



Matthew 24:15-22 & Revelation 5-6

Introduction: What would you do if suddenly, without warning more than two billion people suddenly vanished from the earth, in the rapture and you found yourself left behind? You had been in church, heard the gospel, yet you chose to blow it off thinking you had plenty of time to receive Christ. Now He has returned and you've missed His coming. Can you imagine the terror and confusion that you would experience? Panic would not only grip you, but every person throughout the entire world. Because you missed the rapture you will now experience a period of time that is coming in which Jesus describes as the darkest time in human history. A time so bad, so evil, some have described it as when Hell spills out over the entire earth. It is called the Tribulation period, a time of devastation like nothing ever before seen or imagined. Will there be a second chance for those who missed the rapture? What will it be like to go through the tribulation period? These and other questions I want to try and answer for you this morning.

OUTLINE

- I. The tribulation is a _____ period of time which will be the darkest period of time in human history.
- II. The _____ of the church will usher in the seven-year tribulation period.
- III. A maniacal leader known as the _____ will rise to power who will be supernaturally empowered by Satan.
- IV. God will usher in His _____ immediately after the rapture of the church marking the start of the tribulation period.
- V. The scroll contains _____ judgments that will be poured out on the earth during the tribulation period.

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