27Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”
Daniel 9:27

The last half of the tribulation starts when the “Abomination of Desolation” takes place and ends with the return of the Messiah. Those who are alive and remain on the Earth will be in the midst of Satan’s last stand. Satan cast out of his place in Heaven, has incarnated the individual known as the “Beast” or Antichrist. This individual becomes the source of Satan’s physical presence on the Earth. The kingdom of Antichrist, New Rome, will be the source of satanic control over the Earth. The alive on Earth have an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ and die or accept the “Beast” and live. Those who accept the “Beast” will have no chance of salvation.

During this period, eternal decisions are made the Earth. Wonders will appear in the sky as God warns man of eternal decisions. Satanic wonders on Earth will deceive humanity into accepting the “Beast”. After an initial period of decision, those who reject the Antichrist, are killed. The final judgments will fall on the Earth.

These final “Bowl” judgments are the seven final plagues that will lead to the final battle known as Armageddon. To the hills of Megiddo will the nations of the Earth gather as their final assault is made on God.

During this time, Israel will have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as Messiah and as a nation, they will begin to call out to Him to return and save Israel. At that time, surviving Israel will see the return of the Messiah, the second coming of Christ.

On Earth

On earth, the spiritual realms are played out in the physical. Satan and his fallen angels, cast to the earth, will play out their last stand in the physical world of humanity.

They will operate through:
- Worldwide religion centered on the Antichrist.
- Worldwide economic system
- Satanic signs and wonders

Worldwide Allegiance Demanded

With the fall of Satan from Heaven and the incarnation of the Antichrist Satan begins his direct assault on humanity. The authority over the Earth and its inhabitants are given to Satan and his forces for 42 months.

5And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. 7It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
Revelation 13:5-8

This Satanic control will be accomplished by several means. First the Antichrist will an immense military that will far surpass any rival kingdom. His military control will be complete and absolute. For example the US military currently spends more on its defense budget then the 11 next largest nations combined. In many circles the US and its military strength are called a “Hyper-power”. Currently in no time in history has any nation ever risen to the level where the US now stands. Even at the height of its power the Roman empire was still limited to a certain geographic area. Following the rapture, a destabilized US might form a union with Europe. Without the strong evangelical Christian base little will separate a godless Europe from the US. A combined US & European military would be an unstoppable force. All this will be at the discretion of the future Antichrist.

To further stifle any rebellion and achieve total obedience all will be forced to submit not only physically but spiritually to this individual. This Satan possessed individual will proclaim himself God and demand all worship him as God. Without total submission people will not be allowed to buy, sell unless they have the mark of total allegiance.

Those who refuse the mark will be killed. The choice will be clear for most. They can worship and accept the beast and live or reject the beast and die. Those who choose Christ will be killed and enter into Heaven.

Signs by the False Prophet

To encourage those reluctant to worship the Beast and submit to his power a “False prophet” rises on the scene to exult the Antichrist.

Paul also warns us in 2nd Thessalonians about this period of time in man’s future.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

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Three Angels Warn Earth.
Jesus in Luke warns mankind of the tribulations and wonders that will appear on the Earth in the days before he returns.

25 And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.


To help those on Earth choose death and heaven verses life and hell God sends 3 angels to warn mankind. These angels appear in the Heavens as a miraculous sign from God to warn mankind. They counter the Satanic signs of the “False Prophet”.

1. Fear God
The message of the first angel will be the simple gospel to fear God alone and not man. To put trust in his Son Jesus Christ.

6Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—7saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

Revelation 14:6-7

2. Babylon is fallen
The kingdom of the Antichrist will be destroyed along with her lies. Put no faith in the works of mankind. The rebuilt capital city of Babylon will be the glory of mankind. But this capital city on the Earth will be destroyed. This will be the essential message of the second angel.

8And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

Revelation 14:8

3. Reject the Mark
The third angel will clearly tell people to reject the “Beast” and his kingdom. The cost of the mark will be eternal punishment.

9Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

Revelation 14:9

People will have to choose between death and Life or life on earth and eternal death. Following this period of intense persecution and decision God will send his final judgments upon the Earth.

Seven Bowl Judgments
1Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

Revelation 16:1

1. Sores on men who receive the “Mark”
2So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

Revelation 16:2

2. Sea Turns to Blood
3Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

Revelation 16:3

3. Rivers turn to Blood
4Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. 5And I heard the angel of the waters saying: “You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. 7 For it is their just due.” 8And another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”

Revelation 16:4-7
4. Sun Scorches People

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.
Revelation 16:8-9

5. Beast’s Throne into darkness

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.
Revelation 16:10-11

6. Kings of the Earth gather

Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.
And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.
Revelation 16:12-20

7. Great Earthquake Cities collapse

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

One of the ways the Beast deceives the nations at the first is through the use of peace. Peace is a powerful tool in the hand of despots. People want peace and it is in the hope of peace many will overlook potential threats. With the idea of peace and brotherhood Satan will lull the world into a “False Peace”.

The idea that all religions are the same as long as you love your fellow man sounds good but is a powerful lie used by Satan to deceive.

Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”. Jesus was exclusive, he meant there is no other way into Heaven except through him. Today, Jesus would be classified as an intolerant, religious bigot because he says he is the only way.

Many liberal, mainstream, non-biblical churches that call themselves Christian believe there are many ways to Heaven. Jesus would probably be kicked out of their church for believing Jesus is the only way.

Following the rapture the “Christian” church left behind will be Christian in name only. They will put their name into the peace at all cost camp. They will prostitute themselves in the interest of world peace or out of fear of man. They will replace the gospel with a false gospel.

The state church during NAZI Germany is a great example how men who fear men more then God who do anything for their lives. In many churches in Germany crosses were taken down and the Nazi crosses were put in their place. A few people in the German church such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer were willing to die for their faith in Christ. Most were willing to accommodate the NAZI changes and preserve their life. State churches also operated in Communist Russia, and China. In Europe the State Churches are the official churches of the states. In the past under the state churches of Europe those who held to the confession in Christ alone were killed, burned at the stake and persecuted in every manner. This will happen again after the rapture of the
“True Church” (Pre-tribulation view)

During the Tribulation those who turn to “Jesus Alone” will be rejected by this future church. This “State Church” will be an instrument of the Antichrist during the First half of the tribulation. During the Second half this “State Church” will be destroyed by Satan since its usefulness is no longer necessary. Satan will be himself for the world to see. He will no longer need to hide behind a facade.

This false church is pictured as the great whore, who rides the beast. The whore flesh, will be eaten and burned with fire. In symbolism this false church is destroyed and turned to a system of worship for Antichrist who is Satan incarnate. All who refuse to worship the Beast will die killed, but those who accept Christ are seen in Heaven. (Revelation 15:2)

1Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying £to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters. 2with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

3So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. 15Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

Revelation 17:1-6,15-16

Commercial Babylon is Destroyed

The Antichrist will establish a world capital city. This capital city will probably be located in the area where Babylon used to exist. This future city will be the Economic capital of the world. Several verses lead us to this understanding Jeremiah 50-51 and Isaiah 13-14. Zechariah locates the base of wickedness in Iraq, where Shinar is located.

5Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, “Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth.” 6So I asked, “What is it?” And he said, “It is a basket that is going forth.”

He also said, “This is their resemblance throughout the earth: 7Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket; 8then he said, “This is Wickedness!” And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead £cover over its mouth. 9Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. 10So I said to the angel who talked with me, “Where are they carrying the basket?”

11And he said to me, “To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base.”

Zechariah 5:5-11

The land of Shinar is known as Summer and is located in modern day Iraq. Babylon was located between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. In addition, the destruction Babylon is again indicated in a future tense in Jeremiah and Isaiah.

Some other commentators feel that this future capital will be located in Rome or another European city. Regardless of the location a future capital city of the Antichrist will rule over the world.

1After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”

4And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6Render to her just as she rendered £to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. 7In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’

8Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. 9The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’

11And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil

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and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. 14The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. 15The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing. 16And saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! 17For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.’ Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance 18and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What is like this great city?’ 19‘They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.’”  
Revelation 18

Armageddon

The translated “Hills of Megiddo” this is an area north of Jerusalem. On this plain battles have been fought between Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans, Crusaders and Arab armies. Napoleon Bonaparte when he saw the plain of Megiddo said with deep emotion, “This is the ideal battle ground for all the armies of the world”  
Revelation 16:16  
16And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

In Heaven

The 144,000 Jewish males of Revelation 7 are now seen in Heaven. The seeds they planted are bearing the fruit of salvation after the rapture of the Church. Souls are saved in the first and last half of the tribulation period from every nation. When they have finished their work they will also be killed by the Antichrist. But their work will continue to bear fruit. The will be called the first fruits of an obedient Jewish generation that is looking to the return of Messiah.  
Revelation 14:1-5  
1Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. 2And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. 4These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 5And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Victors over the Beast are in Heaven

Many who fear death or discomfort will sell their eternity. Those who understand eternity and weigh the cost of rejecting Christ and make the decision for Jesus will be considered victors. Here is a prime example of Grace. Those who survive the first half of the tribulation but are killed in the second half will be winners in God’s view. Many who are not saved prior to the rapture will be saved after the rapture.

2And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

“Great and marvellous are Your works,  
Lord God Almighty!  
Just and true are Your ways,  
O King of the Esaïs!”

4Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?  
For You alone are holy.  
For all nations shall come and worship before You,  
For Your judgments have been manifested.”

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Wedding of the Lamb
Revelation 15:2-4

The Church is described as the bride of Christ in Revelation 19:1-8
1After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! 2For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." 3Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" 6And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Wedding Supper of the Lamb
Revelation 19:9

9Then he said to me, "Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." 11Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: