



LEADER'S GUIDE

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The Great Abomination!

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FEB 11 - MAR 18

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SHARING QUESTIONS

LEADERS: Be prepared to read one of the daily Count to Zero devotionals if everyone in your group is not doing them. (3-5 minutes per question)

1. **Have 2-3 people** share something with the group they learned from the weekly devotion.
2. **When it comes to the topic** of the End Times or Second Coming what has been your experience?
 - People getting very passionate and argumentative?
 - People getting very interested and excited about Jesus?
 - Lots of fear and apprehension?
 - Other?

PAIR UP AND PRAY

- Ask the Lord to open your hearts to help you engage around His word.
- Pray about anything significant that happened to you in the past week.

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DIFFERENT VIEWS SURROUNDING THE 2ND COMING

We need to give each other room to have different views.

- **We agree** on the fact that Jesus is **coming back** and will set up His Kingdom on Earth.
- **The primary** issue needs to be reaching the **lost** and living **godly** lives.

MATTHEW 24:15-31

15 So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

22 “If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time.

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26 “So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. 27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

29 “Immediately after the distress of those days
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

30 “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. **Matthew 24:15-31**

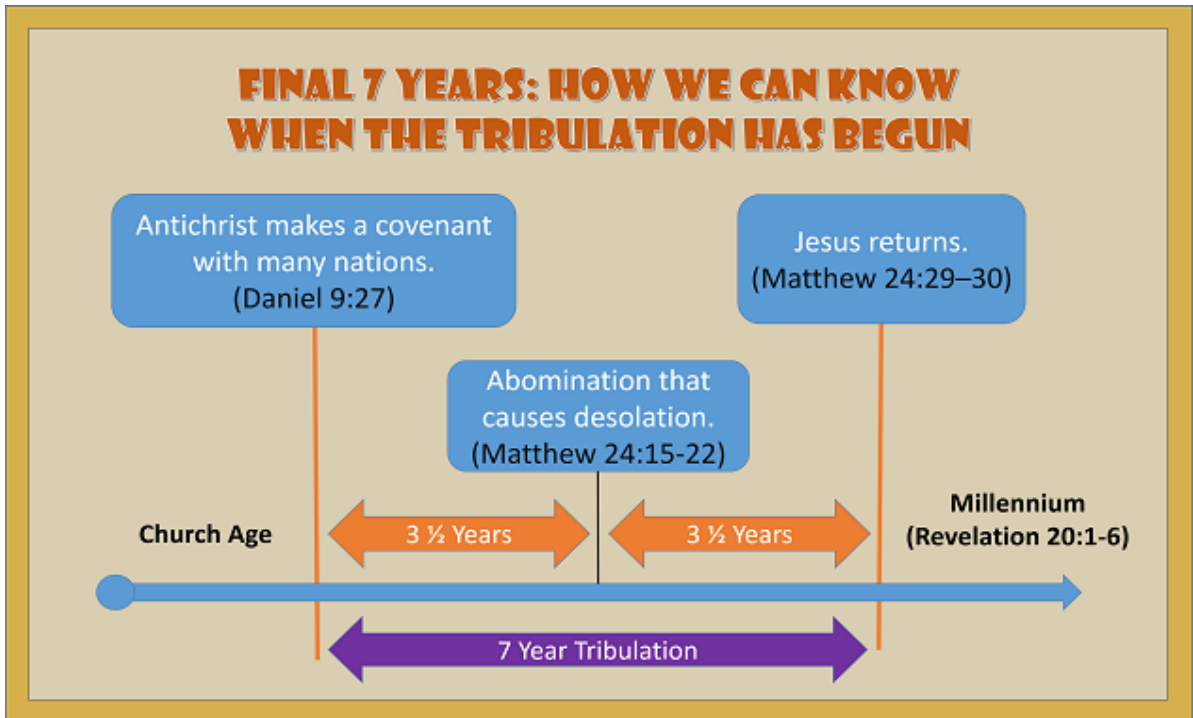
THE TRIBULATION

Matthew 24 gives us some initial **snap shots** of what the book of Revelation provides us the **movie** ... The Tribulation period. This is a period of 7 years, which is split into two:

- **The first** 3.5 years are the **lessor**, and
- **The second** 3.5 years are the **greater**. Which is more intense and **traumatic**.

THIS IS NOT a time to be **feared** by believers.

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THE ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION

This is a very important **change point** in the history of mankind that will establish a distinct **transition** on the earth.

He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.
Daniel 9:27

2 Thessalonians 2:2-4 Sheds light and brings clarity in helping us to understand this phrase.

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2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. 2 Thessalonians 2:2-4

In the middle of the Tribulation period the **Anti-Christ** will reveal himself by exalting himself above and over God and proclaiming himself to be God!

- **An act which** will be the great **abomination** and bring great **desolation** upon the whole earth!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LEADERS: Pair up and share for 20 minutes. Just have them go through each of the questions and share.

1. **What is your** initial response to what you just heard Pastor Kevin share? How did it impact you?
2. **How conversant/knowledgeable** do you feel you are with the study and discussion of the second coming or the end times?
3. **The Second Coming** of Jesus and the institution of the Anti-Christ may not be for 5 years or 50 years but it could also be in 5 months. What are the primary things we should be focused on?
4. **Describe who** it is you are currently and intentionally trying to reach for Jesus?
5. **Share 2-3 things** you are doing to grow in becoming more godly.

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6. **What evidence** do you see happening in the world around you (work, school, TV, movies, government) of a growing spirit of Anti-Christ?

7. **How would Jesus** have us respond to those who are hostile and hateful to us and with us?

8. **Is there ever** a place/point where Jesus would have us take a stand? Did He ever take a stand? Leaders note, in confronting the Pharisees Jesus was actually confronting the religious leaders of his day, they were the politicians.

9. **Back to Sunday.** What were your thoughts and reaction to the 14 Countries that Pastor Kevin revealed on Sunday that have people groups in them that have No Scripture in their own language, No Church, and no workers?
 - India, China, Myanmar, Taiwan, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, China, Mauritius, Syria, Vietnam, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan.
 - What questions did it cause you?
 - What concerns did it raise?
 - What challenges did it create?

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PRAYING INTO THIS

LEADERS: Break in when there is 15 minutes left in your time together and have them go to this prayer time (5-7 min.)

Close by praying the Holy Spirit would...

- Move your heart to be involved in some way.
- Give you a vision for what you can do or how you can help.
- Raise up people from Cedar Grove who would want to step up and act as point people for these countries. Point people in the sense that they will help us to develop teams who will pray and help stimulate action toward these countries.

LEADERS: Close the group time off by going around and having everyone share something that connected with them out of this session and discussion time (5-7 min.)

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