

## **Major Event: Tribulation**

### **Lesson 2: The Events of the Tribulation**

**Central Text:** Matthew 24, Daniel 7, 9:24-27, 12:1-3

#### **Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:**

- The tribulation on earth begins with all unbelievers.
- The tribulation begins with the Beast/Antichrist signing a peace treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27)
- After the peace treaty is signed, the 10 nations come together and rule from Rome.
- The Beast: The Beast is the antichrist and he takes control of a 10 nation federation. At the same time 144,000 Jews (12,000 Jews from each tribe) get saved and go throughout the world proclaiming the gospel (Rev 7:4-10) to all the nations and tribes. Many, “which no one can number” are saved from every nation, tribe, people, and tongue (Rev. 7:9). Many of the 144,000 are martyred.
- For the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation there’s a false peace while the Jews are making Old Testament type sacrifices in the rebuilt temple.
- Daniel 9:24-27: verse 27 indicates that the tribulation lasts 7 years. The peace treaty is signed for 7 years, but in the middle of that time, at the 3 ½ year mark, the antichrist shuts down the sacrifices and grain offerings in the temple, and he’ll raise an image of himself (Daniel 12:11, Rev. 13:14-15) and demand that he be worshiped as God (this statue is called the “Abomination of Desolation”). Matthew 24:15-2, Thessalonians 2:3-4, 9
- At this 3 ½ year mark, when they see the Abomination of Desolation erected, the Jews flee to Petra (Matthew 24:15-22) where they will hide for the last 3 ½ years until they all call on the name of the Lord and He comes to deliver them at His 2nd Advent
- The last 3 ½ years of the tribulation see the most intense judgment from God on the earth. Earthquakes, famines, hailstones, etc (Matthew 24:7, Revelation chapters 6, 8, 9). Large numbers of the earth’s population are killed during these judgments.
- The tribulation ends with the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:29-31)

#### **Suggested Attributes and Characteristics of God:**

1. Of God: Omnipotence, Justice, Love
2. Of Man: Hard-heartedness, Martyrdom

**Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:** Rev 7:4-10