

TRANSITION

When using the analogy of “birth pangs” of a woman in labor to describe how the end of the age will unfold, as shared in a previous message, it is important to continue to look at this analogy through the transition period and not just the first stage of labor. We know that the second stage of labor starts when the first is complete and has prepared the body for stage two. There is no speculation as to when this transition stage begins, because the woman’s body must be fully prepared to endure the transition, which when complete, will birth a baby.

The transition stage of end times prophecy will begin with a very specific onset (just as in stage two of labor) as a result of the intense activity of the prophetic “birth pangs” which have led up to it. In prophecy, stage two (transition) produces not a baby, but Jesus Christ, who will reign on earth for one thousand years. As in labor, the transition stage of end times prophecy, is very painful, agonizing, and overwhelming, yet both result in a beautiful outcome. Transition in bible prophecy, is referred to “Tribulation”. This is a complex and difficult subject to understand from a human perspective, because the bible states that the period of tribulation in the end times will be horrific and without a complete picture, it is difficult for many to reconcile that our loving God would allow such horror to unfold. It is a lengthy discussion to describe the reasons why, except that essentially it boils down to God’s judgment upon those who denied Him as their creator, and also as the time of “Jacob’s trouble”. The term Jacob is synonymous with Israel. The Jewish population, by and large, has rejected Jesus as their Messiah, and because they are God’s chosen people, and God is just, He will judge them accordingly.

This message is going to be particularly troubling because it speaks mostly to God’s wrath and not His grace and mercy. However, not everyone will be subjected to this wrath, and it will be based upon a simple, yet meaningful and sincere choice by every individual alive today. That choice will be based upon a person’s salvation status (are you “saved”? Please refer to the last page of this message for instructions on how to find your personal salvation). But the truth, no matter the overwhelming nature of it, must be shared right alongside the truth of God’s grace and mercy. Otherwise, people will not be fully informed which may have catastrophic consequences. This message is not intended to anger anyone, it is intended to inform and enlighten about the reality of choosing to deny Jesus Christ as your savior. The tribulation is a highly complex subject, so this material will be an outline of the *basics* so that the general nature of it can be understood by most who read this. **Daniel 9:27**

"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolation, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." **FIRST SEAL:**

Revelation 6:1-2 Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" and I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer. Essentially, the tribulation will be a 7-year period of time that will begin immediately as the anti-Christ (AC) (depicted as the rider with just a bow {peace—no arrows} “confirms” a 7 year peace treaty with Israel. (In bible prophecy, when speaking to this period of time, one week (7 days) is equivalent to 7 years. Currently, in the middle east, most everyone is aware that there is a fragile “cease-fire” with Israel and Hezbollah, and that it is no secret that the tensions in that region are at an all time high. The stage is being set for someone (AC) to come onto the scene and broker a deal with Israel and her enemies which will APPEAR to be a peaceful solution, and received well by many. Once this 7 year peace treaty is “confirmed” by the AC, intense persecution will begin upon the initiation of this 7-year peace agreement. **SECOND SEAL: Revelation 6:3-4** When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that men should slay one another, and he was given a great sword. At this juncture, the AC resorts to world domination through war and will move toward establishing his own world religion. The AC will not act alone in this reign of terror. He will have assistance from a False Prophet (FP), who will be a highly regarded religious leader cloaked in the appearance of promoting God, but is purely evil in deed and action. The FP will be necessary to help convince the world that the AC is one that should be trusted, respected, and followed, and that his one world religion should be accepted. **THIRD SEAL: Revelation 6:5-6** When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

The world economy will be completely distorted, inflation at unspeakable levels, and there will be little to no money to purchase anything. The AC will create a requirement for anyone who wants to buy or sell anything, must take the "mark of the beast". People will be in terrible positions due to the economy and other horrors, many will accept this "mark" in an effort to survive...literally. Once a person accepts this, they have no possibility for redemption. They will have no chance for salvation. **FOURTH SEAL: Revelation 6:7-8** When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. The "pale horse" represents famine and pestilence (hunger and disease). Many more will suffer and die during this time as death becomes a contaminant in itself through natural diseases of dead bodies left unattended (because of the sheer volume). We actually got a glimpse of this during the after-effects of Hurricane Katrina, so it is well within the scope of possibilities when considering far greater destruction than a hurricane. **FIFTH SEAL: Revelation 6:9-11** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. Those who choose not to obey and follow the commands of the AC and accept his terms of life and religion, they will be martyred (killed). It is a little difficult to perhaps buy into this concept as it seems impossible to imagine in today's world. However, it is the practice and custom of Islamic extremists to kill those who do not convert to their "religion". Martyrdom is already a part of our world society and it is becoming increasingly more apparent that this "religion" requires conversion in order to live. Islam is promoted as meaning "peace". In reality, it means "submission". Considering this truth we are becoming frighteningly aware of today, martyrdom in the extremes identified during the tribulation are truly not difficult to imagine. 10 years ago, impossible to imagine. Today? No question. **SIXTH SEAL: Revelation 6:12-14** When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. There will be massive earthquakes and volcanic activity so disruptive that it will cause a continental shift and severe disturbances in the magnetic field. The outcome will be incredible destruction and violent restructuring of the earth. Currently there are numerous documentaries on reputable science channels that speak to the "mega-disasters" as predicted in the bible. Scientists are stating on record that these violent events can and will occur. It's just a matter of time. Linking the two independent sources related to mega-natural disasters, offers an eye-opening perspective. There will be a pause between the completion of the 6th seal and the beginning of the 7th seal. 144,000 Jews, sealed by God, will be commissioned to evangelize to the world. Also, the martyrs who die in the first part of tribulation will stand before God in judgment (everyone will face a judgment of some sort from God). **SEVENTH SEAL: Revelation 8:1-6** ¹When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ⁶And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. God's judgment, unleashed in seven TRUMPET judgments will commence at the seventh seal, The first part of tribulation will have the AC and FP in power and horrendous persecution and death and destruction will result from that reign of terror. However, tribulation from this point forward will be far worse as it includes GOD'S judgments and GOD'S wrath. **FIRST TRUMPET: Revelation 8:6-7** The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. **SECOND TRUMPET: Revelation 8:8-9** The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. **THIRD TRUMPET: Revelation 8:10-11** The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter. **FOURTH TRUMPET: Revelation 8:12** The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night. **FIFTH TRUMPET: Revelation 9:1-2** The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. **SIXTH TRUMPET: Revelation 9:13-16.** The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. **SEVENTH TRUMPET: Revelation 11:15** The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." **God takes over the kingdoms.**

THE GREAT TRIBULATION: This period of the tribulation will consist of seven BOWLS to include the FINAL judgment and wrath of God. There will, believe it or not, be people at this point who still reject Christ and before it is too late, God is providing one more opportunity for those individuals to receive Him. **FIRST BOWL: Revelation 16:1-2** Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. **SECOND BOWL: Revelation 16:3** The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died. **THIRD BOWL: Revelation 16:4-7** The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." **FOURTH BOWL: Revelation 16:8-9** The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. **FIFTH BOWL: Revelation 16:10-11** The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. **SIXTH BOWL: Revelation 16:12-14** The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. **Revelation 16:16** Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. **The great battle of Armageddon is preparing to begin.** **SEVENTH BOWL: Revelations 16:17-21** The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

GLORIOUS APPEARING: Revelation 19:11-16

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** Jesus will arrive riding a white horse with all of His saints (His believers who are with Him) to rule the earth for a thousand years and peace shall cover the earth and Jewish people will be gathered back to Jerusalem, the Promised Land. Satan will be bound for one thousand years, released, and then cast into the Lake of Fire forever.

GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT: Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Every person who ever lived on this planet earth will face the great white throne judgment (whether we believe it to be true or not). If you have sincerely repented of your sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as your savior, you will be written in the **BOOK OF LIFE** and for those whose name is not found will be cast into the lake of fire (i.e. hell). **The tribulation is pure horror and no one wants to experience it. However, it will be a reality for those individuals who choose not to believe that God's judgments and wrath are as real as His grace and mercy and subsequently do not accept Jesus Christ as their savior. Can the tribulation be avoided? That will be the subject of the next message. However, without question the key to avoiding the tribulation horrors lies in your willingness to accept Jesus Christ as your savior. Time is not on your side because it is evident to nearly anyone that this world is RAPIDLY declining in an astonishing way right before our eyes.**

ARE YOU READY

Please, if you don't do anything else, just consider praying this prayer. The world is being terrorized by anyone's account, and God is the **ONLY** answer. Tribulation will be beyond description, and this message merely **TOUCHES** on the horrors that will befall this world during this 7 year period of time *which is nearly upon us*.

Please invite Him into your life by saying this prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

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