

What is Going to Happen According to End Times Prophecy?

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The Bible has a lot to say about the end times. Nearly every book of the Bible contains prophecy regarding the end times. Taking all of these prophecies and organizing them can be difficult. Following is a very brief summary of what the Bible declares will happen in the end times.

Christ will remove all born-again believers from the earth in an event known as the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54). At the judgment seat of Christ, these believers will be rewarded for good works and faithful service during their time on earth or will lose rewards, but not eternal life, for lack of service and obedience (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10). The Antichrist (the beast) will come into power and will sign a covenant with Israel for seven years (Daniel 9:27). This seven-year period of time is known as the “tribulation.” During the tribulation, there will be terrible wars, famines, plagues, and natural disasters. God will be pouring out His wrath against sin, evil, and wickedness. The tribulation will include the appearance of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, and the seven seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments.

About halfway through the seven years, the Antichrist will break the peace covenant with Israel and make war against it. The Antichrist will commit “the abomination of desolation” and set up an image of himself to be worshipped in the Jerusalem temple (Daniel 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10), which will have been rebuilt. The second half of the tribulation is known as “the great tribulation” (Revelation 7:14) and “the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7). At the end of the seven-year tribulation, the Antichrist will launch a final attack on Jerusalem, culminating in the battle of Armageddon. Jesus Christ will return, destroy the Antichrist and his armies, and cast them into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:11-21). Christ will then bind Satan in the Abyss for 1000 years and He will rule His earthly kingdom for this thousand-year period (Revelation 20:1-6).

At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released, defeated again, and then cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:7-10) for eternity. Christ then judges all unbelievers (Revelation 20:10-15) at the great white throne judgment, casting them all into the lake of fire. Christ will then usher in a new heaven and new earth and the New Jerusalem—the eternal dwelling place of believers. There will be no more sin, sorrow, or death (Revelation 21–22). Recommended Resources: Understanding End Times Prophecy by Paul Benware and Logos Bible Software.

What are the seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls (vials) in the Book of Revelation?” further article excerpts from Got Questions...

The seven seals (Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-5), seven trumpets (Revelation 8:6-9:21; 11:15-19), and seven bowls/vials (Revelation 16:1-21) are three succeeding series of end-times judgments from God. The judgments get progressively worse and more devastating as the end times progress. The seven seals, trumpets, and bowls are connected to one another. The seventh seal introduces the seven trumpets (Revelation 8:1-5), and the seventh trumpet introduces the seven bowls (Revelation 11:15-19, 15:1-8).

The first four of the seven seals are known as the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. The first seal introduces the Antichrist (Revelation 6:1-2). The second seal causes great warfare

(Revelation 6:3-4). The third of the seven seals causes famine (Revelation 6:5-6). The fourth seal brings about plague, further famine, and further warfare (Revelation 6:7-8).

The fifth seal tells us of those who will be martyred for their faith in Christ during the end times (Revelation 6:9-11). God hears their cries for justice and will deliver it in His timing—in the form of the sixth seal, along with the trumpet and bowl judgments. When the sixth of the seven seals is broken, a devastating earthquake occurs, causing massive upheaval and terrible devastation —along with unusual astronomical phenomena (Revelation 6:12-14). Those who survive are right to cry out, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” (Revelation 6:16-17).

The seven trumpets are described in Revelation 8:6-13. The seven trumpets are the “contents” of the seventh seal (Revelation 8:1-5). The first trumpet causes hail and fire that destroys much of the plant life in the world (Revelation 8:7). The second trumpet brings about what seems to be a meteor hitting the oceans and causing the death of much of the world’s sea life (Revelation 8:8-9). The third trumpet is similar to the second, except it affects the world’s lakes and rivers instead of the oceans (Revelation 8:10-11).

The fourth of the seven trumpets causes the sun and moon to be darkened (Revelation 8:12). The fifth trumpet results in a plague of “demonic locusts” that attack and torture humanity (Revelation 9:1-11). The sixth trumpet releases a demonic army that kills a third of humanity (Revelation 9:12-21). The seventh trumpet calls forth the seven angels with the seven bowls of God’s wrath (Revelation 11:15-19, 15:1-8).

The seven bowl/vial judgments are described in Revelation 16:1-21. The seven bowl judgments are called forth by the seventh trumpet. The first bowl causes painful sores to break out on humanity (Revelation 16:2). The second bowl results in the death of every living thing in the sea (Revelation 16:3). The third bowl causes the rivers to turn into blood (Revelation 16:4-7). The fourth of the seven bowls results in the sun’s heat being intensified and causing great pain (Revelation 16:8-9). The fifth bowl causes great darkness and an intensification of the sores from the first bowl (Revelation 16:10-11). The sixth bowl results in the Euphrates River being dried up and the armies of the Antichrist being gathered together to wage the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-14). The seventh bowl results in a devastating earthquake followed by giant hailstones (Revelation 16:15-21).

Revelation 16:5-7 declares of God, “You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve. ... Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”

PS from FactorReady.com: If you are not overly familiar with Bible Prophecy, such as primarily set out in the Christian New Testament Bible Book of Revelation (or Apocalypse of St. John in older Catholic Bibles) be aware there are various interpretations and opinions of many Scripture events described that have or will occur. Also, keep in mind that this Book itself is not recorded in chronological order according to various bible scholars (see “Unlocking the Mystery of the Book of Revelation” book by John Shorey, etc.) One prominent example of different anticipations pertains to the event commonly known as “the Rapture,” whereas the Lord will remove His Saints (His Church) from this earth. Some feel this much Prayed for event will occur

Prior (or Pre-Trib) to the up to 7 years of Tribulation (which is a prophesied time of vast trouble, with immense turmoil and disasters confronting our planet. It is projected to begin upon a major 7 year peace treaty involving Israel). Others feel the Rapture will be on or about half way into this period of time (Mid-Trib), while even others predict it happens at or towards the End of the Tribulation (such as Pre-Wrath or Post-Trib). Web sites advocating these different views include trackingbibleprophecy.com, christinprophecy.com, TribulationTruth.com, lorendavis.com, TruNews.com, and endtime.com, etc. Dr. Hugh Ross at reasons.org for instance, has long felt that just before Mid-Trib best lines up with all of the Rapture oriented Scriptures.

What is known for certain is that both the Tribulation and the Rapture will happen at some point in time in relation to each other and about at or within the Tribulation timing itself. Important Note: based on the many prophetic End-Time Signs now occurring (see our pdf article on this) we could well be entering or on verge of entering this end-of-age time span (as of December 2016 when this article was posted). In fact, some bible teachers feel our planet has already experienced most of the 7 Trumpet Judgements, such as with WWI, WWII, Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster, and burning of the Kuwait oil fields, etc. If so, Trumpet 6 is currently pending and will comprise another extremely major war. where 1/3 of mankind meets their demise. Yet another major matter is the projected identity of both the upcoming rise of the Anti-Christ (a recognized political leader) and a False Prophet (worldly religious leader). Of course, time will tell for certain as to the actual identities of this dreaded duo (some feel the Prophet could be the last Pope, such as the prophecies of St. Malachy imply). Also, be aware that the 10 Nation confederacy anticipated under domination or membership by the Anti-Christ has been felt by many to be a European union of the old Roman Empire. However, some feel it will be comprised of Arab nations, while others as 10 designated world regions, rather than 10 specific nations. Canada, America, and Mexico as example would probably be one such region if this were the case.

Whatever the mix of a broad government under a Anti-Christ rule or influence that is to come, Christians are to avoid his associated "Mark of the Beast" at all costs. This is believed to be a mark (666?) placed on (tattoo?) or implant (microchip?) on the body (in right hand or forehead) for allegiance, identification and buy or sell purposes (read the descriptive Veri-Chip article at LorenDavis.com). Anyone receiving such a mark is classified as lost in eternity per the Bible. Also, keep in mind that many of the Heavenly visions granted to the writer of Revelation, the Apostle John, had not been seen by him in his age or generation, such as possibly armed helicopters, massive volcano eruptions, nuclear weapon explosions, etc., etc. He describes them as best he can, based on his first century A.D. knowledge. We would encourage you to Prayerfully read the Book of Revelation as a special blessing is promised for those that will read, study and heed same. Like many of us, you may find the study of Prophecy (eschatology) to be very interesting and certainly well worth your time. The Lord does not want us to be in the dark and unaware of these important issues. Please see our other Christian related articles under Downloads in the Other Important Messages folder. Should you not be a Christian, please read asap the "Christian Factors to Act On Now" pdf article (with vital messages from both Billy Graham and Greg Laurie). And, do request a free copy of Ray Comfort's little booklet "Why Christianity" from us (we'll also include his replica One Million Dollar bill with a good Gospel message imprint on the back). Ray's web site is located at livingwaters.com. Plus, we also especially like Pastor John Burke's ImagineHeaven.net site and outstanding book describing many NDE (Near Death Experience) encounters with the Heavenly realm. So, Stay Well, Stay Prepared and Stay Prayed Up! Thanks for reading this document, and May the Good Lord Take A Liking To You! We hope you'll obtain a Modern English Version (MEV) or New Century Version (NCV) Bible for understanding ease and for sure read John, Acts and Romans for starters!

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