

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

End Times Bible Study – Pt. 4
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I. THE COMING WRATH OF THE LAMB

THE SEAL JUDGMENTS (Revelation 6)

- There will be **constant** war, and **strife** where people will **kill** each other. (Rev 6:4)
- There will be **slave labor** where people are **forced** to work for small amounts of food. (Rev. 6:6)
- One-fourth of the earth's population** will die from **war, famine, plagues** and the **wild beasts** of the earth. (Rev. 6:8)
- There will be a **great earthquake**; the **sun will be turned black** and the **moon** to **blood red** and unbelievable things will be happening in the cosmos. (Rev. 6:12)
- It will be so **horrible** that the people of the earth will call upon the mountains and the rocks to fall on them and hide them from:

*“ . . . the face of him who sits on the **throne** and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their **wrath** has come, and who can stand?”*

Rev. 6:16-17

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS (Revelation 8-9)

- The first releases **hail** and **fire** mixed with blood that burns up one third of all vegetation. (Rev. 8:7)
- The second releases something like a **huge mountain** (maybe a meteor) hits the **sea** and kills one-third of all sea creatures and destroys one third of all ships. (Rev. 8:8-9)
- The third releases a **natural disaster** that **pollutes** one third of all the **water** sources on the earth and may people die as a result. (Rev. 8:10-11)
- The fourth releases **disaster** in the **Cosmos** and one third of the Sun, moon and stars are turned out and this will alter the days and nights. (Rev. 8:12)
- The Fifth releases some type of **demonic** horde that is as **numerous** as **locusts** and look like **scorpions**. They are allowed to **torture** all those who have not trusted in Jesus as Messiah with a sting like a scorpion for five months. (Rev. 9:1-5)

*“During those days men will **seek death**, but will not find it; they will long to die, but **death will elude** them.” Rev. 9:6*

-The sixth releases another **wave** of **demonic** angels who **kill** one third of the population on the earth. (Rev. 9:13-15)

*“The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues **still did not repent** of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. **Nor did they repent** of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.” Rev. 9:20-21*

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS (Revelation 16)

-Painful **soars** to break out on all who have the **mark** of the **beast** and worship his image. (Rev. 16:2)

-The **sea** is turned into **blood** and kills **every living creature** in the oceans. (Rev. 16:3)

-Most of the **water** supply to **blood**. (Rev. 16:4)

-The **sun scorches** people:

*“They were **seared** by the **intense** heat and they **cursed** the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they **refused to repent** and glorify him.”
Rev. 16:9*

-The **world** is thrown into **darkness** and yet, people continue to curse God and refuse to repent. (Rev. 16:10)

-**Demons** are released to gather the kings of the whole world for *“the battle on the great day of God Almighty”* when the Lord Jesus **returns**. (Rev. 16:12-14 & Rev. 19:19-21)

-**Lightning, thunder** and the worst **earthquake** in the history of world.

*“No **earthquake** like it has ever occurred since man has been on the earth, so **tremendous** was the quake.” Rev. 16:18*

*“From the sky huge **hailstones** of about a **hundred pounds** each fell upon men. And **they cursed God** on account of the plague of hail, because the **plague** was so **terrible**.” Rev. 16:21*

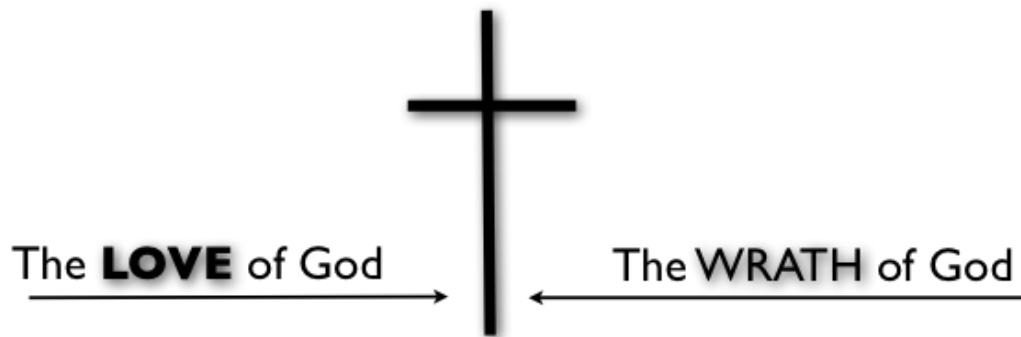
*“There will be **signs** in the **sun**, **moon** and **stars**. On the earth, **nations** will be in **anguish** and **perplexity** at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, **apprehensive** of what is coming on the **world**, for the heavenly bodies will be **shaken**.”*

Luke 21:25-26

GOD DOES NOT WANT ANYONE TO EXPERIENCE THIS TERRIBLE PLIGHT

God “. . . wants **all** men to be **saved** and to come to a knowledge of the **truth**.” 1 Tim. 2:4

**The LOVE of God and the WRATH of God come together at the Cross
where Jesus took God’s wrath for our
sin on Himself.**



*“God **made** him [Jesus] who had **no sin** to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the **righteousness** of God.” 2 Cor. 5:21*

*“Whoever **believes** in the **Son** has **eternal life**, but whoever **rejects** the Son will not see life, for God’s **wrath** remains on him.” John 3:36*

*“I am the **way** and the **truth** and the **life**. **No one** comes to the Father **except through** me.” John 14:6*

*“Since we have now been **justified** by his **blood**, how much more shall we be **saved from God’s wrath** through him.” Rom. 5:9*

*“For God did **not appoint** us to suffer **wrath** but to **receive** salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thess. 5:9*

THREE PEOPLE GROUPS ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

GROUP #1: The _____. [The Nation of Israel]

GROUP #2: The _____. Jews and Gentiles who have trusted Jesus as Messiah

GROUP #3: _____: Jews and Gentiles who have not trusted Jesus as Messiah.

REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

This view **postulates** that The Church has **permanently replaced** the Nation of Israel and that God is **finished** with the Jews as His chosen people because of their constant **rebellion**, that culminated in **crucifying** Jesus the Messiah.

“The way in which the **interpreter** of Scripture **defines** the terms *Church* and *Israel* is **important**, having a profound impact on the **theological** conclusions of that person. One’s **definition** of these terms will **significantly** shape that individual’s position on many key passages of Scripture.

If Israel is seen as a national, ethnic group of people throughout all of Scripture and the Church is different from that, then certain theological conclusions will follow. But if the Church is viewed as the ‘*New Israel*’ that has replaced national Israel, then a very different theological position will be held to.”

-Dr. Paul Benware: *Understanding End Times Prophecy*, 103.

II. ISRAEL AS THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF GOD

“**Leave** your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land **I will** show you. **I will** make you into a great nation and **I will** bless you; **I will** make your name great, and you will be a blessing. **I will** bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you **I will** curse; and **all** peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” Gen. 12:1-2

Israel was to be to God a Kingdom of Priests and a Special people:

“Kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” Ex. 19:6

“For you are **a people holy** [set apart] to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.”

Deut. 7:6

“You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will show My glory.” Isa. 49:3

“I will also make you a light to the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Isa. 49:6

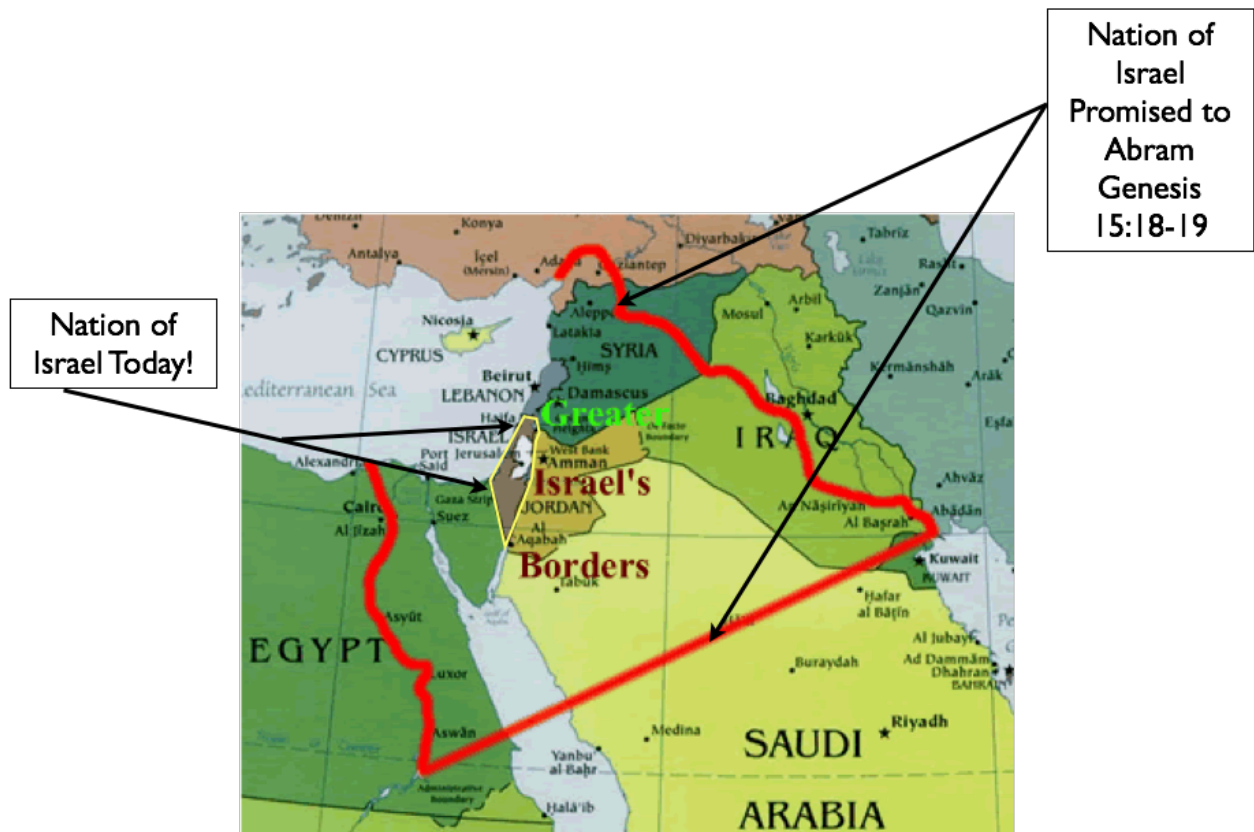
“The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers . . .” Deut. 7:7-8

THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF GOD’S PROMISE TO ABRAM (Gen. 12)

CRITICAL ELEMENT #1: God’s promise to Abram is _____.

“All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.” Gen. 13:15

“On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephayeites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.’” Gen. 15:18-21



The land that Israel **currently** inhabits is **263 miles long** and **71 miles wide!**

CRITICAL ELEMENT #2: God's promise to Abram is _____.

*"When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a **smoking firepot** with a **blazing torch** appeared and **passed** between the pieces. On that day the **Lord** made a **covenant** with Abram . . ."*

Gen. 15:17

III. GUIDELINES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING

GUIDELINE #3: Be diligent in prayer.

*"The end of all things is **near**. Therefore be **clear minded** and **self-controlled** so that you can **pray**."*

1 Pet. 4:7