

# *Living In Light of Eternity*

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## “The Beginning of Birth Pains” (Part 1) (The First 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation)

### Why the Tribulation?

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ Israel. (Jeremiah 30:4-24; Zechariah 13:8-9; Isaiah 64:1-9)
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ sinners. (Isaiah 26:21; Revelation 3:10; 16:1-2)
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ God’s power. (Revelation 15:3-4)
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ Satan’s true character. (Revelation 12:10-12)
5. To \_\_\_\_\_ salvation. (Revelation 7:1-14)

### Who Are the Main Figures In the Tribulation?

Main Figure #1 – The \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Empire. (Daniel 2:44 and 7:24)

Main Figure #2 – The \_\_\_\_\_.

<u>Christ</u>	<u>Antichrist</u>
<b>Miracles, signs, and wonders</b> (Matthew 9:32-33; Mark 6:2)	<b>Miracles, signs, and wonders</b> (Matthew 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9)
<b>Is God</b> (John 1:1-2; 10:35-38)	<b>Claims to be God</b> (2 Thessalonians 2:4)
<b>Causes men to worship God</b> (Revelation 1:6)	<b>Causes men to worship Satan</b> (Revelation 13:3-4)
<b>Worthy name</b> (Revelation 19:16)	<b>Blasphemous names</b> (Revelation 13:1)
<b>Married to a virtuous bride</b> (Revelation 19:7-10)	<b>Married to a vile prostitute</b> (Revelation 17:3-5)
<b>Dies a violent death</b> (Revelation 5:6; 13:8)	<b>Dies a violent death</b> (Revelation 13:3)
<b>Is resurrected</b> (Matthew 28:6)	<b>Is resurrected</b> (Revelation 13:3, 14)
<b>Part of a holy Trinity</b> (2 Corinthians 13:14)	<b>Part of an unholy trinity</b> (Revelation 13)

**Main Figure #3 – The \_\_\_\_\_ . (Revelation 13:11-18)**

**The Deadly Activities of the False Prophet:**

1. He will deceive people into following himself and the Antichrist with the appearance of \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 13:11-12)
2. He will bring down fire from heaven and perform other miracles to gain a \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 13:13-14)
3. He will erect an image to the \_\_\_\_\_ for all the world to worship. (Revelation 13:14-15)
4. He will give \_\_\_\_\_ to the image of the beast. (Revelation 13:15)
5. He will control \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of the beast. (Rev. 13:16-17)

Holy Spirit	False Prophet
Points men to Christ	Points men to the Antichrist
Instrument of divine revelation	Instrument of satanic revelation
Seals believers to God	Marks unbelievers with the number of the Antichrist
Builds the body of Christ	Builds the empire of the Antichrist
Enlightens men with the truth	Deceives men by miracles

**Main Figure #4: The \_\_\_\_\_ . (Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-5)**

**Characteristics of the 144,000:**

1. They are \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ. (Revelation 14:3)
2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ by God. (Revelation 7:1-3; 14:1-3)
3. They are \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. (Revelation 14:4)
4. They are \_\_\_\_\_ in following Christ. (Revelation 14:4)
5. They are \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (Revelation 7:1-17)

**The Importance of the 144,000 to Us:**

1. They reveal God's \_\_\_\_\_ to His promises.
2. They reveal that even in judgment, God is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They fulfill prophecy and thus reveal God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 24:14)