

# RETRIBUTION

## 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE TRIBULATION

### A. The Purpose as it Relates to \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. TO \_\_\_\_\_ ISRAEL

**Jeremiah 30:7-9** “<sup>7</sup> Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.<sup>8</sup> For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: <sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.”

#### 2. TO \_\_\_\_\_ ISRAEL

**Zechariah 13:8-9** “<sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.<sup>9</sup> And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.”

#### 3. TO \_\_\_\_\_ ISRAEL

**Romans 11:26-27** “<sup>26</sup> And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: <sup>27</sup> For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”

**Isaiah 59:19-20** “<sup>19</sup> So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. <sup>20</sup> And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.”

B. The Purpose as it Relates to the \_\_\_\_\_

Quote: “We believe with all our hearts that the Tribulation judgments of God serve a dual purpose: to punish hardened sinners and to move others to repentance and faith. The Tribulation will be God’s ultimate illustration of the truth found in Romans 11:22: [‘Behold,] therefore consider the goodness and severity of God.” - Tim LaHaye

1. \_\_\_\_\_ TO NATIONS

**Psalms 2:1-5** “<sup>1</sup> Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. <sup>4</sup> He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.”

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** “<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: <sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

2. \_\_\_\_\_ OF PEOPLE

**Revelation 9:20-21** “<sup>20</sup> And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: <sup>21</sup> Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”

Quote: “Sometimes we think God gets ‘bad rap’ when people focus exclusively on the judgments and terrors to come. They see the Lord as some kind of angry monster, heaping up catastrophes and pouring them on the heads of defenseless, innocent men and women,...But this is all wrong! First, those who suffer the judgments of God in the Tribulation are not ‘innocent men and women.’ ...the rebels alive at that time will not only reject God and His offer of salvation but will run greedily toward every vile sin known to man, including blasphemy of a kind beyond description. And second, despite their gross sin, God intends that these Tribulation judgments might lead even these wicked sinners to faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.” - Tim LaHaye

## Conclusion