

Premillennialism: The Seven-Year Tribulation

The Bible mentions neither the rapture nor a great tribulation lasting seven years, yet these two ideas are at the heart of premillennial teaching. These ideas are read into the Scriptures. Paul commands disciples of Christ to not think beyond what is written in 1 Corinthians 4:6. Our study today will therefore investigate what the Bible has to say about the subject of *tribulation* and demonstrate that this inspired information *cannot* be speaking of a seven-year tribulation that follows a rapture.

A. Who suffers in the tribulation mentioned in Matthew 24:1-14? _____

B. What tribulation is being described in Matthew 24:15-22? _____

1. When would all these things be fulfilled (see Matt. 24:36)? _____
2. Did Jesus return personally or figuratively in the judgment against Jerusalem (Matt. 24:29-31)? Why? _____

C. What tribulation is in view in Revelation 2:9, 10; 3:10; 7:13, 14? _____

1. Name some reasons that prove Revelation 3:10 is not speaking of the seven-year tribulation held by Premillennialists?

2. What should the disciples of Christ expect from the world (Jn. 16:33)? _____
3. What can the Christian discover while in tribulation (Rom. 5:3; 2 Cor. 1:3, 4)?

4. What is happening to Christians in the Revelation prophecy (6:9-11; 13:5-6)?

5. Name three areas IN Revelation 12 that assure Christians of Satan's defeat?
 - a. Revelation 12:1-6 _____
 - b. Revelation 12:7-12 _____
 - c. Revelation 12:13-17 _____

The Symbol ☞	Reference	Meaning?
The number seven	Rev. 1:4; 12:3; etc.	
The number ten	Rev. 2:10; 12:3	
The Male child	Rev. 12:5	
One thousand two hundred and sixty days	Rev. 12:6	
Forty-two months	Rev. 13:5	
A time and times and half a time	Rev. 12:14	