

When We're Gone Soon the Tribulation begins

- I.** The background:
 - 1. The Nation Israel is graphed back into the place of God's blessing (Rom. 11:25).
 - 2. The 70 weeks of Daniel are determined by Jews being in Jerusalem (Dan. 9:24).
 - 3. The majority of Jews return to the land of Israel.
 - 4. This return will cause worldwide tension (Mt. 24:6).
 - 5. The 70th week of Daniel begins with the signing of a seven year peace treaty (Dan. 9:27; 1 Thes. 5:3).
 - 6. The 70th week begins the seven year Tribulation.
- II.** The Seven Seal Judgments—first half of the Tribulation.
 - 1. Only Christ has the ability to open the seal judgments (Rev. 5:1-14; Mt. 28:18; Jn. 5:22).
 - 2. The Lamb—Jesus Christ Himself begins the world's judgment by breaking the first Seal (Rev. 6:1).
 - 1) This begins the Tribulation (cf. Dan. 9:27).
 - 2) This begins the Day of the Lord—a time of God's wrath (1 Thes. 5:2-3 cf. Zeph. 1:14-15).
 - 3) These seven judgments are called the Beginning of Sorrows—beginning of birth pangs (Mt. 24:8).
- III.** The First Seal—the first horse—all four horses are conditions
 - 1. The white horse represents the condition of peace (cf. Rev. 6:3).
 - 2. The Rider has an archery bow with no arrow.
 - 3. Peace brought by threat of force, coercion (Dan 8:25; 9:27).
 - 4. The seven year peace covenant protects the Nation Israel (Ez. 38:11).
 - 5. This false peace will not last long (1 Thes. 5:3).
 - 6. This peace is orchestrated by the Beast using ten Western Kingdoms—ten horns (Dan. 7:3, 23-24; Rev. 13:1; 17:12).