

The Scriptures speak of a time of Great Tribulation in the end times for all the nations who became believers in Christ and went through “the Great Tribulation”

Revelations 7:9, 14

Rev. 7:9 After this I looked and there before me was a **great multitude** that no one could count, **from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.** ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

Rev. 7:13 Then one of the elders asked me, **“These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”** ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

➔ And he said, **“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Eschatologically there is a great tribulation coming for Israel

In Jeremiah, which Daniel read-- it was where he learned that the exile was to last 70 years (see Jer. 25) We find these teachings

Jer. 30:4 These are the words the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah: ⁵

“This is what the LORD says:“ ‘Cries of fear are heard— terror, not peace. ⁶ Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale?

Jer. 30:7 How awful **that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.** (This text goes into Jeremiah 31 the New Covenant, → Hebrews 8:6-10 the New Covenant for Israel; See Rom. 11:25-27)

Jeremiah 31:36 also pertains: **Jer. 31:36** “Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,” declares the LORD, **“will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me.”** אִם-יִמָּשׁוּ הַחֲקִים הָאֵלֶּה מִלְּפָנַי נֹאֲמִ-יְהוָה גַּם זָרַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁבְּתוּ מֵהָיֹוֹת :אִי לְפָנַי כָּל-הַיָּמִים:

Daniel 9:24-27 the length of this Great Tribulations is SEVEN years

Dan. 9:24 “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

25 “Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem **until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’** It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in

times of trouble. ²⁶ After the sixty-two 'sevens,' **the Anointed One** will be cut off and will have nothing.

The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. ²⁷ **He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'** **In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."**

See Dan. 7:25 He [*little horn*] will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. **The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.**

Dan. 12:7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, **"It will be for a time, times and half a time.** When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed." ...

Dan. 12:11 "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be **1,290** days. [note 1260 days = 3 ½ years; so this is 3 ½ years plus a month]

In the **Revelation** of Jesus Christ

Rev. 12:14 The woman [*Israel who gave birth to the Messiah*] was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would **be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.**

Forty-two months (= 3 ½ years)

Rev. 11:2 But exclude the outer court [*of the temple*]; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 **months.**

Rev. 13:5 The beast [=antichrist] was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two **months.** See 2 Thess. 2:4.

Rev. 12:6 The woman [*Israel*] fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 **days.** [30 days/month x 42 months = 3 ½ years]

Matthew 24:22

Matt. 24:9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,

¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

²¹ For “then” there will be **great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now**—and never to be equaled again. ²² **If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.**

The qualifier “unequaled...” seems to be eclipsed by Hitler's destruction of six million Jews. Josephus gives a number for the Jews killed in the Jewish War to be one million plus.

See **Daniel 12:1**

Matt. 24:21 ἔσται γὰρ **τότε** θλίψις μεγάλη οἷα οὐ γέγονεν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς κόσμου ἕως τοῦ νῦν οὐδ' οὐ μὴ γένηται. ²² καὶ εἰ μὴ ἐκολοβώθησαν αἱ ἡμέραι ἐκεῖναι, οὐκ ἂν ἐσώθη πᾶσα σὰρξ· διὰ δὲ τοῦς ἐκλεκτοῦς κολοβωθήσονται αἱ ἡμέραι ἐκεῖναι.

BDAG τότε **1. “At that time”** ...**2.** to introduce that which follows in time (not in accordance w. earlier Gr.) *then, thereupon*

The Great Tribulation occurs before the return of Christ; Christ defeats the AntiChrist

Does not fit for Preterism—the view that the great tribulation occurred during the Jewish War described in Josephus, and so, in their view, would be done and over. But the Rulers here, though associated with the Fourth Empire of Daniel don't fit.

The duration of the war is in the ballpark Jewish War 63 -70

The description in Matthew 24 is in Jewish terms

Yet the AntiChrist ruler does not fit

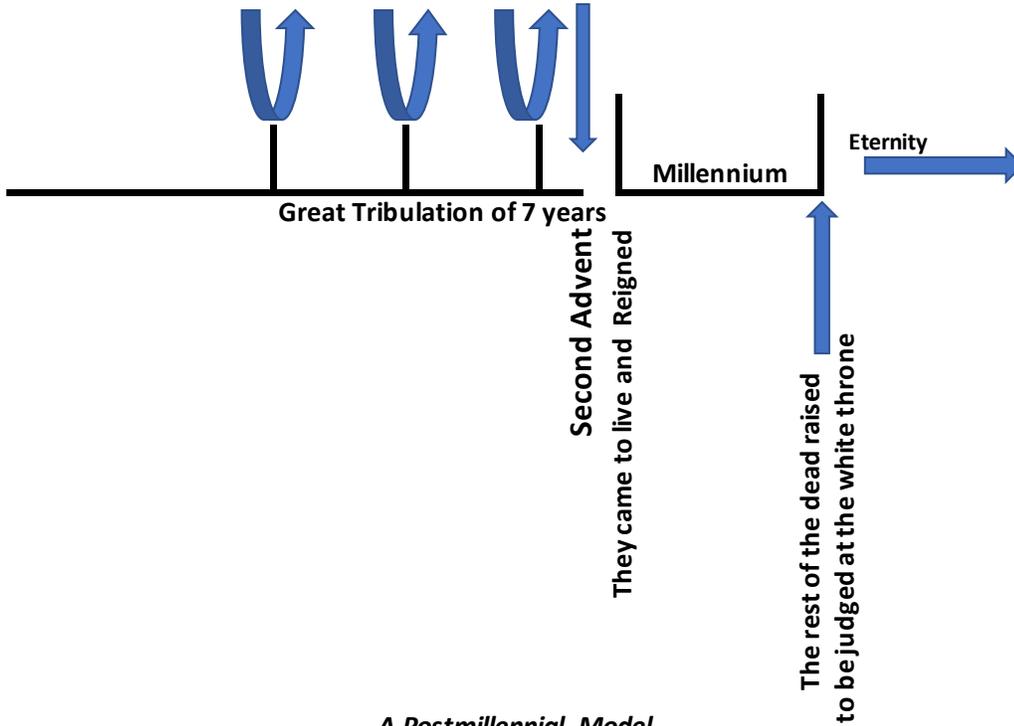
Nero was not the beast of Revelation who would be destroyed by the Rider of the White horse—who is Christ, who wins the battle of Armageddon that brings on the Millennium (Rev. 19-20). **Nero died in AD 68**. Nor is **Vespasian** the AntiChrist—ruled 69-79, was not destroyed by the coming of Christ; nor **Titus** 79-91. None of these made a covenant with Israel for 7 years and broke it half way through.(see Ryrie p. 140 **Basis of Premillennial Faith.**)

(EFree Note—We just prayed for various individuals shared by VOM, in our day of prayer. Depressive persecution!)

Mention Recapitulation

Visualizing the First Advent, Preterism view of the Great Tribulation, the Premillennial View of the Great Trib, Rapture Positions, and the Millennium

Premillennism with Tribulational Rapture Positions



A Postmillennial Model

