

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIBULATION

A SERIES ON END OF THE WORLD EVENTS – PART IV

*“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord,
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”*

~ Revelation 11:15

1. Daniel’s Prophecies

- a. The 70th week of Daniel’s prophecy includes the great tribulation
- b. *“Seventy weeks are determined...”* - (Jewish years) - Daniel 9:24, Rev 10:7
- c. *“to finish transgression, sins, reconciliation...”* – Judgment for sin
- d. *“bring in righteousness, seal up prophecy, anoint the Holy”* – Establish kingdom
- e. Messiah the Prince has already come – Dan 9:25 – Zech 9:9, Matt 21:1-9
- f. The destruction of the city & temple, when there was yet no city - Dan 9:26
- g. What is left is to finish the judgment and establish the kingdom = the 70th week
- h. This concurs with Daniel’s other prophecies about the kingdom– Dan 2:44

2. The Sealed Book

- a. John sees the throne of heaven and a sealed book - Rev 4:1-3, 5:1-4
- b. This book concerns God’s purpose for the earth (as seen when it is opened)
- c. *“all the earth is mine”* – Gen 14:22, Exo 19:5 – the law explained God’s right
- d. The land of Israel is the Lord’s, promised to Abraham – Gen 12:7, 13:15-17, Lev 25:23
- e. The kinsman redeemer – a relative who is able to pay – Lev 25:24-28
- f. If the redeemer is not able to take possession, he must prove purchase – Jer 32:8-15
- g. The only one worthy to open the sealed book was the kinsman redeemer – Rev 5:5-10
- h. The events in Revelation concern God’s redemption of the earth for himself.

3. The Controversy of Zion

- a. The great controversy of Zion – Deu 25:1, Is 34:8, Jer 25:31, Hos 12:2
- b. *“Times of the Gentiles”* – Luke 21:24, Jer 30:3, 8-11, 16-24
- c. To conquer the Gentile nations – Zech 14:1, 14:8-9 (Rev 22:1-2)
- d. The kingdoms of this world have become Christ’s – Rev 11:15
- e. Preparing Israel for restoration – Isa 61:2-4; Mal 3:2-3; Zech 12:9-10
- f. The time of restitution - Acts 3:19-21
- g. It is important to understand the purpose – it is not about signs, disasters, blood moons, etc. It is about the accomplishment of God’s will – Dan 12:10, Matt 16:3-4