

Tribulation Devastation

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Revelation 16:1-16

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This can be illustrated by imagining four huge bags of rice representing the world's population (presently over 7 billion). In the fourth seal judgment one-fourth of the world's population will die (Rev. 6:8), thus removing one bag of rice with three remaining. In the sixth trumpet judgment (Rev. 9:18), one-third of the world's population will perish, thus removing another bag of rice, leaving just two remaining. More than 3.5 billion people could perish, and this does not even count those who die in the other plagues.

In the Holocaust the world's Jewish population was reduced by one-third; in the tribulation it will be reduced by two-thirds (Zech. 13:8-9). In World War I, 37 million died, and 62 million died in World War II, for a combined total of almost 100 million. If our tribulation estimates are correct, the casualties of just these two tribulation plagues will be 35 times the number of deaths in the two World Wars combined. This coming Tribulation is certain and deadly, a sobering and horrifying reality, and not merely something for curious prophetic speculation.

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