

“The Edge” Wednesday, February 10, 2010
The Tribulation – Part 2

Read [Matthew 24:15-22](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. Who is this ‘sacrilegious object that causes desecration’ in verse 15?
2. In this first half of the seven year Tribulation there will be greater anguish, pain and suffering than ever recorded since the world began. Why would God allow a huge slaughter of His own people on earth? (Keep in mind that the worst judgments and suffering is still yet to come in the second half of the Tribulation period).
3. Discuss the plight of the person’s who becomes followers of Christ during this time of Tribulation. Discuss how verse 22 shows God’s mercy toward his own during this terrible time.

Read [Revelation 13:1-18](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. Who is the beast and who is the dragon referenced in verse 1 and verse 2?
2. Where does the Antichrist or beast get his power from? Discuss if Satan or the Antichrist can do anything beyond what God will allow them to.
3. Who is the second beast in verse 11 that comes up out of the earth?
4. The Antichrist quickly breaks his peace covenant with Israel and begins to intensely persecute them. He sets himself up as God and demands to be worshipped and he even has a false prophet who is able to do great miracles in his name. Many more people turn away from God and turn to the false hope of the Antichrist. The false prophet requires everyone to take the mark of the beast on their hand or their forehead. The mark is 666.
 - a. Talk about with your student where the number 666 comes from. (The number 7 is the number of God and represents perfection. The Holy Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit).
 - b. Discuss whether anyone who takes the mark will go to heaven? (Keep in mind that no one can force you to do anything, you ultimately make the choice).
5. Last week I asked you to pray together as a family that God will help you have the courage and strength to share the good news of the gospel with those He put around you and to ensure each of you are right with God and that you would live everyday as though you will meet Him face to face today. I believe this is such a significant prayer that I would like to ask you to pray this again this week. And if you have already surrendered your life to Christ and trust in Him and Him alone to get you to heaven, spend some time together thanking Him for his love, grace, and mercy. Rest in His promises and let His peace wash away any fears you may have of the end times.

For further discussion topics on this subject read the following:

- [Daniel 9:27](#)