

Eschatology

Lesson Four Handout.

The Tribulation and Rapture. Who, what, why, when?

The Foundational truth for this lesson.

Tribulation _____ and _____

Three main rapture views:

_____, _____, and _____

1 Thessalonians 4, 1 Corinthians 15: 31-37, and Revelation 4:1

The Great Tribulation.

Who.

Only two answers work! Everyone on Earth, or everyone but the Church.

1 Thessalonians 1: 9-10

It all depends on what Paul meant when he wrote these words, "who delivers us from the wrath to come." v 10.

1. _____ wrath of God. 2. _____ wrath of God.

What.

Matthew 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

A description of the great tribulation is clearly seen in the judgements of God: Revelation: 6; 8,16.

This is not a Time line but an overview

1. Seals: there are 7

2. Trumpets, there are 7

3. The Vials or bowls there are 7

The moment the end starts racing to conclusion, Matthew 24: 15-22.
Daniel's abomination of desolation.

The Why.

Because God is punishing the rebelliousness of humanity. The human cost of rebellion, at least 4.2 billion people will die.

The souls of those who were beheaded for their testimony. Revelation 20:4

The million dollar question:

The When.

I can tell you correctly it will be 7 years just before Christ comes back to Earth as described by Luke in, Acts 1:11.

If we knew exactly when that would happen we would know pretty closely when the tribulation happens. But we do not. The half way point will be clear, according to Daniel's prophecy.

The big question: are we going to experience the Great Tribulation?

If the rapture happens before then _____

If the nature happens at the midpoint _____.

If the nature happens at the end then _____.

That is the best I can definitely say. Hear me on this, just because someone's position is hotly held, does not mean it is right!

There are markers but not for the start only while we are in it! There are theories to who the anti Christ will be, but not certainty. People have debated these things for centuries and have not come to a unified position.

My purpose was to give you information, not belief system.
Next week Revelation 19.