

## Can Individuals Be Saved During the Tribulation?

The *I Am A Watchman* ministry team believes Scripture supports the teaching that many will come to faith after the Rapture and during the Tribulation period.

We recognize this is being written during a time when the Spirit lives in believers' hearts (1 John 3:24; 1 Cor. 3:16) and draws people to Christ (Rom. 8:16; Matt. 16). We understand that the working of the Spirit on earth may change after believers are Raptured (2 Thessalonians 2:6-7). However, His work does not necessarily cease after the Rapture simply because living believers have been taken.

To assume the Spirit is no longer present on Earth sets limits on God's power, nature, and working. It is true that God, through the Spirit, resides in the hearts of believers, but not *only* in the hearts of believers.

The Spirit shares the attributes of God. He is God, and so He is omnipresent. There may be a change in the way the Spirit works in the last days, just as there was a change in the working of the Spirit before and after Pentecost. We believe the Spirit of God will be active on earth during the Tribulation and lead many to come to Christ.

### 11 reasons to believe individuals can be saved during the Tribulation

Acts 2:18-22 references passages in Joel and Matthew 24. Both have ties to certain Tribulation-period events. In Acts 2:21, we read: *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."* The primary recipients of the promise are those who live through the Tribulation period events in verses 19-20.

1. Acts 2:38-39 references God's gifts of forgiveness and salvation. In verse 39, we read, *"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all who the Lord our God will call."* We believe *"those far off"* also includes those who come to faith during the Tribulation.
2. The 144,000 sealed witnesses referenced in Revelation 7 will be evangelists who lead many to salvation in Christ.
3. Revelation 7:9 notes that those who come to faith during the Tribulation are from *every* tribe, nation, people, and tongue. *This contradicts any teaching that ONLY Jews will come to faith during the Tribulation.*
4. The book of Revelation includes several large numbers. For example, the number 144,000 in chapter seven and the number 200,000,000 in chapter nine. However, Revelation 7:9,14 states that those who come to faith and die during the Tribulation are too numerous to count. Therefore, we can infer that not only is it possible to be saved during the Tribulation, but also, we can presume that the number of people who come to faith during the Tribulation exceeds the number of troops in Revelation 9:16, which is 200,000,000 – two-hundred-million!
5. Revelation 6:9-11 and 20:4 record that many will die for their faith in Christ during the Tribulation period.
6. The Two Witnesses referenced in Revelation 11 will preach the Gospel and lead many to faith.
7. Those who take the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13) forfeit their ability to be saved – indicating that those who do not take the Mark can become followers of Christ.
8. The angel sent to earth in Revelation 14:6-7 proclaims an evangelistic message – calling people to turn to God and believe in Christ as their Savior.

9. According to Zechariah 14, those who defend Jerusalem during the battle of Armageddon are believers in the Lord. These are individuals who come to faith during the Tribulation.
10. According to Zechariah 14, Jesus will supernaturally annihilate His enemies at the battle of Armageddon. Many believers in Christ will survive the battle. These new believers will live in peace with Jesus on earth during His Millennial Reign.
11. Zechariah 13:7-9 indicates that 1/3 of the Jewish population will come to faith in Christ during the Tribulation period.

The *I Am A Watchman* ministry team believes that individuals will have the opportunity to turn to Christ during the Tribulation period. That prophecy indicates the number of salvation decisions during that time may exceed 200,000,000. If that is correct, we must consider the following:

1. Fact: One day soon, Jesus will rescue the true Church in an event Christians refer to as the Rapture. Those instantaneously taken in the Rapture will include pastors, teachers, and ministry leaders. Soon after the Rapture, Christian literature, radio, television programming, and education centers will likely be prohibited.
2. Question: How will those hundreds of millions of believers get their spiritual questions answered following the Rapture? How will they learn the truth about what has happened and what will happen in the days to come?
3. Question: How will those left behind learn about Christ and know how to be saved?
4. Question: How will those left behind mature in their faith, so they become the new generation of teachers, evangelists, and ministry leaders in the post-Rapture world?

The *I Am A Watchman* ministry believes Christians should be concerned for those left behind in the Rapture. As a ministry, *I Am A Watchman* invested heavily in developing creative resources designed to reach into the post-Rapture world to answer questions, facilitate many salvations, and help individuals grow in Christ.

It is a novel way to think about missions by standing-up ministry resources for this epic time in post-Rapture history. It is also a way to share in the fulfillment of prophecies regarding the harvest of Tribulation-period believers.

God bless you as you use this Rapture Kit resource to minister to the hurting, those in the present, and the future.