

The Midpoint

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What is the significance of the midpoint of the Tribulation?

It is a significant turning point occurring approximately 3 1/2 years into the Tribulation.

- The first half of the Tribulation involves judgments which affect the whole world. However, at the midpoint, the focus shifts dramatically to Israel.
- The Antichrist's betrayal and desecration of the Temple shatter Israel's national pride and false hopes, awakening the nation to the reality that their true Messiah had already come.
- This event initiates the Great Tribulation for Israel, a period of unparalleled suffering and persecution that lasts for the second half of the Tribulation.

Is the Abomination of Desolation the only event of the midpoint of the Tribulation?

No, as we'll see, there are a lot of other events that happen at the midpoint.

What is the Abomination of Desolation?

Jesus warned us about it in His Olivet Discourse:

Matt 24:15-16 – *Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

It is an event that is an abomination or detestable to God and His followers that causes a place (Jerusalem & Judea) to be desolate or devoid of people. We know this is a midpoint event because this is made clear in Daniel 9:27.

What else do we know about the Abomination of Desolation?

It is also helpful to look at other passages referring to this event:

- Dan 8:11 – *He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down*

- Dan 11:31 – *And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation*
- 2 Thess 2:3-4 – *the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God*

...So, the Antichrist, the son of perdition sets up some sort of image of himself in the temple and declares himself to be god. When that happens, the Jews will realize they have been duped and the world leader they thought was their savior cannot be so they flee Israel.

What does it tell us about the temple that the Antichrist takes away the daily sacrifices?

The Covenant that the Antichrist made with the many enabled the temple to be build and allowed the Old Testament temple practices. When he ends this, he breaks the Covenant.

What is the development that likely initiates all the events of the midpoint?

Revelation 12:7 – *war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.*

Satan and the fallen angels are kicked out of heaven.

What will be the result of Satan and the fallen angels no longer having access to the spiritual realm?

Revelation 12:12 – *Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.*

This causes Satan to put his agenda into overdrive. He's seeking to thwart God's plans while making himself god over all humanity.

How do we know that kicking Satan out of heaven occurs at the mid-point?

Due to a couple time-stamps – Rev 12:6 Israel is protected 1,260 days. Also, Rev 12:14, Israel is nourished "for a time and times and half a time." This refers to the 2nd half of the Tribulation.

While the killing and resurrection of God’s two witnesses is described prior to the fall of Satan, what leads us to believe it is a midpoint event?

Because their ministry is pretty much during the first half of the Tribulation...

Rev 11:3 – And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

1,260 divided by 360 (days in lunar calendar year) = 3.5 years

Who kills the two witnesses of Rev 11?

The beast who ascends out of the bottomless pit. While this could be the fallen angel called Apollyon in Rev 9:11, the context indicates this is another reference to the Antichrist.

- Satan will not be confined to the abyss until the Millennial Kingdom, but the fact that he will do time there associates it with him.

What makes us think the key developments in Rev 13 happens at around the midpoint?

The context...

Revelation 13:5 – he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

42 months is yet another way to say 3.5 years.

So, what is this midpoint event?

Rev 13:3 – I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

The Antichrist receives a mortal wound and is resurrected. This is obviously Satan attempting to imitate Christ. What better way to inspire worship than to be resurrected.

Is the Antichrist really raised from the dead?

Yes, but not by the power of God... it is a satanic imitation, a counterfeit.

- This “resurrection” is part of Satan’s deceptive signs and wonders.

What else does the midpoint of the Tribulation bring?

Revelation 13:11 – Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon

The emergence of the False Prophet.

What all does the False Prophet do?

- He deceives performing signs and wonders – Rev 13:13
- Commissioned the image of the Beast – Rev 13:14
- He gives power, breath and speech to the image of the Beast – Rev 13:15
- Demands worship of the image of the Beast and kills those who refuse – Rev 13:15
- He causes all to take the mark of the Beast in order to participate in the economy – Rev 13:16

Why isn’t it until the midpoint that the False Prophet, image and mark of the Beast are introduced?

Because this is when the control grid for the Antichrist is needed for him to appear to be omniscient. It is when Satan’s agenda becomes like it is on steroids.

So, what is a likely sequence of the midpoint events?

According to Bill Salus...

- Satan is booted from heaven
- The Antichrist dies and gets resurrected
- The Two Witnesses are killed and get resurrected
- The Abomination of Desolation
- The Antichrist begins a genocidal campaign against the Jews
- The False Prophet emerges
- The Mark of the Beast is implemented

I would place the emergence of the False Prophet ahead of the Abomination of Desolation because I think the image of the Beast will be involved.

How are these midpoint events relevant for today?

We see a lot of stage-setting going on:

- Increasing demonic activity as Satan is anticipated being booted from heaven
- Technology for the Two Witnesses to be seen worldwide.
- Technology for the Image & Mark of the Beast.
- Conditioning for more control, Mark of the Beast
- Worldwide Antisemitism is already apparent

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- There is a lot more going on at the midpoint of the Tribulation than is generally expected.
- The stage-setting going on for midpoint developments is a sign of the soon return of Jesus.