

Session 26 | Dr. Randy White | The Tribulation

### 490 Years Promised, 483 Years Delivered | Daniel 9:24-27

- The angel Gabriel told Daniel that **Seventy weeks are determined.**
- The Hebrew word for **weeks** is שָׁבֻעַ [shabu] means “a set of seven.”
  - Thus “seventy sevens” or 70 x 7
  - Only by context can one tell the identity of the “seven.”
  - The word would be like the English word “dozen.”
- There are numerous places in the Bible that give reference to a remaining seven-year period, always shown in two halves -
  - Several references to 3 ½ years
  - Several references to 1,260 days
  - Several references to 42 months

### A Tribulation for Israel has been promised, but not delivered

- Matthew 24:21-22 – Jesus promises tribulation worse than any the world has ever seen.
- Daniel 12:1 – a promised “time of trouble, such as never was.”
- Jeremiah 30:7 – a promised time of persecution “so that none is like it” is called “the day of Jacob’s trouble.”

### The Chronology

#### Before the Seven Years Begins

- Before the mid-point of the seven year period, a Jewish Temple must be built and become operational.
- The four horsemen of the apocalypse are “the beginning of sorrows.”
  - The white horse, whose rider goes forth “conquering and to conquer” – Rev. 6:1-2
  - The red horse, whose rider brings war – Rev. 6:3-4
  - The black horse, whose rider brings famine – Rev. 6:5-6
  - The ashen horse, whose rider brings death – Rev. 6:7-8
  - These four horsemen align with Matthew 24:4-8, which Jesus says is the “beginning of sorrows.”

### During the Seven Years

- The fifth seal: Martyrs – Rev. 6:9-11
  - The martyrs must have been killed after the rapture, otherwise they would have been more than just spirits.
  - The martyrs were told to be patient for a “micron chronon” – a short time. This only works with a pre-trib resurrection and thus post-rapture martyrs.
  - This time period coincides with Matthew 24:8-28, which concludes at the midpoint of the tribulation, thus the period is 3 ½ years.
  - During this 3 ½ years, there are 144,000 Jewish men who are sealed for protection – Rev. 7:1-8
- The sixth seal: Terror – Rev. 6:12-17
  - Verses 12-13 are so identical with Matthew 24:29-30 that the reader has no option but to consider these to be the same event.
  - The event is also spoken of in Joel 2:28-31.
- The seventh seal: Trumpets and bowls – Rev. 8-16
  - The seven trumpets followed by the seven bowls of wrath are so devastating that they must come in rapid-fire succession very close to the end of time.
  - This period is also seen in Matt. 24:31-51.
- The sixth and seventh seals coincide with the ministry of the Two Witnesses.

### The conclusion of the seven years

- The battle of Armageddon – Rev. 16:13-16
- The destruction of Babylon – Rev. 17-18
- The Second Coming – Rev. 19

### What is the Tribulation All About?

- It is designed to bring about the salvation of Israel.
- Nowhere in Scripture is it seen where the tribulation has anything to do with the church.
- The only way to prepare for the tribulation is to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, receiving the gift He provides.