

### 1. The power of the gospel to save in the Great Tribulation

- a. Many people will come to know Christ as their Savior during the Tribulation (Rev. 7:9-14).
- b. They will experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Gal.3:27), which is the ministry of the Holy Spirit that regenerates believers to place them in Christ (1 Cor. 12:13). They are not placed into the Church (Bride of Christ) but are partakers of Christ's righteousness and thus, sanctified and redeemed (1 Cor. 1:30).
- c. They are identified as "the righteous" (Matt. 25:37), "saints" (Rev. 13:7), and those who "*have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*" (Rev.7:14). In other words, they are redeemed by the blood of Christ at the Cross of Calvary.
- d. They will remain loyal to their Savior unto death (Rev. 12:11).
- e. They will depend upon the Bible as their source of authority in their worldview (Rev. 12:17).
- f. Their faith in Christ as their Savior will be manifested by their good works and doing God's will (Matt. 25:34-40; James 2:18, 26).

### 2. The judgments of human beings associated with the Great Tribulation

- a. *The judgment of the Old Testament believers (Dan. 12:1-3).* This judgment occurs at the end of the tribulation, at the second coming of Jesus Christ. All believers in Old Testament times will be resurrected at the end of the Tribulation to enjoy the promised reward of entering the Millennial Kingdom.
- b. *The judgment of Tribulation believers (Rev. 20:4-6).* This judgment will occur at the end of the Tribulation, at the second coming of Jesus Christ. This judgment will be based on those who came to faith in Christ and were faithful to Christ during the Tribulation. Their reward will be to reign with Jesus during the Millennium.
- c. *The judgment of Jews who survive the Tribulation (Ezek. 20:33-38).* This judgment will occur at the end of the Tribulation, at the second coming of Jesus Christ. This judgment will be for those Jews who survived the Tribulation. The purpose of this judgment will be to determine

which Jews really did have faith in Jesus Christ and which Jews were rebels who need to be purged from Israel. The result of the judgment is that believing Jews will enter the Millennial Kingdom, and the unbelieving Jews will be removed to wait for the final judgment. This judgment will take place in a private wilderness area.

- d. *The judgment of Gentiles who survive the Tribulation* (Joel 3:1-2; Matt. 25:31-46). This judgment will occur at the end of the Tribulation, at the second coming of Jesus Christ. This judgment will take place in the Valley of Jehoshaphat and will be a judgment of Gentiles who survived the Tribulation. The primary issue at this judgment will be the manner in which the Gentiles treated the Jews. Those who are believers who helped and cared for the Jews during the Tribulation (because of excessive persecution by Satan) will be rewarded by being allowed to enter the Kingdom. Those who did not help the Jews will be cast into the lake of fire.
- e. *The judgment of Satan and the fallen angels* (Matt. 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 20:10). This judgment will occur at the end of the Millennium. Satan and all of the fallen angels will be judged and cast into the lake of fire.
- f. *The judgment of all unbelievers* (Rev. 20:11-15). This judgment will occur at the end of the Millennium at what is called the Great White Throne Judgment. All unbelievers of all time will be forced to face Jesus Christ one final time. They will then all be sentenced and condemned to the lake of fire.