

# *An Overview of Biblical Prophecy*

(5) After the Rapture, on Earth

## *Dealing with the vanishing of the Church...*

What is the likely situation on earth in the days right after the Rapture?

**Likely chaos and fear. It will be an unexplainable supernatural event. Much emotion...**

While the world is looking for an explanation/answers, what is likely to happen? Mt.4:1-10

**“Spiritual leaders” will step up and offer lies, prophecies, even scripture, to mislead.**

What is the *explicit* teaching about these Apostates? IIThess.2:3a; ITim.4:1-5

**They are hypocrites, liars, demon influenced. They fall away (apostatize) from the faith.**

What happens at the same time as this apostasy? IIThess.2:3b

**The man of lawlessness is revealed. He’s already “at work” but restrained, vs.7-8**

But what all happens to this earth next??

## *Overview of final prophetic themes...(refer to chart, How it all ends...)*

### Church:

What are some explanations for why the church is raptured before Tribulation? Gen.19:15-22

**God chooses to remove His people before His wrath and rapture “frees” Satan somewhat.**

### God’s wrath:

Why do people, in general, not fear the Lord’s wrath? IIPet.3:1-10; Zeph.1:14-18

**We live now in the Age of Grace. He is patient/longsuffering, but...wrath will come!**

Is there Scriptural precedent for God destroying all sinners? Gen.7:17-24; 19:23-26

**Yes, at the flood and at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. God judges w/wrath!**

### Jews:

Why are the Jews (nationally) rejecting their Messiah? Jn.12:37-40

**This is God’s divine judgment on them for centuries of rejecting Him. He blinded them.**

But, has God ‘disowned’ the Jews? Rom.11:1-5; Zech.8:20-23;12:10-14;13:7-9; Amos 9:11-15

**Absolutely not! They are (nationally) partially hardened, but God will purge/restore.**

### Gentiles:

What did Jesus teach about the “times of the Gentiles”? Lu.21:24

**That during the Tribulation the ‘times of the Gentiles’ will be fulfilled (finished). ->Israel**

### Satan:

What has been Satan’s goal from the beginning? IIThess.2:3-4; Isa.14:12-15

**His goal is still to be worshiped as God. He wants to usurp God’s position/authority!**