

The 7-year Tribulation Deception / part 1

What is **THE TRIBULATION**? **The Tribulation**, also called **The Great Tribulation**, is a period of time just prior to the Second Coming of Christ, in which the present world will see catastrophic destruction of property, and loss of life, and the Earth itself will be assaulted by great and powerful forces, so much so that the geography of the Earth will be dramatically changed, as at the time of Noah's flood. In so-called Christian circles, it is generally taught that this period of time will be 7 years in length, implying that all of the events of **Matthew 24**, **Mark 13**, **Luke 21**, and the **Book of Revelation** will transpire in this short period of time. The purpose of this lengthy study is to define what is the Tribulation, and to list all, or most of the events prophesied in the Gospels, and detailed in the Book of Revelation that must occur during this time. And most importantly, to determine if this teaching that the Tribulation is only 7 years in length is a correct one, and if not, then how long will the Tribulation actually last?

The Length of The Tribulation: 7 years or close to 40 years?

Before studying the meaning of the word Tribulation, and writing down a detailed list of all the events that must occur, and in which order, I want to address the question of the length of the Tribulation. I have done a detailed study in at least one of my videos, [linked here](#), which is titled, '[The Great Tribulation – 7 years or much longer?](#)'; and therefore, in this study I will only summarise my findings that prove Biblically that the Tribulation will actually be close to 40 years in length, and not just 7 years.

<p>Matthew 24:29 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.</p>

According to Jesus, '**all these things**', meaning all the events that will transpire at the time of the Tribulation, must happen during the life span of one particular generation. There has been much debate as to which generation was being referred to by Jesus; many people taught that it was that generation that was born in 1948, when Israel became a nation, and therefore, the Second Coming of Christ would be 1988, since a Biblical generation is 40 years in length. Obviously that teaching was false, as are most, if not all, prophecy teachings of the so-called 'church'. A Biblical generation is indeed 40 years long, which is best understood by the genealogies listed in **Matthew, chapter 1, which lists 42 generations, from Abraham to Jesus**, which would make the length of each generation to be 40 years. There are many other Scriptures, such as **Hebrews 3:9-10** that prove that a Biblical generation is calculated as being forty years in length. Thus, it is easy to understand that the Tribulation events would transpire over the life span of one particular Generation; would last 40 years; actually, just under 40 years, since Jesus taught that that particular **Generation would not pass away before 'all these things be fulfilled'**. If we can understand which Generation was being referred to by Jesus, then it would help greatly in clearing the confusion regarding the length of the Tribulation. Jesus' teaching about this particular Generation has nothing whatsoever to do with the nation of Israel, or with who is the pope or the president, it has everything to do with '**ALL THESE THINGS**'; what exactly did Jesus mean by the phrase, '**till all these things be fulfilled**'? When we look at Matthew 24 as a

whole, not just one or two verses, then it becomes apparent that by ‘**ALL THESE THINGS**’, Jesus meant all of the signs, and all of the events that He listed in response to the questions of the disciples.

In Matthew 24:3, the disciples asked Jesus three specific questions:

Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, **when shall these things be?** and **what shall be the sign of thy coming,** and of **the end of the world?**

The **three questions** were in regards to Jesus’ comments that not one stone of the Temple in Jerusalem would be left standing upon another; and since He had been talking to the disciples about His own death, and Resurrection, and about the End of this present evil world, they framed their questions based on these teachings?

1. **When shall these things be?**
2. **What shall be the Sign of Thy Coming?**
3. **And what will be the signs of the end of the world?**

In response to the questions of the disciples, Jesus gave them detailed answers in which He listed several events that would transpire, and gave them signs to watch for, particularly one great Sign of His Coming, that would be seen just prior to the End of the time of Tribulation. He further taught them that all of these events would transpire in the life span of just one Generation.

Matthew 24:34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

In **Matthew 24:34**, the Generation that Jesus was referring to was the one Generation that would see ‘**All these things fulfilled**’; which begs the question, **what things were being referred to by Jesus?** The answer to that question is quite simple: ‘**All these things**’ are the signs that would be seen, and list of events, such as war, famine, earthquakes, diseases, persecutions, testimony of the two witnesses, arrival of the antichrist, and more that must transpire from the **beginning of the Tribulation**, called the **beginning of Sorrows** by Jesus, to the time that the **Sign of The Son of Man** would be seen in heaven, in the sky immediately above the Earth, where we see clouds in normal times. **The Generation that would be alive on Earth that would see the beginning of the Tribulation, that would see the beginning of Sorrows, would also be the very same Generation that would see the one unmistakable Sign of the Son of Man;** they would see the Sign that would prove beyond doubt to those who will be watching and praying at that time that Jesus’ Second Coming was at the doors.

As I have taught many times in the past, the reason that this Sign, which the disciples asked for specifically (what shall be the sign of thy coming?); is the one sure Sign that we must watch for, before we can be sure that Christ is at the doors; and it will be a Sign that cannot be duplicated by man, or by the antichrist beast. As Jesus warned, at least three times in Matthew 24 alone, many false Christs will come and deceive many; and the reason many will be deceived will be

that they will be expecting the Tribulation to be over in 7 years, when in fact, it will just have begun; and secondly, they have not been taught what is this Special Sign of the Son of Man? God well understands that mankind is not that bright, so He does not us give complex signs that require super telescopes, or knowledge of trigonometry to decipher; and he does not give us prophecies that only linguistics professors can interpret; He keeps it simple for us simpletons, so that even a child should be able to understand what He is telling us. In regards to the Sign of the Son of Man in heaven, God will set the stage first, as He does for everything He does; and then He will bring that Sign into view; this stage is revealed in to us Matthew 24:29.

Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall **the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven**, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

At that time, just prior to The Second Coming of The Lord Jesus, God will darken the stage of the heavens above us; the heavens will go completely dark, as a theatre goes dark just before the movie begins. And then the Son of Man will be seen coming with Power and Glory, in a display of Sight, and possibly of Sound, as that of a Trumpet, such as has never before been seen on Earth. It will be reminiscent of **Genesis 1:3** when **God said, 'Let there be Light, and there was Light'** in a world that was previously covered in darkness! So too, at that time God will cover this world in darkness, the world is already covered in spiritual darkness, so the darkness of that time will be a physical darkness; and in this darkened world, God will reveal The Light of this world, The Lord Jesus Christ coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. The leaders of this world will convince people that they are being invaded by aliens from outer space, but those who are wise, and have been watching and praying, will know that it is The Lord Jesus; that they will be .witnessing the long prophesied Second Coming of Christ.

Matthew 24:30 **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:** and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Once the stage has been darkened, gone pitch black, then will be seen the Sign of the Son of Son, and then the Son of Man Himself will be seen coming in the clouds of heaven, which will probably be far different than the clouds we normally see on Earth. This Sign that will be seen even before the Son of Man, Christ Jesus, becomes visible in the clouds of heaven, will either be a Lightning flash so big that it will cover the entire heavens; such a display can never be duplicated by any man, or any other power except God. God alone has the Power to turn off the heavens (the Sun, Moon, and stars), and then light them up from East to West, across the plane of the whole Earth, not just in one small area. I base my understanding that the Sign of the Son of Man might be a lightning flash upon Matthew 24:27...

Matthew 24:27 For as **the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west;** so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The other option for what this one special Sign might be is that it will be a Star, again visible across the whole Earth.

Matthew 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, **2** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? **for we have seen his star in the east,** and are come to worship him.

Just as the time when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there appeared a star to herald His Birth, it is possible that His Second Coming will also be announced by a Star, with the difference that this will not be one star among countless other stars; but will be just one star in a completely darkened sky, that will shine so brightly that it will appear to be brighter than the Sun. Either one of these options is a possibility but the reason it will be unmistakable is that never before since **Gen. 1:2** will have been seen a completely darkened world without any type of light, and then the Light that will lighten the sky will be so dazzling that it will leave no doubt in the minds of those who will be watching, and praying, that it will be the Sign of the Son of Man, and that their Redemption will now be at the doors. I personally think that **the Sign will be a lightning flash that will travel horizontally from East to West,** rather than vertically as lightning normally travels; it could also be a star, but that it will be a display of Light of an impossible magnitude and intensity, of that I am firmly convinced.

So, in the context of **Matthew 24:34, ALL THESE THINGS** means all of the events from **Matthew 24:4 until Matthew 24:33** that must come to pass, and that they must come to pass within the life span of one Generation. So, the one Generation that witnesses the start of the Tribulation, would be the one Generation that will not have passed away till the Sign of the Son of Man will be seen in heaven. Since this Generation will not pass away, we understand that the length of the Tribulation, from the beginning of Sorrows until the Sign of the Son of Man is seen will be under 40 years, but will it be just 7 years? The answer to that question is NO, it will not be just 7 years; for one, if Jesus wanted to teach that the Tribulation will only last 7 years, He would not have used the word '**Generation**', which is clearly 40 years in length; He would have used '**Weeks**', which is the word that signifies 7 in the Bible. Secondly, based on the journey of the Israelites in the desert under Moses, God clearly states that He was grieved with that one generation, and therefore, that particular generation did not enter the Promised Land. Also, God did not make the decision to not allow that one generation to enter the Promised Land exactly 40 years before the time that the next generation entered the Promised Land under Joshua. That decision was made approximately 38 years before Joshua and the Israelites finally entered the land of Canaan. It was approximately two years after leaving Egypt that Moses sent out the spies to scout the land of Canaan; and because these scouts, except for Joshua and Caleb, brought an evil report of giants and walled cities, and refused to conquer the land that was promised to them that God was angry with that generation and did not allow them to enter that land. So, I believe that the length of the Tribulation will be approximately 38 years, not 7 years!

Hebrews 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, **8 Harden not your hearts,** as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: **9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.** **10.** Wherefore I was grieved with that **generation,** and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. **11** So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

This Scripture from Hebrews proves that a Biblical generation is indeed 40 years long, and that is why it took 40 years for the Israelites from the time they left Egypt till the time they began the conquest of Canaan: because the generation that left Egypt could not enter Canaan, and therefore 40 years would be required until this whole generation, except for Joshua and Caleb, passed away. Since Jesus told us in **Matthew 24:34** that the one Generation that will see the Beginning of Sorrows, and also see the Sign of the Son of Man will not pass away till all these things, from the beginning of Sorrows to the Sign of the Son of Man were fulfilled, it means that this time period will not be exactly 40 years. Based on the wanderings of the Israelites from the time that they brought that evil report to the time that one generation passed away, a time period of **38 years, is most likely the amount of time that will pass from the beginning of Sorrows to the Sign of the Son of Man.**

Deut. 2:14 And the space in which we came from Kadeshbarnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was **thirty and eight years**; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the Lord sware unto them.

From **Deut. 2:14** we learn that the Israelites wandered in the desert for 38 years after the spies returned from scouting the land of Canaan. Based on this Scripture, it is my conclusion that the Tribulation will last in the neighborhood of 38 years, not exactly 40 years, but certainly not 7 years. As I begin to detail the vast list of events recorded in the Bible, that are prophesied to happen in the life span of just one generation, then it will become obvious that it is impossible for all those to happen in just 7 years. If the Tribulation indeed began in 2020, don't expect it to be over by 2027 or 2028, as many are teaching. Just as they were wrong, dating a generation from the forming of the present-day nation of Israel; they will be also proven wrong in these dates of 2027 etc., they are not basing their teachings on that which is clearly written in the Bible but this very old deception that the Tribulation will only be 7 years long. **One Generation will see the beginning of Sorrows, the beginning of the Tribulation; and this same generation will not have passed away, meaning 40 years will not have gone by until Jesus' Sign is seen in heaven.** In that time span of 38 or so years into the future, all the other things that must happen from the beginning of Sorrows, almost to The Second Coming will have happened; these are the events prophesied to happen from Revelation, chapter 6, all the way to Revelation, chapter 19. I will be detailing these events in subsequent updates to this series, which will be written in many parts; so much detail has been given to us, along with timelines, that we can write a very accurate play book that can guide us as we see these events begin to transpire. We can literally write a play book, and follow along, just as when people go to watch a play, they are given a synopsis of what will happen during each act of the play. The End Times Tribulation will play out in 3 acts, and sadly due to the 7-year Tribulation deception, many will think that the play is over, that the Tribulation is over, first at the end of Act 1, and then at the end of Act 2. I will detail these 3 Stages in which God's Judgment comes a little bit later in this study.

I will conclude part 1 of this study by repeating that the Tribulation, which may already have started will develop slowly, over many years, and will increase in intensity with each passing year, until nearly 38 years from now, the world will finally see the Sign of the Son of Man in heaven. The Sign will first be seen, and then will come The Second Coming, a few days, possibly a couple of months after the Sign will first have appeared.