SO IT BEGINSRevelation 6:1-17 Jeff Schreve

What is awaiting those who will experience the Tribulation?

And I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering and to conquer. Revelation 6:1-2

1. The Antichrist will come to power.

Daily life will seem normal.

"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be." Matthew 24:37-39

B. The world will believe peace has come.

"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week" Daniel 9:27

Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

2. There will be hell on earth.

- A. The four horsemen bring war, famine, pestilence and death.
- B. The tribulation saints will be killed for their faith in Christ.

3. The wrath of God will be poured out on a sinful world.

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it. Isaiah 13:9

A. The judgments are severe, intensifying and terrifying.

- B. The people call to the rocks instead of calling to God.
- C. The people give the wrong answer to the right question.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25

Where will you be when the wrath of God falls?