

SHOWING HOW BAD THE TRIBULATION WILL REALLY BE

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I just wonder how many of you who are unsaved out there are really thinking about how bad, terrible, awful, and painful the events mentioned in Revelation will really be. For starters, I would like to point out that when food supplies are really good, predatory/scavenger animal, bird, and insect populations increase. These are bears, lions, mountain lions, wolves, foxes, rats, hornets, yellow jackets, flies, and coyotes, to name a few.

Let's read what the Bible says the first four seals will accomplish:

Revelation 6:1–2: And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Revelation 6:3–4: And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. (emphasis added)

Revelation 6:5–6: And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. (emphasis added)

Revelation 6:7–8 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.(emphasis added)

I hope you paid close attention to the statement made about the fourth seal. One-quarter of earth's population is killed. To put that in its proper perspective, earth's population is almost 7 billion right now. Divide that by four, and you will have the answer to how many deaths have happened by the time the fourth seal is completed. That number is 1,750,000,000 deaths, or, as that number is spoken: one billion, seven hundred fifty million deaths! There is only one way you could get that number of deaths in such a short period of time, especially way within seven years, and that is by a nuclear exchange. Only certain countries possess such weapons, and right now, there is soon to be another to join the nuclear club. That country, Iran, has a leader who seeks to use them as soon as he has them. After that, many deaths will occur—and there will be no one to really clean up afterward, except for the animals, birds, and insects. In other words, things will get very smelly on planet earth. Also, after these events, we will likely have nuclear radiation worldwide, combined with disease and pestilence from all the rotting corpses!

Now we come to the fifth seal:

Revelation 6:9: And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held.
(emphasis added)

Here we have yet again more deaths, this time removing the heads from the bodies, in most cases. Will they do like in days past and make a heap of the heads of those who were beheaded to frighten people into taking the mark of the Beast? Now we have more death and more carnage...and the earth's population is ever decreasing.

The seventh seal:

Revelation 6:12–14: And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
(emphasis added)

This earthquake is so powerful that islands and mountains will move! Now, you also have what seems to be a meteor shower occurring during this time. This earthquake will produce tsunamis worldwide, which will likely devastate many coastal towns and cities. Another nice fact that you should know is that 90 percent of the world's population lives in and around these areas. That doesn't mean all are going to die, but many will. This earthquake will pale in comparison to the earthquake that comes in the seventh bowl/vial.

Revelation 7:1: And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. (emphasis added)

Now we have earth's wind restrained, and this will only exacerbate the problem. The wind is necessary to keep the earth cool; without wind movement, the earth will heat up and cause the decaying corpses to smell even more. The grass will dry out, and many of the earth's trees will die. This will also set the planet up to become a tinderbox, of sorts, with passing time.

The seventh seal is the seven trumpets.

Revelation 8:7: The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. (emphasis added)

Now we have the odor of smoke to combine with all the foul odors that people already have to endure. Notice that *all* the green grass is burnt up, but only one-third of the trees is burned. If all the trees were killed, there would probably be barely, if any, oxygen left to sustain life on an already-devastated planet.

Revelation 8:8–9: And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. (emphasis added)

Now we have the world's oceans becoming a toxic, smelly soup to add to the planet's already horrible smell!

Revelation 8:10–11: And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. (emphasis added)

Here we have more deaths. And, quite likely, the freshwater fish in those affected waters will die also. Food is becoming almost rare at this point, and it is likely the only way one might get something to eat is by killing those animals and birds of prey that I mentioned in the beginning of the article—that is, of course, if they don't get you first.

Revelation 8:12–13: And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! (emphasis added)

The last three trumpets are nothing but WOE!

Revelation 9:1–12: And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. (emphasis added)

The only people who have the seal of God in their forehead are the 144,000 Jews; all others will be subject to this torment. All will try to kill themselves because of how bad these stings are, but God will not allow them to die! These are demonic in nature, so it is highly likely that no amount

of protection, or walls, or anything will prevent these demons from afflicting those who do not have God's seal.

Revelation 9:13–21: And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. (emphasis added)

Again, these are demonic. The horsemen are led by four demons. If you look at the previous seals and trumpets, the earth's population is down to around somewhere between 4 and 5 billion. Now another one-third is about to be removed, which would be between 1.3 and 1.7 billion deaths again reducing earth's population to between 2.7 and 3.3 billion. Now, I have been conservative with those numbers, but earth's population at this point is probably even way smaller than that. But my point here is to show you both the severity and the size of the numbers of those who will die. God stated that the numbers will be even smaller than what I have listed: "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:22).

And to show just how small the population of mankind will be:

Isaiah 13:9–12: 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. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. (emphasis added)

In summary:

The Tribulation will be a time when planet earth will smell horrible—so much so that it will make one vomit, quite possibly. Bugs and wasps, as well as any predatory animals, will be in large numbers, feeding on dead carcasses and harassing/killing the ones still alive. The earth's temp will be so hot that men will gnaw their tongues from the pain. Water will be undrinkable

and stink from the dead fish in it. Darkness will be prevalent. Gangs will be rampant on murder sprees. Battles will likely happen over any food source/supply. Riots will be norm. Hatred from your fellow man will abound. During this time, the “me” crowd will only be interested in what they can get for themselves, and they will let you die so they can have more for themselves.

The only thing man will care about during this time is food and water! Man will not think twice about killing another for the food he has, if any. Earthquakes, demonic locusts, frequent and deadly plagues, horrific odors, people acting baser than ever imagined, scalding heat, rocks falling from the sky, darkness, predators and pests, barren landscapes with no green grass and only a third of the trees left, and dead bodies and carcasses everywhere...and this is only part of this terrible time.

Why would anyone want to be here for it? I do not see the Rapture as an escape, but for those who are in this generation right now, it will be. Even God Himself describes this as a time on earth of such terrors that have never been, nor ever will be again.

Salvation is a free gift from God. But a gift is not a gift until a person receives and accepts it. If you haven't accepted Jesus Christ into your heart, now is the time to be saved. God makes it clear there is no promise of tomorrow, and that He may take your life from you today. So to think you still have time to make a decision for Christ is treading on dangerous waters. God gives us all the second chances to accept Him during our lifetime. **THERE IS NO SECOND CHANCE AT HEAVEN WHEN YOU DIE.**

Here is the truth about salvation:

- **Romans 3:10:** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: No one has any righteousness at all.
- **Romans 3:23:** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; No one is good enough by God's standards to enter into His presence.
- **Romans 5:8:** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Even though sinning mankind just kept sinning, God showed His love for us by dying for us and taking our punishment for our sins.

- **Romans 5:12:** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

This shows how all of mankind is guilty of sin before God.

- **Romans 10:9–10:** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

This is how one can be saved: Admitting in prayer to God that we are sinners, believing Christ died on the cross for our sins, asking for God's forgiveness of our sins, and asking Jesus Christ into our hearts and to be our personal Lord and Savior. If you prayed this and meant it, God will turn you into a new person and heaven will eventually become your home. Time is short and

salvation is only guaranteed this side of the Rapture. After the Rapture, one will have to work to maintain salvation.

Lastly:

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Just “who” is “whosoever”??? A doctor, a lawyer, a drug addict, a murderer, a thief, a liar, an alcoholic...put your name, occupation, or sin right here and that is what “whosoever” means. It means anyone! No sin you have committed is too great or bad to be forgiven by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All sins—past, present, and future—were paid for on that cross at Calvary! Jesus Christ is waiting for you with open arms to receive you just as you are. Do it. You will never regret it, and will always be grateful and thankful that you did!

God Bless You!