



Week 5 – The Tribulation (Part Two)

Announcements

ALL Leaders Meeting // Sunday, October 25th at 6pm // Annex Worship Center. All small group leaders and any emerging leaders in your group are asked to attend this important night of worship, prayer, vision, and celebration! Schedule your calendars today. If you are unable to make other arrangements, register for childcare at ChurchoftheKing.com/register under **Childcare-Small Group Leaders Meeting**.

Warm-up

How are you seeing prophecy and Scriptures come to life before your eyes as you watch the news?

Continue reading the book of Revelation to help you gain understanding as we discuss it each week.

Word and Application

Last week and again this week, we are discussing the Tribulation. Remember the Tribulation is a seven-year period that begins after the Rapture and extends to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ when He returns to earth to set up His Millennial Kingdom. Last week, we discussed the three storylines of the Tribulation:

- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Heaven, which describes the Church after we are raptured with Jesus.
- Then we saw Jesus releasing the seal judgements from Heaven to the Earth.
- The last storyline talks about how the seal judgements will be carried out.

Today we will discuss in greater details The Storyline on the Earth.

1. Read Thessalonians 2:3-4.

The Abomination of Desolation will be the beginning of the 2nd half of the Tribulation. The first Beast, the Antichrist, goes into the temple and enters the Holy of Holies and sits on the Mercy Seat, which depicts God's heavenly Throne. The Antichrist claims himself to be God. The Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and launches a new Holocaust against the Jews.

What can you do to assure that the enemy does not have any reign in your life that could lead you to deception?

2. Read Revelation 17:4-6.

The Antichrist destroys the Harlot Babylon-which represents the city Rome. In doing this, the worldwide capitol is moved to Jerusalem and the Antichrist rules the world with 3 other kings.

What did Jesus say gives us the wisdom and insight to discern the truth from the lies in our own lives? Why is this important?

3. Read Revelation 13:16-18.

The Antichrist wants to control every aspect of human life – including global economics. In order to do this, during the last half of the Tribulation, the Antichrist requires every person to be marked in some way in order to buy and sell. The Mark of the Beast is this: it is a mark placed on the hand or forehead, used to buy and sell, and received by committing full allegiance to the Antichrist. Remember the Antichrist will appear to be God. Satan is using the Antichrist in an attempt to *make* man in his image rather than as how God *created* man in His image.

How easy is it to be deceived into following man instead of God in today's society?

4. Read Revelation 19:11-16

Armageddon is where the three kings that ruled with the Antichrist for a time, now turn on him in battle. That very time is when Jesus Christ returns to destroy the three kings, the Antichrist, and all of their armies. There's a new king in town, JESUS! He comes back and Himself destroys the armies of the earth at Armageddon. When Jesus came to earth the first time, He came in meekness and humility, as a servant. When He comes again, He's not coming as a servant; He's coming as the Conquering King and Judge. The fullness of the Tribulation period ushers in finalization of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Those who have believed and followed Jesus will inherit all the blessings. We serve a victorious God! God is willing and He is able.

How can God lead you to become victorious with your fears, addictions, bondages and worries?

Prayer

Never stop sharing your faith. Close in prayer and ask God to reveal someone who you can share this message with this week. Pray for specific needs in your group.