

# What Is This World Coming To ?

## An In-depth Study Of Bible Prophecy

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### Lesson 7

#### Introduction:

At this point we need to get an understanding of the term "Seventieth Week".

## I. UNDERSTANDING THE TERM 70TH WEEK

- The Book of Daniel, "the seventy weeks" refers to a prophecy found in **Daniel 9:24-27**, which predicts a specific timeframe of 70 "sevens" (weeks of years) leading up to the coming of the Messiah and the establishment of God's kingdom, signifying a period of significant events related to the restoration of Jerusalem and the atonement for sin.
- **From "The Bible Knowledge Commentary"**
- *one week = seven years*
- *70 weeks = 490 years*
- *The 490-year period is divided into three segments*
- *a) 7 "sevens" (49 years) This first period of 49 years refers to the time of the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem*
- *b) the second period which is the 62 "sevens" (434 years) extend up to the introduction of the Messiah to the nation of Israel and concluded on the day of the Triumphant Entry and crucifixion. So, we have 483 years or 69 weeks that have been fulfilled.*
- **49 + 434=483**
- *c)The third period is the 70<sup>th</sup> week or 7 years which is the Tribulation Period which is yet to come.*

#### Two 3-and -one half periods

- This Seven -Year Tribulation Period is divided up into two equal halves of three-and-a half years
- The 1st period (three- and one-half years) is referred to as the Tribulation Period
- The 2nd period (the last three- and -a half years) is referred to as the Great Tribulation

## II. THE FIRSTTHREE-AND-ONE HALF YEARS

- At the very beginning this Antichrist will make a covenant with the nation of Israel
- This covenant or agreement with Israel will guarantee Israel's safety in the land.
- You see, Israel will be in her land but will be unable to defend herself for she will have lost any support she may have had previously.
- Therefore, she will need and welcome the peacemaking role of this head of the confederation of 10 European (Roman) nations.

- In offering this covenant, this ruler will pose as a prince of peace, and Israel will accept his authority. **But then in the middle of that “seven,”** after three and one-half years, **he will** break the covenant.
- Then, according to **Daniel 11:45**, he will then move from Europe into the land of Israel.
- The other thing the Antichrist will do is bring an end to Israel offering sacrifices and the offerings that Israel offered.

### III. THE LAST THREE-AND-ONE-HALF YEARS

- It is this second half of the Tribulation Period that the prophet Jeremiah is referring to in **Jeremiah 30:7 -Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.**
- There will be unprecedented suffering
- Israel’s suffering will come more from the Antichrist.
- The world’s suffering will come from worldwide events under the figures of *Broken Seals*, *Blown Trumpets*, and poured out *Vials of Wrath*.
- In midst of these events, we read passages like Isaiah 26:20-21.
- God will preserve a remnant.

### IV. The Purposes Of The Tribulation Period

- One can rightfully ask; Why is all this happening? What good could possibly come from such sufferings?
- Well, **the first great purpose** of the Tribulation Period is to prepare the nation of Israel for her Messiah.
- God’s purpose for Israel in the Tribulation is to bring about the conversion of a multitude of Jews, who will enter into the blessings of the kingdom and experience the fulfillment of all Israel’s covenants.
- According to **Matthew 24:14**, the Good News that the KING is about to return will be preached.
- The **second great purpose** is to populate the millennium (1,000 years) with a multitude of saved Gentiles. Note Revelation 7:9. God’s gonna bring a host from among Israel and Gentile nations unto HIMSELF
- The **third great purpose** of the Tribulation Period to pour out judgment on unbelieving man and nations. Note **Revelation 3:10** and **Jeremiah 25:32-33** and **Isaiah 26:21**.

### V. Receiving What They Deserved

- Saints, it’s important that we see that what will happen in the Tribulation Period are the righteous actions of The Righteous God. God is judging the world because of their godliness.

- **Let’s look at what the Scriptures teach us**

\* *The nations of the earth have been deceived by the false teaching* (**Revelation 14:8**)

\* *They have followed the false prophet in the worship of the beast* (**Revelation 13:11-18**)

\* They have blasphemed God and refuse to repent (**Revelation 16:9**)

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