

# **THE END IS NEAR #3**

## **AUGUST 16, 2020**

### **REVIEW:**

- \* Plan as if Jesus isn't coming soon, live as if He's coming tonight.
- \* Covid-19 can be a forerunner to life in the tribulation.
- \* Lessons: Everyone's vulnerable; uncertainty of life; dependence on God; salvation is most important; humility is the key.
- \* Signs: Israel's restoration; God's 7000-year plan for man; moral decline; scoffers; terrorism increase; 200 million-man army; increase in knowledge and travel.
- \* Pre-Trib rapture and the last trump.

### **CONTINUE: MATTHEW 24:21-22**

#### **THE GREAT TRIBULATION**

A period of seven years made up of three sevenfold judgments upon the world: Seven seals, trumpets and bowls or vials. It will be the darkest time in our world's history. Comparatively speaking, if we combine all wars, famines and plagues, they can't come close to what the world will experience when God's judgment, wrath and vengeance are poured out upon the world. **REVELATION 6:16-17, 16:1**

- \* Daniel's 70th Week - **DANIEL 9:24-27**
- \* Jacob's Trouble - **JEREMIAH 30:7**
- \* The Day of Vengeance - **ISAIAH 61:1-2, LUKE 4:18-19** Jesus left out vengeance because it wasn't time for it. He came to redeem us, not pour out God's wrath.

#### **SEVEN BOWLS OR VIALS - REVELATION 16:**

**V1-2** - Those who take the Mark of the Beast will be covered with festering sores. These sores grow and spread, and become extremely painful.

**V 3** - Ocean waters turn into blood and all sea creatures die.

**REVELATION 8:8-9** Say a third of the sea life had already perished. Now, the oceans are dead.

**V 4-7** - Rivers and fresh water springs also turn into blood. The water angel says God is righteous in His judgment and the altar in heaven agrees!

**V 8-9** - The sun scorches people with fire. Instead of repenting to God who has control over the plagues, they blaspheme His Name!

**V 10-11** - The kingdom of the beast is overwhelmed by darkness and the pain and suffering of the wicked intensifies. Still, they refuse to repent.

**V 12-16** - The Euphrates river dries up so the kings of the east can make their way to their own destruction at Armageddon. Demonic spirits deceive the kings and whole world with miracles.

**V 17-21** - An earthquake like the world has never seen before occurs.

Jerusalem is split into three parts, and cities of the world collapse. Islands are flooded, mountains disappear, giant hailstones weighing 130 pounds fall on the people who curse God. Andreas Fault is child's play compared to this.

### **EAT OR BE EATEN - REVELATION 19:**

The Great Tribulation ends with the Battle of Armageddon. Christ returns in power to fight the most stupendous conflict in the history of the world. He wins and sets up His millennial kingdom. Two things happen with the Lamb during the tribulation period. One in Heaven and one on Earth.

**V 5-9** In Heaven, a wedding reception is held. The marriage supper of the Lamb is held. We're eating.

**V 17-21** - On Earth, the wrath of the Lamb is poured out. All the birds are invited to the supper of the great God. The menu includes the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men and horses. They're being eaten.

### **THE ESCAPE - LUKE 21:34-36**

Why would Jesus say to pray to escape if there's no way for one to escape? We're not to be so caught up with this life that we lose sight of eternal realities. **MATTHEW 24:22 NLT** reveals how serious this judgment is. The only escape is the Rapture.

## **WHAT ABOUT OUR AUTHORITY**

**REVELATION 13:6-9** Those saved will have no power over the beast.

**REVELATION 20:4** Those who refuse to take the mark will be beheaded for their loyalty to Christ.

**REVELATION 20:7-10** The devil started with deception and will use deception to the very end. Multitudes are deceived into thinking they can overthrow Christ.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The only escape is the Rapture of the Church. To be raptured, one must be born again. Plan as Christ isn't coming soon, but live as if He's coming tonight.