

TRIBULATION **Jeremiah 30:7-12**

Jeremiah 30:7; Isaiah 2:1-11; 13:6-9; Joel 3:11-21; Zephaniah 1:7-18; Matthew 24:21 Many other scriptures as well as these call it: the Time of Jacobs trouble, the Day of the Lord, time of trouble, the great tribulation, it all means the same, an unprecedented time of wrath and distress toward Israel.

Daniel 9:24-27 In order to understand the purpose and time line of the tribulation a full understanding of the prophecy given to Daniel is a must. The 70 weeks of Daniel is the most complete and detailed picture of the entire future history of Israel within the entire body of scripture.

Daniel 9:24 Gabriel tells Daniel that God has determined the length of time (70 weeks) Israel has until Messiah sits on the Kingdom throne (anoint the most Holy). Notice that this prophecy is only for Daniel's people (thy people Israel), it is for their holy city (Jerusalem), it is to bring an end of transgressions and sin (wipe sin clean off the earth), to make reconciliation for Israel's sin (to renew friendship with God), and to bring in everlasting righteousness (to install a perfect, righteous ruler).

Daniel 9:25 Daniel is then told that as soon as the King gives the command to the Jews that they can go and start to rebuild Jerusalem for their Messiah it will take them 7 weeks (49 years). He then is told that in a period of three score and two weeks (62 weeks, or 434 years) the streets and the walls will be built again. This is when the Romans have invaded and Israel is under their control. Herod has been constructing the second Temple where the Jews were worshiping.

Daniel 9:26 At the end of sixty nine weeks (483 years) Daniel is told that Messiah will be killed (not for anything He has done) see **Zechariah 9:9**, this prophecy was fulfilled literally to the day. Then Daniel is told that the armies of the prince that shall come (anti-Christ) and will destroy the city and the temple (this happened in 70 A.D. as Christ prophesied in **Mat. 24:1-2**). Daniel is also told that Israel will continue to be plagued with wars until the end.

Daniel 9:27 We now get to the tribulation week of Daniel's 70 week prophecy. The 'he' refers back to **vs. 26** where the 'prince' is mentioned who is the anti-Christ. He makes a 7 year covenant with Israel and their enemies. Anti-Christ then breaks his covenant with Israel in the middle of the 7 years. We know that during this 7 year period Israel has their third Temple built because anti-Christ stops their sacrifices and then sets up the 'abomination of desolation' see **Dan. 12:11; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 13:14-15**

WHY JACOB'S TROUBLE?

Exodus 4:22; Amos 3:2; Luke 12:48 Although all those living in the tribulation will suffer, it is especially true for Israel because of their relationship with God and their greater revelation from God and their greater responsibility to show forth God's holiness, His goodness and His greatness.

Isaiah 40:1-2; Jeremiah 16:16-18 Because of their unique relationship with God Israel receives double, both in blessings and in their curse and punishment during 'the Time of Jacobs trouble'.

Matthew 23:37; John 12:37-41; Romans 11:7-10 The tribulation will complete the period of National punishment toward Israel for its rejection of Jesus Christ as their Messiah.

Deut. 4:27-30; Rev. 7:1-4; Matt. 24:14 The tribulation will produce a messianic revival among the Jewish people scattered throughout the world.

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Eze. 20:33-38 The tribulation will result in a massive return of Jews to Israel. Also, tribulation will finally break the stubbornness of the Jewish Nation toward the Lord Jesus Christ.

ONE WEEK = SEVEN YEARS

Daniel 9:27 In this verse we learn that the tribulation will last seven years. This is verified by comparing scripture with scriptures that are speaking of the tribulation within their context; **Daniel 7:25; Revelation 11:2-3; 12:6; 12:14; 13:5**.