Days 1 and 2 - Coming: For the Jews – Tribulation! - Revelation 7, 12

In last weeks lesson, we looked at two questions asked of Jesus by His disciples and answered by Him in Matthew 24. The first question was "what will be the sign of Your coming?" and the second, "what will be the sign of the end of the age?" Jesus warned His disciples that the Jews were going to be delivered up to tribulation during this time of the end of the age. They would be hated by the world and experience much harm and horror at the hand of the world's leader, the anti-Christ. Jesus also told them to do certain things when they saw certain signs and to be ready for His imminent coming. Last week, we also saw God's judgment that will be levied on the general global population, the earth, and the heavens during this tribulation time, in both Isaiah 24 and Revelation 6-16. This week we will study four other references to this time in Revelation, chapters 7 and 12 and in Daniel, chapters 7 and 8. We need to discern for ourselves what will happen specifically to the Jews during this terrible time of Jacob's Trouble.

Please read Revelation 12.

Who is the woman?

Who or what is the sun and the moon under the woman's feet? If you don't know, then read Joseph's dream about his parents and his brothers in Genesis 37:9-10.

What is the crown of 12 stars on the woman's head?

What condition is this woman in according to Revelation 12:2?

Who is the red dragon of Revelation 12:3? (See 12:9)

What has the red dragon done in the past according to Revelation 12:4?

Who is the male child whom the red dragon desires to devour in Revelation 12:5?

Where will the woman go to get away from the red dragon in Revelation 12:6?

How many days will the woman be nourished in this place in Revelation 12:6?

Once the dragon has been thrown down to the earth, what will he do to the woman according to Revelation 12:13?

Who will rescue the woman and take her to a place of safety according to Revelation 12:14?

What will the serpent try to do to get rid of the woman in Revelation 12:15?

What did the earth do for the woman to protect her from the serpent in Revelation 12:16?

What happens to the woman's offspring according to Revelation 12:17?

Who are the woman's offspring?

Will there be other believers outside of the Remnant of God during the Tribulation?

From this section of Scripture, we know what the conditions will be like for the Jews during the Tribulation Period. We also are given a clue that the woman has offspring and these, too, will be hunted down and persecuted. The offspring have to be similar to the Jews in what they believe and for that which they are willing to die.

Please read Revelation 7.

Who are the 144,000?

What is on their forehead? Do you remember the man with the writing case and the executioners of the city in Ezekiel 9:1-10:22 from lesson 2, page 10, of Isaiah Part 1?

Who is represented in the great multitude which no one can count in Revelation 7:9?

Who are the ones clothed in white robes and where have they come from in Revelation 7:13-14?

Is this group clothed in white robes in Revelation 7:13 the same group as those in white robes in Revelation 7:9?

Will there be Jewish and non-Jewish Believers that come out of the Tribulation?

Days 3 - 5 - Coming: The Time of Jacob's Trouble! - Daniel Chapter 7, 8

Daniel 7

When Daniel is an older man during the reign of Belshazzar, the last king of Babylon, he is given a vision of all of history, including the time of the end of the age. This vision of all of history includes the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Roman and Revived Roman Empires. In Daniel, chapter 7, we will see time, future to Daniel, mapped out as kingdoms, and described as beasts. The fourth kingdom mentioned is dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong. And it has large iron teeth. It devours and crushes, and tramples down the remainder (of the kingdoms) with its feet; and it is different from all the other beasts (kingdoms) that were before it; and it has ten horns. Read Daniel 7: 1-7. While Daniel was contemplating the ten horns, a "little horn" came up amongst the ten horns and subdued three of them. This "little horn" is the anti-Christ of the end-time events who will go after God's people in order to destroy them. In Daniel 7:11 ff, we get a fuller explanation of him and his actions future to Daniel's day. This "little horn" boasts when he speaks and is larger than his associates. He also wages war with the saints and overpowers them until the Ancient of Days comes and passes judgment in favor of the saints of the Highest One. Please read Daniel 7:23 - 27 to find out what the fourth beast and the "little horn" mean according to the "one who was standing by" and who interprets Daniel's vision. Please record your description of the "little horn" below.

Who do you think the "saints" are in verses 21 and 25? The little horn will wage war with, overpower, wear down, and subdue these saints for time, times and half a time?

Who will be judged and who will inherit the kingdom?

Does it sound like it's going to be a wonderful time for the saints?

What will God's Kingdom be like according to Daniel 7:27?

What will God's Kingdom set up on this earth be called? And how long will this kingdom last? How long will this Kingdom be upon the earth?

Daniel 8

This chapter 8 is specific prophecy concerning a terrible king who will arise out of the future (to Daniel's day) Greek empire to rule over the Israelites, defile their temple, and attempt to annihilate them. This specific prophecy was fulfilled during the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes, one of the Selucid kings from the land north of Israel (present day Syria). The Selucid Kingdom was one of the four kingdoms that arose out of Alexander's Greek Empire when he died without an heir. However, the angel Gabriel really wants Daniel to know that this vision is a foretaste or a foreshadowing of the end-times' "little horn" of Daniel chapter 7. See Daniel 8:17.

How do you know that the angel Gabriel wants Daniel to know that the vision pertains to the Tribulation Period at the time of the end? See Daniel 8:17, 19.

What does Gabriel call this period of time in Daniel 8:19?

What will the little horn of Daniel 7 look like according to Daniel 8:9-14 and 23-25?

I'm certain, by this time, you are wondering when we are going to get back to the study of Isaiah. I have purposely structured the lessons for Isaiah 24-27 to give you a chronological sequence of events expected for the end times and the Scripture to support them. Remember from Lesson 1 of Isaiah Part 3, we are covering in this section the "last days" which I am defining as the return of Israel to the land a second time, the rapture of the church, the Great Tribulation (also called Daniel's 70th week), Christ's Second Coming including the salvation of Israel, and the coming Millennial Kingdom. ¹ The next two lessons will give us the view of His Second coming, the events that follow His Second Coming and His kingdom that He sets up for His 1000-year reign on the earth called the Millennium. Then we will return to Isaiah 25 – 27 in lesson 5.

¹ The end times are not necessarily inclusive of Israel's Second Return to the Land nor the Rapture, but for understanding, I am including them here.

ISAIAH -THEME-SUMMARY SO FAR Isaiah 1-24

Chapters 1-12 Judgment on Jerusalem, Judah, Israel	Chapters 13-23 Judgment on Nations	Chapter 24 Global Judgment
 God's charge agst Hs. of David Prophecy Last Days - Millennium Israel's undoing: disobedience Last Days in & out of the City Hs of Israel's doom & the 6 Woes of Judah Call & commission of Isaiah Coming invasion of Judah by Assyria Coming of child to be King, Last Days, 1st & 2nd comings Assyria, God's instrument to judge Israel Person of the Messiah/ peace in the Millennium Worship of the LORD in Millennium; the kingdom age 	 13 Babylon will be judged 14 Babylon will be judged 15 Moab will be judged - last call to Moab 17 Aram/Ephraim alliance will be judged 18 Cush 19 Egypt will be judged 20 Egypt will be judged 21 Babylon, Edom & Arabia will be judged 22 Jerusalem will be judged 23 Tyre will be judged 	 24 The whole earth will experience judgement; the wrath of God Judgment of the peoples alive during the Great Tribulation Isaiah 24 Matthew 24, Luke 21 Revelation Judgments of the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls Effects of the Judgment of the Earth itself Isaiah 24 Matthew 24, Luke 21 Revelation Judgments of the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls Effects of the Judgment of the Farth itself Isaiah 24 Matthew 24, Luke 21 Revelation Judgments of the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls Effects of the Judgment on the Heavens Isaiah 24 Matthew 24, Luke 21 Revelation Judgment on the Heavens Isaiah 24 Matthew 24, Luke 21 Revelation Judgment of the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls Effects of the Judgment of the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls Effects of the Judgment of the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls

Isaiah 11:11-16 -God will return the Israelis a 2nd time to their land -Israel will inhabit their own land; Jews will come from Ethiopia & Russia, from Assvria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath & the islands of the seas Daniel 9, Leviticus 23, Ezekiel 4:1-8 Israel will experience a time of distress as never before called the "time of Jacob's trouble." Israel will probably accept the antichrist as their Messiah at the beginning of the "time of Jacob's trouble" or the Tribulation Period - Their temple will have to be rebuilt in order to perform sacrifices s.t. the antichrist can cut off the sacrifices in the "middle of the week" - They will have to have control of the Temple site in Jerusalem in order for the Temple to be rebuilt: they can only worship Jehovah in Jerusalem at the Temple & perform sacrifices for sin, there. At the present, there is a Muslim mosque on this site. -This will happen at least 2000 + years after the Messiah's first coming; note that there is a substantial time period between 1st & 2nd set of feasts Ezekiel 36:8-28, Ezekiel 37 The land will bear fruit for them when they return to the land; wonderful grain & fruit, no more famine - Their numbers will increase greatly when they return to the land - All the cities of the land will be inhabited whereas before their return, the cities were desolate -The waste places will be rebuilt on the land after their return to it There will be an increase in the number of animals -By this, the Israelites will know that God is God -The land will be walked on again by Israel and the land will not devour their offspring -God will make the land like the garden of Eden. The Jews will not be evicted out of the land again Matthew 24:9-28 -Those against Israel will deliver them up to tribulation, they will kill thm, and they will be hated by all nations on account of God's name -Many of the Jews/Gentiles will fall away & will deliver one another & hate one another. False prophets will arise, many will be misled by them. Lawlessness will increase, most people's love will grow cold; the Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world & then the end will come. There will be an abomination of desolation erected in the holy place of the Jews (Temple). When the Jews see this at this time, they are to immediately take refuge in the mtns. It will be a terrible time for the Jews, but especially the women w/ babies Revelation 12 -God will deliver Israel to a place He has prepared for her to keep her safe - the wilderness & she will be nourished 1260 days here -The dragon (Satan) will persecute Israel & try to swallow drown her w/ a flood; but, the earth swallows the flood waters -Satan will go after the Gentile Christians & war with them when he sees that he cannot destroy Israel Revelation 7 -Tribulation saints will wear white robes in heaven -All believers will have a mark on their forehead; probably a "tau" looks like a Hebrew "T" or perhaps a cross

So why do we receive hope from studying this? b/c we won't be here - as we will find out next week. We'll be watching from the lobby of heaven. & we will rec'v desire to share the hope w/ our family, friends, neighbors & co-workers so that they will not have to experience this tribulation time.