

# The Tribulation Period

## *Divine purpose #3- The Renovation of Creation for the King and Kingdom*

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One of the most overlooked purposes of the seven-year Tribulation is the radical renovation of the surface of the earth, the earth's climate, and earth's atmospheric conditions. These changes will bring great fear, destruction, pain, suffering, and death to the inhabitants of earth during the Tribulation. However, these major alterations will be used by God to reestablish the conditions that prevailed upon the earth before the colossal judgment of God with the global flood in Noah's time. This will reset the earth to its former glory before the fall of man during the Garden of Eden. During the Millennial Kingdom, man will once again enjoy living on a perfect earth. All of this will be further explained on the reverse side of this study chart.

The Lord will use the four following areas of judgment upon His creation to set the stage for His kingdom to begin.

### **Geological Upheaval**

Great Global Earthquakes

Isaiah 2:19, 21; 24:1-22; Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:12,14; 16:18-20

Colossal Global Volcanic Eruptions

Joel 2:30- *"And in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke."* (See also Revelation 6:12; 8:7-9.)

Massive Tsunamis

Luke 21:25- *"The sea and the waves roaring."*

### **Atmospheric Abnormalities**

Cumulative Global Darkness- Zechariah 14:6-7; Revelation 8:12; 16:10

Sunlight will be blotted out

Joel 2:31- *"The sun shall be turned into darkness."*

Matthew 24:29- *"The sun [shall] be darkened."* (See also Isaiah 24:23; Mark 13:24.)

Moon light will be impaired

Joel 2:10, 31- *"the moon will appear to be blood red"*

Matthew 24:29- *"the moon shall not give her light."* (See also Isaiah 24:23; Mark 13:24.)

### **Climate Change**

Jet streams will be restrained- Revelation 7:1- The winds described here are the jet streams that create our water cycle.

Rain cycle will cease- Revelation 11:6- There will be no rain on earth for the first 3.5 years of the Tribulation.

Evaporation rate will increase- Malachi 4:1- Increase in the sun's radiation will make the earth *"as an oven."*

Polar Caps will melt- Job 38:22-23- Intense global warming will melt earth's polar caps.

Oceans will rise- Amos 9:5-6- The ocean levels will suddenly rise and flood the coastal areas of earth.

### **Cosmic Aberrations**

*"And I will show wonders in the heavens."*- Joel 2:30; Luke 21:25

Multitudes of stars will pummel from their place in the heavens

Matthew 24:29- *"The stars shall fall from heaven"* (see also Mark 13:25; Revelation 6:13)

An asteroid will implode in earth's atmosphere, poisoning some of earth's fresh water sources. - Revelation 8:10

The heavens will appear to radically vibrate

Matthew 24:29- *"The powers of heaven shall be shaken."* (See also Mark 13:25.)

## **The Judgments of the Tribulation will Prepare Earth for Kingdom Blessings**

The impact of the curse placed upon creation at the time of the fall of man, and the colossal changes of earth due to divine judgment at the time of the global flood of Noah's day, are far greater than most people realize. Soil conditions changed. Radical climate changes occurred. Weeds and invasive vegetation were introduced, affecting food production. Diseases and death were introduced. The earth's topography radically changed. These are only a few of the curses that have made life a lot more difficult and challenging. All these curses will be removed during the kingdom.

It is apparent that the Lord will use sudden, extreme alterations of His creation to inflict pain and suffering upon the wicked during the Tribulation Period. This will be a part of His divine judgment. However, these same intense impacts upon the creation will uniquely prepare creation for changes that will cause the creation to revert to its original state. In other words, the natural catastrophes of the Tribulation will prepare the earth for the idyllic conditions that will exist during the Millennial Kingdom. One generation's curse will become the future generation's blessing. Only God can do that! (For a more detailed description of all of this see Mike's book, [Your Eternal Future in the Plan of God](#), pp. 91-102.)

## **The Surface of the Earth will be Altered**

Our present arrangement of earth's surface was radically altered during the cataclysmic flood in Noah's day. It is believed that the surface of the pre-flood earth was very gentle. The earth consisted of modest rolling hills and shallow valleys. The mountains were not as high as the present arrangement, allowing the global flood to easily cover them within the 40 days of rain (Genesis 7:19). The Scriptures indicate that God emptied the water canopy around the globe (Genesis 1:7). He also broke up the surface of the entire earth with a gigantic global earthquake. This geological seizure of earth suddenly and violently released subterranean oceans (Genesis 7:11). Vast amounts of water violently poured out of the earth and eroded enormous amounts of geological material. Eventually, the enormous amounts of water upon the earth created pressure that completely rearranged the surface of the earth. The water pressure pushed on the surface of the earth, causing massive mountains to rise. Plastic-like layers of sediment slipped along the more stable crust of the earth to form the rippling mountain chains we see today. It would also have formed the deep canyons on the surface of the earth and on the floor of the oceans. The harsh and rugged surface of earth's current surface have made life much more difficult.

The collective geological upheaval of the Tribulation Period will have a stunning impact upon the surface of the earth and will bring great blessings to the inhabitants of the future kingdom. First, the topography of earth will return to a similar condition that existed prior to the flood. This will make travel in the kingdom much easier. These changes will also bring about conditions that will make more of the earth's surface tillable for agriculture purposes and the growth of lush vegetation. More fresh water will be introduced by the Tribulation's geological upheaval activity. In addition to these amazing alterations of the earth's topography, the Lord will enrich the fertility of soil all over the earth. This will be accomplished through the rich volcanic soil that will be created because of the enormous volcanic activity during the Tribulation.

## **The Climate of Earth will be Renovated**

Before the flood, much of the earth was blessed with a uniformly warm tropical climate. Prior to the great deluge in Noah's day, there was a water canopy over the entire earth that created a greenhouse effect (Genesis 1:6, 7). The uniform temperatures and humidity would indicate there was no need of the gigantic wind engines known as jet streams. They were not needed to operate the water cycle and bring sudden changes to weather patterns. Therefore, the global weather was very moderate with very little day-to-day change.

A study of the prophetic Scriptures, indicate the Lord will recreate some form of the original water canopy around the earth during the seven-year Tribulation Period. Two factors seem to point to this possibility. First, there will be no rain during the first part of the Tribulation Period (Revelation 11:6). Secondly, there will be more intense heat on the earth (Malachi 4:1; Revelation 16:8, 9), increasing the global water evaporation rate. Therefore, if there is no condensation of water in the atmosphere, and a constant increase in the collection of the water from the surface of the earth, it makes sense that some type of colossal water vapor is probably being formed in the upper atmosphere. This water canopy would be like the one before the flood, but different. It would be different because it would allow for a moderate global water-cycle.

During the kingdom, the uniform climate conditions, will create the perfect agricultural environment for a blessing that mankind has not enjoyed since the initial days in the Garden of Eden (Isaiah 30:23).

## **The Impact upon Health and Life Spans**

These changes in the creation will usher in perfect conditions for mankind. Man will be perfectly healthy during the kingdom age and people's life spans will increase. During this wonderful age, the world will be void of diseases, birth defects, accidents, physical abnormalities, and mental irregularities. With conditions like those prior to the flood, people will live for the entire 1,000 years of the kingdom, like in times before the global flood (Genesis 5:27).