

## "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Revelation chapter nineteen records the end of the period referred to by the Lord Jesus "Great Crushing" or the "Great Tribulation" on the Mount of Olives, during the final days before the experience of the Passover, Gethsemane, the crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension to heaven. Revelation chapter six records the beginning of the tribulation from chapter nineteen to the end. The Church is not mentioned from chapter five until chapter nineteen. The nation of Israel is what is in focus in God's eye. The center of God's activity on earth has been what is called the fertile crescent in general, and the land of Israel specifically. The physical sons of Abraham, the sons of the promise were Isaac and Jacob. Isaac was supernaturally brought into being, and Jacob, later called Israel, has always been the apple of God's eye. This is very important to understand, as Israel is the primary agent for world redemption. God brought the church into existence only two thousand years ago, and for the first decade only Jewish, then God grafted in the Gentiles to the point where today, the last two thousand years it has predominately been a Gentile body, and for the most part, anti-Jewish.

God will one day take the church out of the world and will once again use the Jews as the primary agent for world evangelism. The events from chapter six and forward center in what is called the Middle East today, specifically the nation and land of Israel. Israel will be attacked by all its neighbors and a great confederacy of Western nations will come to Israel's defense. It will be headed by a phenom that will make a peace treaty with Israel for three and one-half years. In the middle of the seven-year tribulation, he will break the treaty he has made with the people of God and will proclaim himself as God. He will be Satan personified. After another time period of three and one-half years of unprecedented and unparalleled disasters, catastrophes of cosmic proportions, curses, and plagues the world has never known, the antichrist, and his cohorts will be defeated and overthrown.

This brings us to chapter nineteen and the promised return of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, to the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem to judge the leaders of the nations and to set up His earthly kingdom. Where He will reign for a thousand years and those of us, Jew and gentile who have loved Him and served Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords will reign with Him.

### **Prayer and Action Steps**

***Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for your promises that you win in the end! Thank You that we can trust You and that You will give us grace until the day You come to take us home to be with You. Please help us to share the good news of salvation with everyone we come in contact with on the way, where we are.***

***Amen***