

## **Summer Prophecy Series**

### ***Tribulation Conditions***

#### **Introduction:**

- Even though the New Testament says that the Rapture will be sudden and imminent, many preachers have been setting dates announcing the coming of Jesus Christ.

#### **Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–10**

- The Church at Thessalonica falsely believed that the Day of the Lord had started and there was just a short time to live.

- But the Day of the Lord starts with the Tribulation, and the Tribulation begins with certain events that had not yet occurred.

- There are no signs preceding the Rapture or the start of the Day of the Lord.

- However, the Bible does describe certain conditions in the Tribulation and our current world is ripe for these events. There are many interesting developments related to these conditions.

- This gives us indication that the coming of Christ could be close.

#### **Three Tribulation Conditions in This Passage:**

##### **1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Religion – verse 3**

*“falling away”*—from Greek word *apostasia*

- There has always been movements away from the true faith under the broad tent of Christianity.

- The Book of Revelation describes a final “falling away” or apostate religious system centered in \_\_\_\_\_.

- We are living in the time of a great apostasy.
- There is a great ecumenical movement that is leading to a general apostasy that spans the globe like never before.

## **2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Revealed – verses 3 and 4, 8–10**

- The Bible says in Daniel 9 that the “*man of sin*” or “*the prince that shall come*” will be revealed when he makes a covenant of peace with Israel. This man is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- This passage assumes the protection of Israel.
- It assumes that they are settled in the land as a nation-state and that they need protection.
- Since 1948, everyone has been looking for such a man.
- No one has brought lasting peace to the region.
- The time is ripe for someone to step up and miraculously solve the problem in the Middle East.
- The Antichrist will be the man to do the job.

## **3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Rebuilt – verse 4**

- This passage says the man of sin will sit in God’s Temple.  
 - Daniel chapters 9–11 and Matthew 24 says that he will commit *the abomination of desolation* in the Temple in Jerusalem.

- There is no temple today, but \_\_\_\_\_ are being made to rebuild one.

### **Conclusion:**

- Conditions are ripe for Jesus to return.
- Tribulation conditions are developing.
- If He does return, let’s be found watching and working.