The Tribulation Period

Divine purpose #1- The Spiritual Refining of Israel

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Bible Study
Chart #105

Tribulation Period begins when Antichrist confirms a false peace covenant with Israel for 7 years

"Abomination of Desolation"

Mid-point of the Tribulation occurs when the Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel, seizes the Temple and declares he is God. Christ returns from heaven to deliver Israel from the Armageddon invasion.

National repentance and salvation of all Israel.

Tribulation Period

"And I will bring [Israel] through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried ... and they shall say The LORD is my God."

Zechariah 13:9

1,260 days- Revelation 11:3	42 months- Revelation 11:2
The period of the Antichrist's false peace with Israel- Daniel 9:27	"the Time of Jacob's Trouble"- Jeremiah 30:7
2 Jewish witnesses & 144,000 preach the gospel in Israel Revelation 11:1-12 & 7:1-8; 14:1-5	Believing Jewish remnant flees to Petra Matthew 24:15-22; Revelation 12:12-17

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Jewish nation Joel 2:12-32

At the end of the Tribulation, when Christ returns to Jerusalem at His Revelation, "there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." – Zechariah 13:1 [see the larger context: Zechariah 12:10-13:9]



The final redemption of all of living Israel.

Let us examine for basic questions about the national redemption of Israel?

1. What is the national redemption of Israel?

The Bible promises there will come a time when every living Jewish person on earth will personally place their faith in Jesus as their Messiah and Savior.

Some key texts: Deuteronomy 30:1-6; Psalm 130:7-8; Isaiah 59:20; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Zechariah 12:10-13:9; Romans 11:25-27

2. When will Israel's national salvation take place?

Connected to the completion of the Gentile church and after the Rapture. - Romans 11:25-26

Begins with God's destruction of the Gog and Magog invasion of Israel. - Ezekiel 39:7, 21-22

Culminates at Armageddon when the living remnant of Jews who have survived the Tribulation see Christ at His return. - Isaiah 30:26; Zechariah 12:10-13:9

3. How will Israel's national redemption take place?

God will "pour out" His Spirit upon them. God will flood or engulf the Jewish people with a manifestation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel 36:25-27; Joel 2:28; Zechariah 12:10

God will send them powerful messengers. God will call and anoint special messengers to call Israel to repentance and salvation.

2 Jewish witnesses (Moses & Elijah)- Malachi 3:1-6; 4:4-5; Matthew 17:1-11; Revelation 11:3-12

144,000 young Jewish men, 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel will be sealed and anointed to proclaim the gospel- Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-5

God will send Israel signs. The Jewish people have always sought out visible supernatural signs and wonders from God (1 Corinthians 1:22).

The entire Tribulation Period will be filled with divine miracles, signs, and wonders. – Luke 21:11, 25

God will give them dreams and visions. In the past, God used dreams and visions to speak to the Jewish people. These will be renewed during the Tribulation.

Joel 2:28- "... And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions..."

God will send massive catastrophic judgments to humble them and bring them to repentance. Micah 7:15, 18-20

4. Why must God redeem all of living Israel?

According to multiple Scriptures, God has chosen to show His glory to all the nations through His redeeming work of His chosen people, Israel. This work will not be complete until the entire living nation is redeemed and ready to occupy the earthly kingdom with their Messiah and Redeemer – Jesus. In the Bible, there is no greater love story of redemption that runs like a continuous thread throughout the Bible as God's pursuit of the Jewish people.

Some key texts: Psalm 89:1-37; Isaiah 43:1-21; 46:13; Ezekiel 36:21-37:28; Romans 11:26-27

God cannot, and will not, forsake His people, Israel, and the unconditional covenants He has made with them! Some key texts: Psalm 94:14; Isaiah 48 (very powerful chapter); 54:1-10; 66:22; Romans 11; Hebrews 8:8-13