

BASIC PRE-WRATH SUMMARY

70TH WEEK OF DANIEL & TRIBULATION

- There will be a future seven-year period called Daniel's 70th Week (**Da.9:24-27**).
- At the middle of the week the Antichrist will be revealed and commit the abomination event. This event initiates his great tribulation against the Church and Israel (**Mt.24:15-21**).
- The whole seven-year period is not the tribulation because it begins at the midpoint of the seven-year period (**Mt.24:9-15; 2Th.2:3-4**).
- The tribulation will be brought to an end at the 6th Seal (**Re.6:12; 7:9-17**) because it is “shortened” (**Mt.24:22**) by the cosmic disturbance (**Jl.2:31**) and “sign” of Jesus' coming (**Mt.24:29-31**).
- There is a distinction between Antichrist's tribulation against believers and the Day of the Lord's wrath against the unbeliever. The Tribulation occurs before the wrath. Thus, we should not confuse the tribulation with wrath as the Thessalonians did (**1Th.5:8-10**)!
- The period of tribulation will be “shortened” from its 'expected' duration (3½ years), at an unknown day and hour when Christ returns (**Mt.24:22, 29-30, 36, 42**).

COSMIC DISTURBANCES AND THE SIGN

- The Second Coming of Jesus will occur immediately after the cosmic and earthly signs of the 6th seal (**Jl.2:31; Mt.24:29-31; Re.6:12-17**).
- At that time the rapture and resurrection of God's elect will occur (**Mt.24:29-31, 40-41; Mk.13:27; Jn.14:1-3; 1Th.4:13-18; 2Th.2:1**).

COMING OF JESUS

- Christ can return in any generation of the church. Christ's Return is not imminent (“any moment”), since discernible prophesied events must happen first. For example, the Antichrist's revelation, his ensuing persecution, the apostasy, and discernible celestial events.
- The Second Coming (parousia) is not merely one simple or instantaneous event. It is the arrival and extended presence of Christ during which He will carry out the various prophesied events of “the time of the end.” His Coming is a complex-whole including pouring out wrath and several literal battles (Edom, Jerusalem, and Armageddon).
- The battle of Armageddon (**Re.19**) does not initiate the Second Coming. The Second Coming begins with the resurrection and rapture. Revelation 19 is Christ's physical engagement with the armies in Israel that culminate the trumpet and bowl judgments.

DAY OF THE LORD JUDGMENTS

- The arrival of Christ in the clouds of the sky will initiate the period of time called the Day of the Lord (**Jl.2:31; Mt.24:29-31; 1Th.5:1-4; 2Th.2:1-3; 2Pe.3:10-12**). So, rapture is followed by wrath just as in the days of Noah and Lot (**Lk.17:22-37; 2Th.1:5-10**).
- After Christ arrives and the rapture occurs, the 144,000 Jewish bondservants are sealed, the wrath of God and the wrath of the Lamb will be poured out on the earth through the trumpets and bowls (**Re.8-11; 15-16**).
- In John's vision he is shown that after Christ's arrival, there will be 144,000 Jewish bondservants sealed for protection from the judgments of God (**Re.7:1-8**). John is also shown the raptured saints as the great multitude, as having already arrived and standing in resurrection bodies (**Re.7:9:17**).