

**Series: “*A Study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ*”**

**Lesson #7: *Revelation 6-18 – Scenes On Earth During The Great Tribulation***

**I. Three Groups of Judgments**

- 1) Seven Seals – Judgments
- 2) Seven Trumpets – Judgments
- 3) Seven Vials – Judgments

In these cups the wrath of God

**II. Because These Chapters Are Events Before Christ Returns To Earth, They Must Describe The Tribulation**

- 1) Matthew 24:29-30 (cf. Matt. 24:21)

**III. This Tribulation is a Specific Period of Time on Earth**

- 1) Matthew 24:21 – “*Such as was not” “Nor ever shall be”*

Past ←————— Nothing like it —————→ Future

- Segregated from all history, stands out in contrast to this age of grace (cf. Rom. 6:14)

- 2) Jeremiah 30:7 – “None is like it”
- 3) Daniel 12:1 – “Such as never was”
- 4) Rev. 16:18 – “Such as was not”
- 5) Deut. 4:30 – “Tribulation...In the latter days”

6) Rev. 6:18 – Terrible events (cf. Heb. 11:7 – “Not seen as yet”)

#### **IV. Revelation Chapter Six Describes The Results of the Seal Judgments**

1) Rev. 6:12 – The Sixth Seal

2) Rev. 8:1 – Opening of the Seventh Seal

3) Rev. 7 – Therefore is a parenthesis between Seal Six and Seal Seven

#### **V. Revelation Chapter Seven**

1) Rev. 7:1 – After What?

- Events of six seals

- “Four corners” (cf. Isa. 11:12)

2) Rev. 7:2-3 – Introduced to special servants of God

3) Rev. 7:4-8 – They are all Jews (cf. Romans 11:2-6; 1 Kings 19:18)

4) Rev. 7:9,14 – After the sealing of the 144,000, multitudes are saved.

#### **VI. Revelation 8:1-2 – The Breaking of the Seventh Seal, Introduces the Judgments of the Trumpets**

#### **VII. Because of Matthew 24:15 – Now We Must Look At Daniel 9:24-27 - 70 weeks – 70 sevens**

1) Note – ALL the weeks are upon Daniel’s people, upon Daniel’s city

2) The weeks are divided.

a) Verse 25 – 7 weeks

b) Verse 26 – 62 weeks

After the 7+62 weeks, the Messiah is cut off. See Isa. 53:8. Thus 69 weeks were fulfilled before the cross. Only the 70<sup>th</sup> remains to be fulfilled after the cross.

c) Verse 27 – 1 week – 70<sup>th</sup>

1. A prince appears.
2. Confirms a covenant for 7 years
3. Sets up an abomination (Matthew 24:15)
4. He does this in the middle of the week.

### **VIII. Now We Turn To Revelation**

- 1) Rev. 11:2 – 42 months = 3 ½ years
- 2) Rev. 11:3 – 1260 days = 3 ½ years
- 3) Rev. 12:6 – 1260 days = 3 ½ years
- 4) Rev. 12:14 – Time, times, half a time = 3 ½ years
- 5) Rev. 13:5 – 42 months = 3 ½ years

So we learn that the tribulation is divided into two parts of 3 ½ years each.