

The Destiny and Fate of People in the Tribulation.

God's Remnant:

Martyrs: Revelation 6:9-11; 20:4-6.

Survivors:

Jewish faithful, "my brethren," Matthew 25:35-40; Romans 11; refugees, Matthew 24:15-20; preachers, Matthew 28:18-20.

Gentile "sheep," supporters of the faithful refugees and evangelists, the "sheep": Matthew 25:31-46.

Christ Rejecters:

All perish in their sins before and upon the Lord's return.

Babylon the Great, the left behind, unsaved profession, Christendom, Revelation 17 & 18.

The Beast and the armies of the Western Nations, coming to resist His return, Revelation 19:19.

The False Prophet and the Israelis who follow him, Zechariah 14:1-6; Matthew 13:38-41; 47-50; Revelation 19:20.

King of the North, the Assyrian and his armies, returns to fight the returning Lord, Daniel 8:23-25; 11:40-45.

Gog and Magog, godless hordes of remaining gentiles who attack Israel after the King has come, Ezekiel 38-39.

The gentile "goats," Matthew 25:31-46.

Questions:

1. Where does the "elect" remnant come from that is sealed, saved and preserved alive during tribulation?

2. If God sends a great delusion why are they not deceived?

God in His infinite wisdom, mercy and grace apparently will **reserve** some of His elect, near the end of the "Day of Grace," to make up the vast company of saints of the following age. These are God's elect, as yet unsaved when the rapture occurs, but whom God has chosen to postpone their reception of the gospel. Then they, being left behind, can be blessed with salvation after the rapture. We read of these 144,000 Israeli believers and a vast multitude of Gentile believers in Revelation 7 and 14. They will be saved by the work of the Spirit through the scriptures, and perhaps by direct revelations of Christ in Glory as experienced by Paul, Acts 9, and earlier by Abram, Acts 7:2-8, Jacob, Genesis 28:12-15, Moses, Exodus 3:4-10 and some of the prophets. Angelic messengers may also be involved. Those who are saved will serve the Lord as a godly remnant during the seven years of Tribulation predicted in both the Old Testament and the New. They become evangelists of the everlasting gospel, Revelation 14:6. They will go out throughout the earth to preach that Jesus, whom the Jews rejected and crucified, is the Christ, and that He is returning again to judge the world to establish His kingdom, Matthew 24:14. Because they are God's elect for that age He will preserve them from being deceived by the great delusion, and receiving a false Christ, Matthew 24:24.

Those not martyred during that seven years time will inherit the earth. They comprise the elect chosen by God's sovereign grace to receive life and a destiny to populate the earth during the Millennial reign of the Messiah, and inhabit the New Earth for eternity. There is nothing "unfair" about God doing this. He just blesses some differently than others. He is sovereign. He is Love. He is Good. For instance, all Old Testament believers died in faith not having received the promises.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Similarly, most believers since the Lord's resurrection will not be alive for the Rapture, and won't go to heaven alive without dying. Some will, maybe you and me. During the tribulation God chooses some to martyrdom, subsequent resurrection and eternity in heaven. Others will never, ever die, they won't go to heaven. They will inhabit the earth during the Millennial reign of Christ and ultimately enter and inhabit the New Earth forever, 2Peter 3:12-13; Revelation 21:1. **WARNING!** Don't choose to be left behind. You will believe the lie and perish, 2Thessalonians 2:11-12. Receive the Truth. Now. Today!

3. Why does God tell us all of these future events if they don't affect us?

We are the Lord's friends, not mere servants.

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

He shares with us what is dear to His heart, see Ephesians 3:18. He waits now for the go ahead from the Father to take the Kingdom to Himself.. He will take vengeance upon all the injustice and all the blasphemous words uttered on earth, Hebrews 10:30. We do not have to fret about them now. He died to redeem us and also His earthly people Israel and to redeem the earth itself from the clutches of Satan. This is His hope and destiny. We delight that **He** will soon be glorified. Knowledge of this encourages and fortifies us to share with joy His rejection now in this age. It is but for a little while, Hebrews 10:37.

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