THE WORLD IN TURMOIL: A PROPHECY OF THE LAST DAYS

If the **Rapture** does not occur today and you are left behind, know this: the world will only have **seven years remaining** before its end. Everything that seems permanent today will fade. These seven years correspond to the final "week" of Daniel's prophecy:

(Daniel 9:24, ESV)

"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place"

Only **one week**—seven years—remains, marking the final period of tribulation.

The Structure of the Seven-Year Tribulation

The seven-year period is divided into **two halves of 3.5 years each**.

1. The First 3.5 Years

- During this period, the Antichrist rises to power, establishes a covenant with many nations (including Israel), and begins to consolidate control.
- Scripture confirms:

"Daniel 9:27, ESV).

And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering"

The **two witnesses** described in Revelation 11 will prophesy in Jerusalem:

"Revelation 11:3, ESV).

And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth"

Their ministry will involve signs and judgments, and their eventual death will be celebrated by the world, reflecting humanity's rebellion against God.

Theological insight: This period demonstrates the limits of human **power under God's sovereignty**—even the Antichrist only acts within the timeline God has set.

2. The Last 3.5 Years: The Great Tribulation

 After the first half, the Antichrist will exercise full authority and enforce the mark of the beast (666).

Revelation 13: (16-17)

it also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark"

Those who refuse the mark will face extreme persecution, including prolonged suffering, as a judgment for rejecting the world's counterfeit kingdom.

Jesus warned:

"Luke 21:34, ESV).

But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly"

Theological insight: The Great Tribulation illustrates **God's justice** and human accountability, emphasizing that rejection of His covenant has severe consequences.

The Day of the Lord

Even after the seven-year tribulation, **the final judgment begins—the Day of the Lord**, a terrifying period of cosmic upheaval lasting
approximately 30 days:

Amos 5:18, ESV)

"Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light"

During this time:

The sun will darken, the moon will appear blood-red, and stars will fall (Joel 2:31; Revelation 6:12-14). The Earth will return to a **formless**, **desolate state**, as it was at creation:

(Genesis 1:2, ESV)

"The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep"

Theological insight: The Day of the Lord emphasizes God's sovereignty over creation and the ultimate reversal of human corruption. The Earth itself becomes a testimony of His power and judgment.

Christ's Return and the Millennium

After the Day of the Lord, Christ will return in glory:

(Matthew 24:30, ESV).

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory".

The remaining wicked will be judged, and Christ will establish His Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:4-6).

The Earth will be restored, more beautiful than Eden, free from sin and death.

Theological insight: Christ's return fulfills God's covenant promises to the faithful, bringing justice, restoration, and eternal peace. It demonstrates the culmination of redemptive history.

Key Theological Points

1. God's Sovereignty: Even the rise of the Antichrist and the

tribulation occur within God's divine plan.

- 2. Free Will and Accountability: Humanity is free to choose God or reject Him, but each choice carries eternal consequences.
- 3. Judgment and Mercy: God's judgment is both just and purposeful, and His mercy is extended to all who accept Christ.
- 4. **Hope in Christ:** Salvation is freely offered to all, emphasizing God's love and desire that none perish:

(2 Peter 3:9, ESV).

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance"

Urgent Call

If you have not accepted Christ, do so now. He loves you, values you, and has prepared eternal life for you:

"(John 3:16, ESV).

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"

The world is shaking. Prophetic warnings are clear. The time to respond is now.

Maranatha.

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