

## PT. 9 WELCOME TO THE TRIBULATION

Matthew 24:3-22

### Think about 2 things...

#### 1. The Purpose of Tribulation

Question...Why would God allow this 7yr. period to happen?



#### It's Two-fold...

- The judgment of God on those who have rejected Christ.
- Tribulation is a time that God is showing Mercy.

#### 2. The Problem of the Tribulation...

Problem...All Christians have been taken up...Rapture 1 Thess. 4:13-17

##### a. The Symbolism of Revelation 7

Vs.1... Four corners / four winds = symbolism

Corner = wings

Symbolism... find out what the symbol means, then believe it literally!

- I believe this wind is a symbolic wind.
- Wind is used Symbolically for judgment.

##### b. The Sealed of Revelation 7 Vs. 2-8

- God has never been w/out witnesses, in any age.
- There has always been a faithful remnant.
- This will be true in the tribulation:
  - God will have His spokesmen here on earth.

##### c. The Saved of Revelation 7 Vs. 9-10

- This group is not just Jews...this is a massive group from all peoples / kindreds / tongues.

##### d. The Scene in Heaven Vs 11-17

### REVELATION 9:20

- A lot of people are going to get saved
- A lot of people are going to turn to God
- A lot of people are going to get right

#### **BUT...**

- A lot of other people are going to refuse to repent
- They'll love their sins more than they'll love their souls