indignation (Is 34:1-3) (g) hour of temptation (Rev 3:10) (h) punishment (Is 24:20-21).

## **5. THE ANTICHRIST'S WORLD PEACE IS GOD'S WRATH IN DISGUISE**

The facts are that God's seven year wrath includes, and starts with, the deception of the antichrist's 'white peace horse' of Rev 6:2 which appears immediately after the church's rapture. This temporary peace brought in by the antichrist, is the "strong delusion" (2Thess 2:11) that is sent by God which is called the "beginning of sorrows" (Matt 24:8). This period includes wars, famines, earthquakes and pestilences (Matt 24:7) and all end up in great tribulation (Matt 24:21). "...as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind..." (Rom 1:28)

## **6. ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH ARE CHALK AND CHEESE**

There are many examples but let's consider a few: 1. Israel receives earthly promises while the church has heavenly promises. 2. Israel are the physical seed of Abraham while the church is the spiritual seed of Abraham. 3. Israel is called an unfaithful wife while the church is called the bride. 4. Israel only ever had a temporary indwelling of the Holy Ghost while the church has the permanent indwelling. 5. Lastly, Israel's head was Abraham while the church has Christ as its head.

## **7. THE WHOLE EARTH SUFFERS THE WRATH OF GOD**

While the scriptures make this very clear (Rev 3:10) Jeremiah 30:7 also refers to this period as the time of "Jacob's trouble" – for Israel. This 7 year period on the earth is a Jewish dispensation from which the church will be absent.

## **8. THE REASON FOR THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK.**

The scripture "...I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon **all the world**, to **try them** that **dwell upon the earth**." (Rev 3:10), will be a 'trying' for those who dwell on the earth. God's wrath is for those who have been left behind and consider the earth, with its commerce and religion, as their real home. Note: The current persecution against the church is from the world and not from God.

## **9. A CHRISTIAN PURGATORY**

As the church steams through the fog toward Rome, a Christian tribulation purgatory becomes a possibility. But this church 'purification', negates a being "...washed from our sins in his own blood." (Rev 1:5). Only God's blood, not his Trib-ulation wrath, can ever cleanse the church.

## **10. CHRIST'S IMMINENT RETURN.**

Unlike Israel, God gives no signs to the church to signal the imminent coming of the Lord. The believer is warned to be watching for the Lord himself. Conversely, prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> advent, many signs will be given to the nation of Israel as they will be living in the expectancy of his coming, although knowing not the day nor the hour (Matt 24:36).

## **11. THE HOLY GHOST 'DElayer'**

The 'delayer' of 2Thess 2:7 is the Holy Ghost that indwells all believers, and as soon as the church is removed, this "letteth 'delaying')" ministry ceases and the Wicked one emerges. However, the Spirit does not cease to operate in the Tribulation but the 'delaying' ministry does.

## **12. THE CHURCH DOESN'T GO HALF WAY INTO THE TRIBULATION**

If Paul had told the Thessalonian church they would be going half way into the Tribulation, they would have been rejoicing that at least some of them had died and would miss God's wrath of tribulation persecution. The opposite was the case as they were sorrowful for the dead in Christ.

## **13. ONE SYSTEM AT A TIME**

God operates one system at a time on the earth and it is either the 2000 year church program or the 70 week (490 year) Jewish program. They are mutually exclusive. As there are no 'special Jewish deals' that operate while the church is currently on the earth, then conversely, the church must be absent when God seals the 144,000.

## **14. THE APOSTASY OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK**

The only "church" mentioned in the tribulation period is the harlot jezebel system. If the true church were on earth, it would be part of the apostate system, but this is impossible.

## **15. KEPT 'FROM' THE HOUR**

"...I also will keep thee **from** the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." (Rev 3:10) is not merely God's protection but his exemption. If not, God would have written that the church would be kept **in** the hour and not **from** the hour.

## **16. LOT AS A TYPE OF CHURCH**

One of the clearest typologies of the extraction of the righteous before the wrath of God manifests, is found with Lot who is called a righteous man (2 Pet 2:6-9). The scripture "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither." (Gen 19:22) shows the presence of a righteous man preventing the outpouring of God's wrath upon Sodom. Similarly, the presence of a righteous church prevents God's judgment on the unrighteous. Remember: The antichrist's peace **is** God's wrath in disguise.

### **17. ANTICHRIST REVEALED AT THE START NOT HALF WAY THROUGH**

Is the antichrist only revealed when he sits in the temple half way through the Tribulation? No, he's revealed when he confirms a covenant for a week (Dan 9:27). As they have been given over to a reprobate mind (Rom 1:28), he can't be recognized but he's still revealed nonetheless!

### **18. THE WHOLE 7 YEARS IS TRIBULATION**

Immediately after the rapture, there is "strong delusion" (2Thess 2:11) sent by God and this comes in the form of the antichrist's 'white horse' peace plan (Rev 6:2). This peace is a worldly peace, not being God's peace, and in fact it is called "the beginning of sorrows" (Matt 24:8). God's wrath is disguised as 'peace', the antichrist's peace, and is followed quickly by the red (killing), black (famine) and pale (death) horses. Not receiving the love of the truth, God's wrath lets them believe a lie (2Thess 2:11).

### **19. THE CHURCH HAS WRONGLY ...**

- a. assumed Israel's signs and wonders
- b. proclaimed itself as spiritual Israel
- c. assumed itself as under the new covenant
- d. appropriated Israel's healings and prosperity

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