

**ESCHATOLOGY 101:
THE NATURE OF THE TRIBULATION**

**Daniel 9:24-27
Matthew 24:1-35**

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BIG IDEA: God is Sovereign and will deliver us from this present evil age.

DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF THE TRIBULATION

Futurist—Futurists believe that the Tribulation is a future, literal, seven-year period of intense conflict when God will complete his discipline of Israel and final judgment upon the unbelieving people of the world. Those who accept a Pre-Tribulation Rapture believe that believers in Christ will escape the Tribulation.

Idealist—Idealists would say that some part of the church is always going through the Tribulation, and there will be martyrs in every generation. The idealist would say that there is an ongoing struggle between God and His people and Satan and those who follow him.

Preterist—Preterists believe that the Tribulation was a divine judgment visited upon the Jews for their apostasy, including rejection of Jesus as the promised Messiah. It occurred entirely in the past, around 70 AD when the armed forces of the Roman Empire destroyed Jerusalem and its temple in 70 AD.

DANIEL 9:24-27

Daniel's 70th week has already passed or remains in the distant future.

"The great tribulation" is in our past or takes place in the future within the 70th week.

Verse 27 either refers to Jesus Christ or the Antichrist.

MATTHEW 24:1-35

The Destruction of the Temple. (vv. 1-2)

The Signs of the End of the Age (vv. 3-14)

The Abomination of Desolation (vv. 15-28)

Judgment is Near (vv. 29-31)

This generation will not pass away until all these things take place. (vv. 32-35)