

## **What begins Tribulation, the Antichrist or World War 3? Pt 2**

This is the second part in my series on what will trigger the seven years of Tribulation. Will the trigger be World War 3, or will it be some kind of covenant between the Antichrist and Israel? Let's take a look at Daniel chapter 9 verse number 27. And Daniel writes, 'And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week'.

Now Bible scholars agree that this 'one week' is the beginning of the seven years in Tribulation, but the false prophets claim that the covenant is the Abrahamic covenant, and that the Antichrist will make a deal with Israel. I contend that the 'he' in this passage refers to Elijah, and the Covenant is the Messianic covenant. In other words, this refers to the sealing of 144,000 converted Jews by the prophet Elijah.

Ezekiel talks about this End Times covenant in chapters 34 and 35. 'I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them into their own land'. Now this refers to the Jews returning to their country, as prophesied by Jesus in the parable of the fig tree, and Ezekiel continues. 'I will make a covenant of peace with them'. This is the end times covenant and this is followed by Armageddon. 'Because you have a perpetual hatred and have shed the blood of the children of Israel', now God is going to wreak vengeance on the enemies of Israel, 'in the time that their iniquity had an end.'

So the 'end' refers to the end times, the times we are living in today. Now this same sequence of events, the Jews going back to Israel, the confirming of a covenant and Armageddon can also be found in the prophet Isaiah. In chapter 61 verse 4, Isaiah writes, 'then they will rebuild the ancient ruins and they shall repair the ruined cities'. Again exactly what Ezekiel was saying. In verse number 8, 'For I the Lord will make an everlasting covenant with them'.

Notice this is the Lord that makes this covenant, not the Antichrist. And again this covenant is followed by Armageddon. 'Who is this that comes from Eden marching in the greatness of his strength'? Of course this refers to Jesus. 'Why is your apparel red and your garments like one who treads the wine press'? This is almost the exact same language that Saint John uses in Revelation to describe Jesus at the Battle of Armageddon.

Now let's see where we can find this same covenant in Jeremiah. In chapter 31, Jeremiah describes the return of the Jews to Israel. 'At that time says the Lord', and 'that time' refers to the end times, 'and I will be the God of all the families and your children shall come again to your own border'. Again the same sequence we find in Ezekiel.

And now Jeremiah describes the covenant. 'Behold, the days come, saith the Lord that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel'. This is the covenant that Daniel is talking about, not some kind of covenant with the Antichrist. Notice that this covenant is made by our Lord. I will make a covenant, and a few verses later, Jeremiah describes the Millennium. 'After those days', again the end times 'says the Lord, I will put my law in their inner parts and write it on their hearts'.

Thus we find this covenant in a typical end time sequence. First the Jews return to Israel, then the covenant is confirmed, the Messianic covenant and then either we have Armageddon, or what follows Armageddon and that is the Millennium. Now let's look at another passage from Jeremiah. In chapter 32 verse 37, Jeremiah writes, 'Behold I will gather them out of the countries for I have driven them in my anger'. Again we see a prophecy that has already been fulfilled. The Jews have returned to Israel, and again Jeremiah talks about the covenant, 'and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.'

So we see that Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah all line up perfectly with what Daniel was writing about, so how can the false prophets say that this covenant is with the Antichrist, when clearly this end times covenant with the people of Israel, is made by the Lord God Himself. Now as I have been saying, the reason this is important, is because you need to understand that the seven years of Tribulation will be triggered by World War 3, and not by some kind of supposed covenant between the Antichrist and Israel.

Now on part 3 of this series, I will take a look at, what part of scripture, that the false prophets use to justify their claim, that the Antichrist makes a covenant with Israel, and I will explain what this new Messianic covenant really refers to.