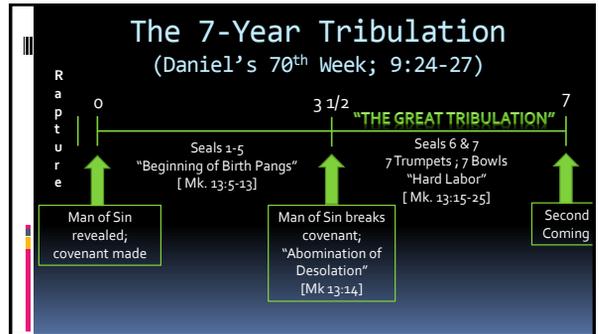


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The Basic Organization

- 1) 13:5-13 — The Beginning of Birth Pangs
 - From Christ's ascension to the midpoint of the 7-year Tribulation
- 2) 13:14-23 – The Great Tribulation
 - From the midpoint of the Tribulation to the end
- 3) 13:24-27 – The Second Coming
- 4) 13:28-37 – An exhortation to be alert and to be ready

I. The Beginning of Birth Pangs (5-13)

- A. False Christs, Prophets, and Predictions (5-6)
- B. War (7-8a)
- C. Natural Disasters (8b-c)
- D. Intense Persecution (9-13)
 - 1) False Religion (9a)
 - 2) Secular Authorities (9b)
 - 3) Personal Relationships (12-13)
- E. The Global Gospel (10)

II. The Great Tribulation (14-23)

- A. Initiated by the Abomination of Desolation (14a)
 - Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
 - Cf. Dan. 9:26-27; 12:11-12; 2 Th. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:14-15

II. The Great Tribulation (14-23)

- B. Marked by the Persecution of Israel (14b-18)
 - Jer. 30:7 - "Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob's distress, But he will be saved from it."
 - Zech. 13:8-9; this describes events just prior to the 2nd coming (Zech. 14:4).
 - Rev. 7:9, 14 - After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands... "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."
 - Rev. 13:7 – the beast is at "war with the saints."
 - Rev. 17:6 – the beast's religious system is described as a woman who is "drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

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II. The Great Tribulation (14-23)

- C. Described as a Time of Unparalleled Tribulation (19)
 - Greek (*thlipsis*) literally means "a pressing together."
 - Two times in the NT: "Great Tribulation."
 - 1) Rev. 7:14
 - 2) Matt. 24:21— "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.
 - Cf. Dan. 12:1: "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time.
 - During the final 3 1/2 years come the 6th and 7th Seals, the 7 Trumpets, and the 7 Bowls.

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- D. Shortened for the Elect (20)
- E. Filled with Spiritual Deception (21-22)
 - Cf. Matt. 24:26 - "if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, *or*, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*.
 - Cf. 2 Th. 2:9 - the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
 - Cf. Rev. 13 - the miracles of the false prophet.

Application for Us...

- 1) The justice of God demands that He judge sin!
- 2) God has graciously chosen some sinners who deserve his judgment for salvation!
- 3) Even as God judges the world for its rebellion, he will care for his own.