

The coming tribulation follows the current dispensation of grace and stands apart in its severity. It marks a dramatic shift from man's dominion to God's righteous rule.

### WHY THIS IS A DISPENSATION

1 Corinthians 3:4 describes “man’s day,” when human judgment prevails. In contrast, Revelation 1:10 reveals “The Lord’s Day,” when God establishes His direct rule. This transition introduces a new dispensational order—moving from human autonomy to divine governance.

Prophets like Isaiah (2:11-12, 17) foresaw this shift, where human pride falls before God's majesty. Central to this era is Israel’s restoration (Jeremiah 31:31–34; Ezekiel 36:24–38), transitioning from rebellion to faithfulness. This marks the end of Gentile dominance and the beginning of Christ’s millennial reign.

God’s direct judgments, Israel’s redemption, and the termination of Gentile rule define this period as a distinct dispensation, not merely a continuation of the past.

### THE CHRONOLOGY

This prophetic era spans the time between the Rapture and Christ’s Second Coming. While theological debates persist, the following provides a broad overview of its key events.

#### THE CHURCH’S REMOVAL

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 describes the Church being “caught up” before judgment begins, initiating “Daniel’s Seventieth Week” (DANIEL 9:24–27), a final seven-year tribulation focused on Israel.

#### THE SEVEN SEALS (REVELATION 6; 8:1)

After the Rapture, Christ opens seven seals, unleashing increasing calamities. The Four Horsemen (war, famine, death) signal global distress. The fifth seal marks the martyrdom of believers, while the sixth and seventh seals bring cosmic upheavals, preparing the way for the Trumpet Judgments.

#### THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS (REVELATION 8–9; 11:15)

Seven trumpet blasts bring worsening plagues—scorched earth, poisoned waters, demonic torment, and mass casualties. The seventh trumpet announces Christ’s coming reign but also leads into the final Bowl Judgments.

#### THE BOWL (VIAL) JUDGMENTS (REVELATION 16)

God’s wrath intensifies: painful sores afflict the wicked, waters turn to blood, the sun scorches the earth, and darkness engulfs the beast’s kingdom. The Euphrates dries up, leading to the climactic battle of Armageddon.

### THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON & THE SECOND COMING (REVELATION 19)

Nations gather for war against Christ at Armageddon. Christ returns, defeats them with His word, and casts the Beast and False Prophet into the lake of fire. This ushers in His righteous reign.

This period fulfills God’s purpose: judging rebellion, restoring Israel, and establishing His sovereign rule.

### THE SOCIOLOGICAL TURMOIL

#### ECONOMIC TURMOIL

Revelation 13:16–17 warns of economic control through the mark of the beast. Scarcity and inflation cripple the world (Revelation 6:5–6).

#### SOCIAL UPHEAVAL

2 Timothy 3:1–5 foretells lawlessness and moral collapse. Persecution of believers intensifies (Revelation 13:7,15).

#### RELIGIOUS COMPULSION

Revelation 13:4, 14–15 describes forced worship of the beast. Refusal results in execution (Revelation 6:9–11).

#### POLITICAL CENTRALIZATION

Revelation 13:7 depicts the Antichrist’s global rule, leading to final wars (Daniel 11:40–45; Revelation 19:19).

#### EXTENT OF DESTRUCTION

Revelation 6:7–8; 9:15–18 predict massive casualties. Earthquakes, fires, and cosmic disturbances devastate the planet (Revelation 8:7–11; 16:3–4, 8–10, 17–21).

This period is not just God’s wrath—it is a crucible of survival, testing the world’s loyalties. Only those who endure to faithful the end or are martyred for their faith will be saved.

### CONCLUSION

The Judgment Dispensation, beginning after the Rapture and ending with Christ’s return, is a distinct era in redemptive history. It fulfills Israel’s prophetic warnings, ends Gentile rule, and establishes Christ’s kingdom, demonstrating God’s absolute sovereignty over creation.