

OVERVIEW OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION

In our last two studies, we covered Gabriel's interruption of Daniel's intercessory prayer regarding Jeremiah's lesson on Judah's 70 years of the 5th cycle of Divine Discipline (Dan.9:20-27).

Gabriel explained the vision given to Daniel of the "Seventy Sevens" (Dan.9:23-24). He explained that these Seventy Sevens would be divided into three sections of seven:

- (7x7) (Dan.9:25)
- (62x7) (Dan.9:25)
- (7x1) (Dan.9:26-27) This last seven-year period is important to our lesson.

This lesson will study three aspects of The Great Tribulation.

1. We will begin by outlining a brief biblical history of these Daniel's three sections of seven.

The First seven and the end of the 5th Cycle of Divine Discipline:

(Dan.9:25a) "From the issuing of a decree to **restore and rebuild** Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks."

The Cross:

(Dan. 9:26) "**Then after** the sixty-two weeks the **Messiah will be cut off** and have nothing [the crucifixion] (69th week)."

The GAP between 69th and the 70th week:

(1Thess.4:13-18) Mystery of the Church Age and 5th Cycle of Divine Discipline upon Judah to Rome and Rapture.

The 5th Cycle of Divine Discipline by Roman took place in 70AD:

(Dan.9:26) "and the people (4th kingdom/ Romans) of the prince who is come (Antichrist) will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations and determined."

The 70th week of Tribulation (3 sections):

(Matt.24:15) "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

(Dan.9:27) "And he (the prince; the Antichrist; the Dictator of the Revised Roman Empire) will make firm covenant with the many (Jewish) for **one week (7x1= 7 years)**, but in the middle of the week (3 ½ – middle - 3 ½) he will put a stop (break covenant) to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abomination (**The Abomination of Desolation**); (2 Thess.2:4) will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate (Rev.19:11-21)." (**Dan.9:27**; 2:35, 45) (Messianic Stone) [The Second Coming of Christ] (Rev.19)

The Great Tribulation describes both the seven years of Tribulation as well as the last 3 ½ years of the 70th week (Matt.24:15-16) Note the use of “**when/ then**”:

(Matt.24:21) “For **then** there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.”

(Rev.7:14) “These are the ones who have come out of the **great tribulation**, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

2. Daniel’s 70th week, or The Tribulation, is described by different terms in the Bible.

(Matt.24:21) “Great Tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world”

(Jer.30:7) “The time of Jacob’s trouble” [all of Israel]

(Dan.7:25) “Times, times, and half of a time” (Dan.12:7; Rev.12:14).

(Rev.11:2) “Forty-two months” (Rev.13:5)

(Rev.11:3) “1260 days (based on a 30-day month)” (Rev.11:3; 12:6)

(Dan.12:1) “Time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation”

(Luke 21:24) “Times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24; Rom.11:11-15, 25-28; Rev.11:2).

3. Daniel’s 70th week of Tribulation is divided into three sections of study: (Rev.6-19)

- **The first 3 1/2 years**
- **The middle**
- **The last 3 ½ year**

We will point five highlights in each of the three sections.

- **First 3 ½ years of Tribulation (5 highlights)**
 - 7 seals and Trumpets 1 - 4 (judgments)
 - Temple worship revived by unbelief
 - 144,000 Jewish evangelists
 - Two dictators arise:
 - The Dictator of the Revised Roman Empire (DRRE)
 - The Dictator of Palestine (DP or false prophet)
 - World peace disguising rise of satanic power (The Antichrist)
- **Middle of Tribulation (5 highlights)**
 - Alliance between the DRRE and the DP (false prophet) – unholy trinity (Satan)
 - War in heaven – Satan excommunicated
 - World-wide anti-Semitism campaign
 - **Abomination of Desolation (statue of the DRRE placed in the temple)**
 - Mark of the beast
- **Last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation (5 highlights)**
 - Trumpets 5 - 7 and the 7 Bowl judgments
 - Two witness and angelic evangelism
 - Persecution and martyrdom of believers
 - Battle of Armageddon and The Second Coming of Jesus Christ
 - Both the DRRE and DP are thrown into the lake of fire and Satan is thrown into the Abyss

Next, we will study the three extreme Divine Judgments of The Tribulation:

- Seven Seals (Rev.6; 8:1-5)
- Seven Trumpets (Rev.8:6-14:20)
- Seven Bowls (Rev.15-19)