

Do Christians Go Through the Tribulation?

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We do go through tribulation but we are not talking about troubles and trials or persecution; we are talking about the time of Jacob's Trouble:

Jeremiah 30:7, "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of **Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it." This is a time of trials especially for Israel in light of the fact that they murdered their Messiah. The Nation never repented during the history of Acts and they get an opportunity again during this time. It is the Seven Years that Daniel spoke about and the Lord Jesus Christ referenced in Matthew 24:15, "When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)" and Mark 13:14, "But when ye shall see **the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains."

Daniel 9:27, "And he shall **confirm the covenant** with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall **cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and **for the overspreading of abominations** he shall **make it desolate, even until the consummation**, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

The understanding of this is "each day for a year" rule found in Numbers 14:34, "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities**, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."

This time is also found in Daniel 8:9-14, "And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him **the daily sacrifice was taken away**, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?** And he said unto me, **Unto two thousand and three hundred days**; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

The time here is 2300 days that reflect actual days that convert to:

2300 Days is 6 Years, 4 Months, 2 Weeks & 6 Days.

But someone asked me “What if these were the ‘day to year’ theme like in Daniel 9?” That is a good question and here is the time span that it would have to have to take place:

2300 Days	to	Years	Conversion
2300 Years	are	828000	Days
End of OT:	400	BC	If Rapture was Today!
Christ DBR:	35	AD	
Today:	2019	AD	
Tribulation:	7	AD	
Second Advent:	2461	Years	
	2300	Dan 8	(If Years)
Missed by:	161	Years	and counting.
Therefor it MUST be actual DAYS in Daniel 8			

2461	Second Advent
161	Under Years
2300	Dan 8
7	Trib
2293	
2019	Today Rapture!
274	
35	Christ DBR
239	BC

As you can see the 2300 days does not come up to the needed amount for the actual time. So the time given

in Daniel 8 is NOT years but actual DAYS.

The time here is 2300 days that reflect actual

days that convert to: 2300 Days is 6 Years, 4 Months, 2 Weeks & 6 Days. This is during the time of Jacob’s trouble as the passage matches other passages of events that are happening during Jacob’s Trouble commonly referred to as the Tribulation. This will not fit into a 3½ year time and when you do the math with 7 years:

7 years minus 6 Years, 4 Months, 2 Weeks & 6 Days is: 6 Months, 1 Week & 3 Days.

Daniel 8:9-14 seems to end at the end of the seven years and so placing this at that time and counting backwards seems to fit the events. The first 6 Months, 1 Week & 3 Days will be very deceptive and will be the deception of the white horse rider of Revelation 6. He will come in peaceably and by flatteries: Daniel 11:21.

This is descriptively the same event as Daniel 9:27a, “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week...” That one week is 7 years. He will have to **make a covenant prior to the confirming of the covenant**. There will be a time prior to the Tribulation time that this Antichrist will **make a league** that will be the covenant that is confirmed: Daniel 11:21-24, "And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but **he shall come in peaceably**, and **obtain the kingdom by flatteries**. And **with the arms of a flood** shall they be **overflowed from before him**, and shall be broken; yea, **also the prince of the covenant**. And **after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully**: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. **He shall enter peaceably** even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; **he shall scatter among**

them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and **he shall forecast his devices** against the strong holds, **even for a time.**"

And notice that it is "...**even for a time.**" a YEAR. That would line up with 2 Thessalonians 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition...**"

This would happen around Tabernacles, then that next year around the Ascension Day would be the Rapture and then the next Tabernacles the covenant would be confirmed and the start of the Seven Year Tribulation time. The **Antichrist** takes the persona as **the man of sin**; and then Mid-Tribulation he sits on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem and defiles the temple proclaiming himself as God. He is killed and then the false prophet raises him up again and he takes on the persona of **the son of perdition** and then he continues for 42 months. This is the Great Tribulation time; or the second half of the Tribulation.

There is not any mention of the **Body of Christ** going through these Seven Years of Tribulation Time. **The Local Churches will** be here as they are buildings and people that were not born again. Just Church Goers and Lost Church Members: People that were trusting in their own righteousness to save them instead of the Lord Jesus Christ ONLY. They will be left behind to go through the Tribulation. But the Body of Christ will be caught up.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, "Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

There is a difference in the Day of the Lord and the Day of Christ. Isaiah 13:6, "Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD** is at hand; it shall come as a **destruction** from the Almighty." And Isaiah 13:9, "Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, **cruel** both with **wrath** and **fierce anger**, to lay the land desolate: and he shall **destroy the sinners** thereof out of it." And Jeremiah 46:10, "For this is **the day of the Lord** GOD of hosts, a day of **vengeance**, that he may avenge him of **his adversaries**: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates." And Ezekiel 30:3, "For the day is near, even **the day of the LORD** is near, a cloudy day; **it shall be the time of the heathen.**" Joel 1:15, "Alas for the day! for **the day of the LORD** is at hand, and as a **destruction** from the Almighty shall it come." Notice that this is a time of destruction, cruel, wrath, fierce anger, of vengeance, upon His adversaries and it shall be the time of the heathen as destruction!

This is NOT a time where the Body of Christ would be. It is a different time and that is seen clearly in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, “But **of the times and the seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. **For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.** For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then **sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child**; and **they shall not escape**. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.” This time in the context is preempted by 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, “But I would **not have you to be ignorant**, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For **the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout**, with the **voice of the archangel**, and with **the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain **shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds, **to meet the Lord in the air**: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” And again the sister passage: 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, “Behold, **I shew you a mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at **the last trump**: for **the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead **shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on **incorruption**, and this mortal must put on **immortality**.”

This happens before the day of the Lord and is called the Rapture of the Body of Christ.

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