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Theme: The Last days

Topic: The Tribulation

Text: Deut 4:30-31

INTRODUCTION: The Second coming of Christ is an event that will surely take place after the following: (i) Rapture (ii) The Great Tribulation (iii) The war of Armageddon and (iv) The Millennial Reign. After the Rapture of the Church, the scriptures predict that there is going to be a seven years Worldwide troubles called the Tribulation **Dan 9:26-27** It is going to be the most awful time in the entire world's history. **Matt 24:21** These are going to be the days in which all calamities, oppression, distress, hopelessness etc predicted by Moses, Joel, Daniel and other prophets as well as those predicted by our Saviour, will meet in one common centre, and are going to be fulfilled in most terrible manner on this generation **Luke 21:22**. The question arises: Why is God going to allow such a severely perilous time to come upon the World? We shall be discussing these as we progress in this teaching. **Zeph 1:14-17**. The Great Tribulation is also called the time of **Jacob's trouble: Jer 30: 7, Deut 31:16-18, Dan 9:26, Joel 2:2** Sin is the cause of Jacob's trouble

OUTLINE 1

- i. **What is the Tribulation?** Tribulation means a time of trouble. There are different kinds of tribulations mentioned in the Bible which refer to hardships, trials and all sorts of sufferings that Believers of Christ may encounter in their lives. **Deut 4:30-31, Matt 13:21**. The Bible teaches us that those who follow Christ and God's words and His commandments may face tribulations. He promises that He will not forsake nor destroy them in times of trials and tribulations. Examples of some who suffered trials and tribulations in the Bible are Joseph, Ruth, Daniel, Jeremiah, Job, Peter and even our Lord Jesus Christ. Each of them experienced forms of suffering, testing their faith and resilience. **John 16:33**
- ii. **The Tribulation:** Is a relatively short period of seven years where everyone left behind after the Rapture will face worldwide hardship, persecution, disaster, famine, wars, pains and suffering.

- iii. When will it happen? The tribulation will begin after the rapture of the church (saints) and the revelation of the Antichrist: **2Thess 2:3-7, Dan 9:20-27**. The first three and half years will be the full manifestation of the Antichrist, during which he shall make covenant with Isreal. **Dan 9:27**. The second three and half years will be time of unprecedented trouble. The Antichrist will break the covenant with Isreal and practice abominable desolution of the temple. **Dan 11:35, Matt 24:15,16**.

OUTLINE 2

What are the effects of Tribulation? Listed below are some of the events that the world will experience during tribulation of the Antichrist.

1. A period of darkness and gloominess, a day of cloud and darkness. Zeph 1:15 (men will literally work like blind men).
2. The mountains and Island will move. Rev 6:14
3. The Oceans will become blood Rev 8:8-9; one third of all the sea life will die. In addition, one third of all the ships will be destroyed.
4. Freshwater supplies will be affected. They will become bitter and cause many people to die Rev 8:10-11.
5. Stars of heaven will fall out of the sky to the earth. Rev 6:13

CONCLUSION: The Tribulation is a time of deception by false teachers, and the Antichrist claiming "I am the Christ". Nations will rise against nations, wars and rumours of war. A time of global economic devastation, disorder, disease etc. but those who have received Christ as their Lord, and personal Saviour, keeping themselves Holy until He comes, shall be delivered through rapture from the days of Tribulation, until His second coming.

Praise the Lord!