

# EVENTS OF THE 7 YEAR TRIBULATION I

## I. FIRST 3 ½ YEARS OF THE 7 YEAR TRIBULATION

### Antichrist Established the 7 Year Treaty with Israel - The 7 Year Tribulation Begins

Daniel 9:27

And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:** and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

#### ❖ **The Final Week of 7 Years**

This period describes the final week of years of the original 70 weeks of Daniel, which is referring to the 7 Year Tribulation. The antichrist will establish a 7 year Peace Treaty with Israel, **thereby confirming the covenant** and marking the beginning of the 7 Year Tribulation. The final 7 Year Tribulation period is defined by very specific dates and events. It is described by two very distinct halves of exactly 3 ½ yrs each, not a day more not a day less. These two periods are based on a 360 day Jewish calendar **described as either 1260 days or 42 months or a time, times and half of time.** (Time being 1 yr, times 2 yrs, ½ of time half a yr = 3 ½ yrs.)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the 7 Year Tribulation - The Two Eyewitnesses Begin 1260 Days of Testimony

Revelation 11:3

3 And **I will give power unto my two witnesses,** and **they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days,** (1260 Days) clothed in sackcloth.

### The 144,000 Bond Servants Sealed During the First 3 ½ Years - The Firstfruits

Revelation 7:2-4

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the (bond) servants of our God in their foreheads.**

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and **there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**

#### ❖ **Revelation 14:4**

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, **being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**

## II. FIVE PIVOTAL MIDWAY EVENTS - EXACTLY 3 ½ YEARS INTO THE TRIBULATION

### 1. The Devil and the Demonic Angels are Cast Out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Heaven

Revelation 12:7-9

7 And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

8 And prevailed not; **neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

9 And **the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan,** which deceiveth the whole world: **he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

Revelation 12:12-13

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

## 2. The Antichrist and the Devil Given Dominion for 3 ½ Years

Revelation 13:2-7

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. (3 ½ years)

Daniel 7:25-26

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (3 ½ years)

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

## 3. The Antichrist Commits the Abomination of Desolation - Declares Himself God

Daniel 9:27

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and, in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Matthew 24:15-16

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

## 4. Israel Flees from the Antichrist for 3 ½ Years

Revelation 12:12-14

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. (3 ½ years), from the face of the serpent.

## 5. The Two Eyewitnesses are Killed on Day 1260 - The Exact Midpoint

Revelation 11:3, 7-12

3 And **I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days** (exactly 1260 Days = 3 ½ years), clothed in sackcloth.

7 And **when they shall have finished their testimony**, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified.**

9 And they of **the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half**, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And **after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.**

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And **they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.**

- ❖ The two witnesses finish their testimony exactly on day 1260. Mathematically, there is no possible way that they could have operated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation. It is very clear that the devil and his antichrist will be given exactly 1260 days or 42 months or a time, times and half a time, not a day more - not a day less. After the 42 months, the judgment will sit. (Daniel 7:25-26) This specific timeframe is exactly the length of days that the two witnesses are given.
- ❖ At the end of their testimony of exactly 1260 days, they are killed and their bodies lay in the streets for 3 ½ days. Then in the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, they are resurrected while their enemies behold them. The problem with this scenario is that on 1260 day of the second half of the tribulation, Jesus Christ destroys the armies of the antichrist in the Battle of Armageddon, and throws the antichrist and the false prophet into the lake of fire. This is synonymous with the exact number of days that the antichrist was allowed to rule, 1260 days or 42 months or a time, times and half a time, not a day less - not a day more. This being the case, then the two witnesses would have been laying in the streets dead for 3 days, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day they are resurrected in front of their enemies that are now defeated, and thrown into the lake of fire. Meanwhile, Christ would leave them on the streets for 3 days, after defeating the armies of Armageddon on day one. The math simply does not work, as they were definitely called to operate in the first half of the tribulation.

### III. THREE PIVOTAL EVENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MIDWAY HAPPENINGS

#### 1. The False prophet

Revelation 13:11-14

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 **And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so **that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men**,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

## 2. The Mark of the Beast

Revelation 13:15-18

15 And **he had power to give life unto the image of the** beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, **and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, **to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

17 And **that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and **his number is Six hundred threescore and six.**

## 3. The Commissioning of the 144,000 Eyewitnesses

Revelation 14:1-11

1 And I looked, and, lo, **a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and **no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand**, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, **being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And **I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven** (AMP midair), **having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,**

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And **there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And **the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**

**10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and **they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

Revelation 7:9, 13-14

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes**, and palms in their hands;

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

#### IV. ANTICHRIST AND FALSE PROPHET CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE ALIVE

Revelation 19:11, 14, 19-21

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

#### V. CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES VS. THE TWO WITNESSES AND THE 144,000 WITNESSES

1. Christ ministered 3 ½ years. The 2 witnesses, a two-fold type of Christ ministered 3 ½ years. The 144,000 are an exponential type of the 12 apostles.  $12 \times 12 = 144$  a thousand-fold = 144,000. I believe these numbers are specific to define the massive harvest that these 144,000 eyewitnesses will reap.
2. Christ was crucified, resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and ascended into Heaven. The 2 witnesses died at the place Christ was crucified (Rev 11:8), will be resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and they will ascend into Heaven.
3. Christ prepared his apostles for 3 ½ years, then they were commissioned as eyewitnesses. 144,000 were obviously prepared by the 2 witnesses and sealed in the first half of the tribulation (Rev 7:3-4) and then they were commissioned as eyewitnesses in the second half of the tribulation. (Rev 14:1-11)