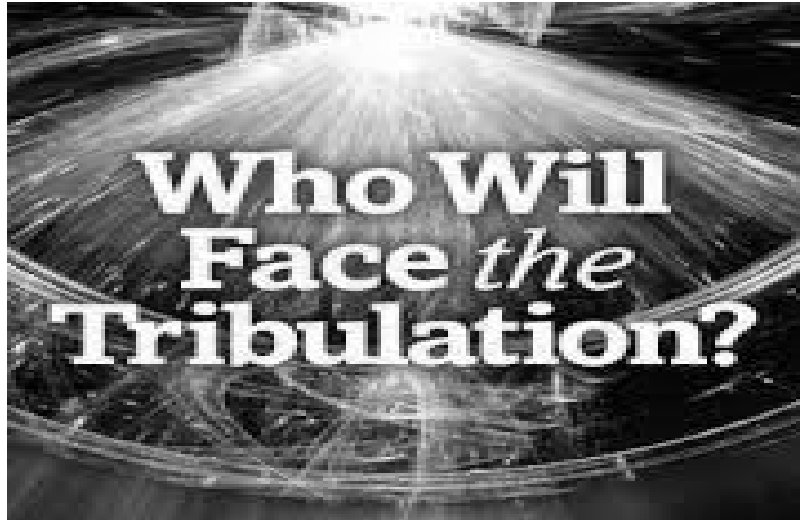


CHAPTER 1



**THE TRIBULATION IS FOR THE JEWS,
CHRISTIANS ARE GOING TO BE
RAPTURED.**

Where did we ever get this idea? What book, chapter and verse in the bible supports it?

Let us go back to the beginning of YHWH setting up His family and the promises given in His word. It all started with Abraham. He was chosen by YHWH to come out of the pagan world and follow Him.

Gen 12:1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

*Gen 13:14 And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are--northward, southward, eastward, and westward; 15 **for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.** 16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. 17 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."*

*Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: 4 "As for Me, behold, **My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.** 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for **I have made you a father of many nations.** 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."*

From Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy - no matter where you read, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are constantly referred to concerning the covenant of the land, descendants as the stars and sand, made by YHWH Himself. And always prefaced with "the God of" – Abraham.

Now, after reading these scriptures, don't we consider ourselves YHWH's children? How do we fit in here? This promise to Abraham and his descendants is solid. Abraham's relationship with Father is never mentioned in a negative light. Abraham is also referred to much by the New Testament writers as our mentor and example.

Isa 51:2 Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him."

Luk 13:28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

Joh 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

In what position was Abraham to receive this promise?

Gen 15:5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So

*shall your descendants be." 6 **And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.***

***Heb 11:8** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 **By faith** he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

***Rom 4:1** What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? 2 For **if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.** 3 For what does the Scripture say? "**Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**"*

The position was that he was standing in faith. He became the first seed of the family of YHWH in and by faith.

Act 6:7** Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and **a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Act 14:27** Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that **He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

***Act 15:7** And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren,*

you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

*Gal 3:6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 7 Therefore know that **only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.** 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9 **So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.***

What is this here in the above verses a picture of?

*Eze 37:15 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 16 "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.' 17 **Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.** 18 "And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'-- 19 say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them*