

### Prophecy devo #15 – Why the Church will not go through the Tribulation (Part 3)

Reason #2: The church will not go through the Tribulation, because the judgments of the Tribulation are for unbelievers, not believers.

“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth” (Revelation 3:10). The Greek indicates, “I will keep you from the hour of adversity...to examine those who dwell on the earth.” The purpose of the Tribulation is to examine those on earth. The trial (adversity) is described in Revelation 16-19. The unleashing of divine judgments will cause people to turn to Christ or cause them to hate Him. The “bowls of wrath” are a visible manifestation of the wrath of God (15:7; 16:1). God’s wrath is for the wicked, not the righteous. Wrath will be poured out on those who destroy the earth (11:18). The Tribulation is also a time of examining for Israel, in preparation for the remnant to receive Jesus as their Messiah. “Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5-6). The Tribulation will be a time when some repent and others rebel. The Tribulation is God’s final effort to draw unbelieving people to Himself through the disasters that will test the citizens of earth. “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (II Peter 3:9). The judgments of the Tribulation are not for the church. The church will be kept from this hour of trial. The church is not of this world. Jesus distinguished the church from the world. “I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are yours” (John 17:9). The church will have been raptured when God sends the Tribulation judgments on the world.