

# Knowing God and His Ways – Understanding the Great Tribulation

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# Signs of the times proceeding the rapture

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

# WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

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The rapture is a supernatural world event where Jesus returns to assemble his body of believers to live forever with him.

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The rapture marks the end of the church age as we know it and marks the beginning of the great tribulation... And the “beginning of the end” of Satan’s evil influence in the earth

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

1 Corinthians 15:22-26; 51-58

What are the signs of the rapture and  
coming tribulation?

LUKE 17:26-32

# WHAT IS THE GREAT TRIBULATION?

It's a time of ...

- Revealing the antichrist and his attempt to become a world leader, but he fails
- Great deception and pressure to worship the beast and take his mark, which is forbidden by God
- Great judgement by God upon those who reject him and Jesus Christ

- Great persecution by the forces of Satan to punish Christians who will not reject Jesus and take the mark of the beast.
- Many will die as martyrs for their faith in Jesus
- Enormous global effort by God to reach the remaining unsaved world with the help of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists and angels sent to preach salvation in Jesus Christ

How long will the tribulation last?

- The tribulation shall last a total of 84 months or 7 years
- During the first 3 ½ years (42 months) the antichrist is revealed, and he attempts to control the world

During the second 3 ½ years (42 months)...

The two witnesses (Moses and Elijah ) will prophesy in the earth

Revelation 11:1-3

What is the purpose of the tribulation?

- 1) To bring Israel to complete repentance and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ

Romans 11:25-29

This is where the 144,000 Jewish evangelists from all 12 tribes of Israel, are instrumental as written in Revelation 7:4-17

2) To fulfill the prophecies of Daniel

Matthew 24:14-22