

## Avoid The Tribulation

At Jesus' second coming, those who are ready and we among them will be taken with the Lord and be with Him forever. Then the tribulation will start down on earth. Most likely after the rapture and catching away of the saints the tribulation period will begin as we read here: **"I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword. When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed. I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us 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?" (Revelation 6:1-17)** Terrible time is the tribulation period on earth. There will be people who are left behind because they were not ready during the rapture, they will go into tribulation. Jesus said about this hard time the following: **"For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now -- and never to be equaled again."** (Matthew 24:21)

There will be different types of plagues during the tribulation period. **Revelation 6:2** **"I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest."** It speaks about wars. **Revelation 6:4** **"Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword."** It speaks that men killing each other. **Revelation 6:5-6** **"When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"** It speaks about famine and economic crises; people will eat certain limited amount of food only. **Revelation 6:7-8** **"When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked,**

**and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth."** It speaks about death by murder, famine, various plagues of sicknesses, and the beasts of the earth like different kinds of dangerous viruses as AIDS and Hemorrhagic Fever.

Tribulation will be a miserable time. Some they suggest a period of around seven years but more precisely we can say it will last an adequate period of time that God during it will fulfill his purpose on earth. During this time God will pour out His wrath on the earth and the inhabitant of the earth. As well as the devil with the Antichrist, the beast and the false prophet will maximized their efforts to destroy human kind. The tribulation period is God final attempt to call all mankind for repentance and receive Christ as Saviour and Lord.

What we teach is to be ready when Jesus comes so not to go into the tribulation. Therefore mockery style of life like going parties, boyfriends and girlfriends, immoralities, watching worldly things, telling lies; gossips, Lukewarmness or backsliding, and other things disqualify you from being taking by Jesus. Therefore, what we teach is to be ready to be taken at the time of the rapture and not to be left behind. There is no guarantee during the tribulation period because it will be a terrible time as we read in the above Scripture.

During the tribulation period there will be Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit will bring revival to the left behind and the rest of mankind and cause them to arise and preach the Word of God and persevere for God. **Revelation 6:9-11** **" When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed."** Those who left to the tribulation period might revive and make their commitment to God and start to live for God, but they have to prove their genuine believe by persevering in facing persecution, and most will be slain for the sake of Christ and His Word, and then after that they will be taken with the Lord.

**My Dear and Beloved:** The ministry of the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the tribulation period; preaching of the Word of God will take place and others will be rapture as you can read in your bible the following verses **Revelation 6:9-11; 7:2-4; 7:9, 13-14; 15:2; 14:13.** But what we teach is to be ready before the coming of Jesus and the occurrence of the rapture, therefore when the rapture comes we will meet with the Lord in the air. So when the tribulation starts on earth we are in the sky with Him. It is a great experience when this time will come; that is the hope that we have in God as we live our lives on earth. Our troubles and hardship will be disappearing. Good to know all these facts so you can stand firm in trials, because you are sure that your labour in the Lord is not in vain, as you agree to pray

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your encouraging Word to me. Lord I am waiting for you, keep me Lord and watch over me, I really decided and determined to live my life for you. I repent earnestly of all my sins \_\_\_\_\_ and I am ready and waiting for you to come and take me with my brethren to heaven. This is my prayer and my commitment to you in Christ name, Amen.*