

CONNECT GROUP **NOTES**

Revelation Readiness.
Preparing today for an uncertain tomorrow.

Are You Ready for Shaking?

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are

the seven spirits[a] before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful



Encourage the group to take turns reading and answering questions. It is best to ask the questions as they appear instead of waiting till the end

TOPIC : Are you ready for a shaking?

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TIME TO PONDER:

Revelation 6:12-17

I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree

*when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens
receded like a scroll being rolled up, and
every mountain and island was removed from
its place.*

*Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the
generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone
else, both slave and free, hid in caves and
among the rocks of the mountains. They
called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall
on us and hide us from the face of him who
sits on the throne and from the wrath of the
Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has
come, and who can withstand it?”*

Matthew 24:3-8

*As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives,
the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,”
they said, “when will this happen, and what
will be the sign of your coming and of the end*

of the age?” Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Are you ready? But ready for what? The great tribulation. The return of Jesus? Final Judgement?

Question 1: What is your understanding of the great tribulation?

TIME TO REFLECT:

Five questions we are looking at today.

What is the purpose of the great tribulations?

Firstly it is the 'birth pains' in anticipation of the return of Jesus:

Mat 24:8 "All these are the beginning of birth pains."

Secondly, it's the pouring out of the wrath of God on the nations in judgement. **Romans 1:18**

God is just and faithful and will not put up with man's unrepentant hearts. As such He acts out his wrath in the hope man will turn to him in repentance.

Will we know the day of the Lord?

No, it will come unexpectedly. But there will be signs leading to that day.

- The preaching of the gospel to all nations.

2 Thessalonians. 2:3

- A world leader setting himself up to be worshipped.
- The salvation of many in Israel. *Romans 11:25*

The end times are a picture of pregnancy. There are signs of a developing pregnancy but still labour pains come unexpectedly. So we ought to live with a sense of readiness.

Will Christians be part of that tribulation?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

This is an area of divided opinion. Personally I believe that the scripture indicates that we will be part of the Tribulation until Jesus returns at the end. Then when Jesus comes back we'll be united with him and our departed loved ones in the Lord. Caught up in the air. *1 Corinthians 15:23.*

We will only be caught up when Jesus comes at the end of the tribulation.

Revelation 19:11-16

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The

armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron sceptre." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

How long will the tribulation last?

Many of these signs and sufferings have been happening since the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, but the Great Tribulation will be a universal, all nations, short term tribulation.

Revelation 11:2-3. 12:6 13:5 (3,5 years) Daniel 7:25

Question 2: Are you prepared to face the tribulation? Have you got your heart right with the Lord?

TIME TO DISCUSS:

What will the Great Tribulation be like?

Revelation chapters 6, 8, 9, 15 & 16

The three sets of judgement - the 7 seals, 7 trumpets and 7 bowls of wrath.

They give the perspective of what will happen to the world. Deception (Jesus said “Watch out that no one deceives you”). War (“wars and rumours of war”. Famine “There will be famines and earthquakes in various places”) Disease / plagues, scorched earth, polluted

sea, contaminated water, reduced sunlight.
All ending in a cataclysmic earthquake.

There is much debate as to the order of events, but one thing is clear: the severity of the disasters facing us will increase towards the end ending in an enormous earthquake.

NOTE: The order is not as important as our readiness!

Question 3: Are you ready?

ACTION STEP

HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE READY?

Isaiah 66:14-16

14 When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes. 15 See, the LORD is coming with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For with fire and with his sword the LORD will execute judgement on all people, and many will be those slain by the LORD.

Be assured that Jesus knows how to take care of his own.

Revelation 3:10

10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

Be assured that the world might be shaken but God's love, peace and faithfulness will never be shaken.

Isaiah 54:10

10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Psalms 46:8-10

*8 Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth. 9
He makes wars cease to the ends of the
earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the
spear; he burns the shields with fire. 10 He
says, “Be still, and know that I am God*

Be assured that the Kingdom of God will not
be shaken.

Hebrews 12:28-29

*28 Therefore, since we are receiving a
kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be
thankful, and so worship God acceptably with
reverence and awe, 29 for our “God is a
consuming fire.”*

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