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The Left Behind series by Tim LaHaye a good friend of mine and Jerry Jenkins certainly aroused people's curiosity in the things that are to come. People were reading those books that had never read anything from the Bible. And they were glued to those books wanting to know what was going to happen. I believe one of them was called the Mark of the Beast and that's what we'll talk about today, because I want you to see for yourself what God's Word says.

PART ONE

The Left Behind series was a phenomenon in its time. Because all of a sudden people were reading those books who were not aware of what was going to happen in the end times and so it awakened a great curiosity. And what it needs to do is it needs to awaken that great curiosity in order to take us back to the Word of God where we discover truth for ourselves. You

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know, that's what Precept Ministries International is all about. It's about teaching people to study God's Word inductively, in order to view the world biblically so that you have a biblical worldview of events that are going on. Well what Daniel, chapter 7 is telling us about, it's telling us about the end of the days. It's telling us what's going to happen just before the God of heaven sets up His kingdom, just before the Son of Man receives the kingdom from the Father. And we want to look at that, so let's go to Daniel, chapter 7, Daniel, chapter 7. And remember Daniel wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast. He wanted to know the meaning of the ten horns that were on the head of the fourth beast and he wanted to know the meaning of the little horn that came up after the other ten horns. So now we're in verse 23. It says thus he said the fourth beast will be a kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms. So this is an earthly kingdom, but it's different from the other three that precede it. It will devour the whole earth. And we mark that because it's a geographical location. And tread it, the whole earth, down and crush it, the whole earth. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise and another will arise after them. And it says and he will be different from the previous ones and subdue three kings. So there's something unusual about this eleventh horn, so to speak, this little big horn that comes up after the other ten. And one of the things that makes him different is it stresses that he had the eyes of a man. He possessed the eyes of a man and he had a mouth that uttered great boasts. Remember we read that in Daniel, chapter 7. Now he's going to subdue three of those kings of the ten. He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One. The saints are the holy ones, the ones that have been set apart, the ones that are consecrated so to speak of the Highest One. And the Highest One is God. And he, this little horn, this little big horn will intend to make alterations in times and in law and they will be given into his hand. These saints will be given into his hand for time, times and half a time. Now in Jewish reckoning time, times, which

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is time is one, then times is two and half a time is three and one half years. So he has just given us an awesome clue. He has told us that for three and one half years that this little horn will overpower the saints of the Highest One and will wear them down. And then it says but the court will sit for judgment. Now remember in Daniel, chapter 7, verse 10 it says the court sat and the books were opened. So the court is going to sit for judgment and his dominion will be taken away. His who, his, the little horn, the little big horn, his dominion will be taken away. Now he has dominion that he's going to try and change times. He's going to try and change law and he is going to wear down the saints, the Jewish saints of the Highest One. It says and His dominion will be taken away, and you want to remember this for when we get to Daniel, chapter 9, it will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. Then, time phrase, the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven. In other words, all those kingdoms will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom and all dominions will serve and obey Him. So when you mark the Highest One in verse 27 in yellow, as I mark it. I mean if you're marking it that way. And it says His kingdom; you mark His the same way. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom and all dominions will serve and obey Him. So listen; the interpretation of Daniel 7 ends the same way as the interpretation of Daniel, chapter 2. In other words, what we have is a kingdom that is now the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of God here on earth and it is the last and final kingdom and it last forever and ever and ever. And the saints are going to possess it forever and ever. And it says at this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself. Now why did his thoughts alarm him? Why did his face grow pale? I think it's because of what he read was going to happen to the saints of the Highest One. I believe Daniel understood who the saints of the Highest One were. They were God's people and God's people, as you see

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here in Daniel, are the Jews. There is no church yet in the book of Daniel. There is no church; the church is yet to come. The church is a mystery; it's a mystery that is not revealed until the New Testament. It's a mystery that is revealed to Paul and Paul in turn reveals it to us. And you can read about it in Ephesians, chapter 2 and Ephesians, chapter 3. And that mystery is Jew and Gentile in one body and in one body and the body has a head and that head is Jesus Christ. So the mystery of the church is Jew and Gentile who have both believed in Jesus Christ and have Him as their head, okay. So that mystery is not revealed until, until the New Testament. So he's talking about the saints of the Highest One. They're going to be tread down. They are going to be overpowered by this little horn, this little big horn and he's going to do it for three and one half years. Now what I want us to do is I want us to go to Revelation, chapter 12, Revelation, chapter 12. Now all I'm going to do is take you through Revelation and just show you a couple things about the nation of Israel in the last days. All right, as a matter of fact, I'm going to back you up one more chapter. I'm going to back you up to Revelation, chapter 11 and I want to show you something. Now look, I'm going to give you some heavy stuff, so just sit there; absorb it; get the CD, listen to it and then as you, as you listen to it, just keep it on the back burner because there's more of Daniel to come. But I want you to see how scripture helps interpret scripture. All right, in Revelation, chapter 11 in verse 1. It says and there was given me, and this is the apostle John and he is having this revelation on the isle of Patmos. And it says there was given me a measuring rod like a staff and someone said rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship in it. All right, so if you have a temple of God that means that the Jewish temple has been rebuilt. Where has it been rebuilt? It will only be rebuilt one place and that's on Mount Zion and that's where the present day Al-Asqa Mosque is there and that golden dome that you see. Okay, so it will be built up there. All right, and you say how. How are they ever going to pull that off? You know, I don't know. God doesn't

tell me. But I know it will be because God says so. So measure the temple. Measure the altar and measure those who worship in it. Now who would worship in it? Jews would worship in it. And it says leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, to the goyim, to the Gentiles. And they will tread underfoot the holy city 42 months. Do you know how long 42 months is in Jewish reckoning? Because they have only 360 days to a years. Forty-two months is three and a half years. So the holy city is going to be tread down by the Gentiles for three and a half years, although the Jews are going to be in their temple, although the Jews are going to be able to worship in their temple, the outside of that temple, that holy city is going to be trampled down by goyim, by Gentiles for 42 months. And then he says and I will grant authority to my two witnesses and they will prophesy 1260 days in sackcloth. Do you know how long that it? Three and a half years. So here you have another three and a half years mentioned, all right. Then he goes on to tell about these two witnesses. Then we come down to verse 7. And it says and when they have finished their testimony, the beast; catch this word beast. If I were marking my Bible, I'd mark it the same way I mark beast, the fourth beast in Daniel 7. The beast that comes out of the abyss will make war with them and overcome them and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of that great city. Now these are two witnesses that have been witnessing and, and testifying for God for 42 months for three and a half years. While the goyim tread down the holy city of Jerusalem. And you know what? People try to put those people to death and they couldn't, until a very specific event happened. We'll talk about it after the break. It's exciting.

PART TWO

Do you know what happens when that beast overpowers those two men? I mean there is a big party. I mean people all over the earth literally celebrate that these two guys are dead. And there's a big party because listen to what

they do. I want you to go back and look at Revelation, chapter 11. It says verse 5, if anyone desires to harm them fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone would desire to harm them in this manner he must be killed. These have the power to shut up the sky in order that rain might not fall during the days of their prophesying. And they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to smite the earth with every plague as often as they desire. I mean no wonder the whole world is celebrating that the beast has overpowered them, that he has gotten rid of them, because here they are, nobody's able to stop them. I mean somebody comes at them to harm them and fire comes out of their mouth. Someone comes to harm them and he's killed. They stop the rain. They bring all these calamities on the face of this earth. They've been doing this for three and one half years and they're unstoppable until. Now catch that. Until the beast that comes out of the earth overpowers them and kills them. Verse 8: And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is called mystically Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. Okay, now watch. Where their Lord was crucified a city mystically called Sodom and Egypt. All right now, what is Sodom known for? It's homosexuality. What is Egypt known for? It's trying to enslave the children of Israel, being in rebellion against God, a place that they were warned that they were never to go back to. Woe be unto those who go down to Egypt in the time of trouble. So here is a city that is called mystically Sodom and Egypt. It's where the Lord was crucified. Now where was Jesus Christ crucified? In Jerusalem. So their bodies are lying in the streets of Jerusalem. And it says and those from the people and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days. They prophesied for three and a half years. Now for three and half days those guys are going to lay in the streets of Jerusalem. No one's going to touch them. And they're not going to touch them because they're just so excited they're dead and they want to get all the news out of this they can. I mean the news networks want to milk it

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for everything that it's worth and so does this beast. I mean he's the hero. I mean he's brought these down and nobody else could bring them down. Every time they tried to bring them down they were killed. So here are these two witnesses. Now watch what it says. Where their Lord was crucified. So these are witnesses for God Almighty. And it says they will not permit their bodies to be laid in a tomb. Now years and years and years ago people could not figure how someone of every people and every tribe and every language and every tongue could ever see this. But that was before television. That was before satellites. That was before the Internet. So if you can't catch it on television you can catch it on the Internet and it says and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and they will send gifts to one another because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. And after three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them and they stood on their feet and great fear fell on all those that were beholding them. I mean it's going to be chaos. And it says and they heard a loud voice from heaven saying come up here. So they sit up, get up and go up. Come up here. And they went up into heaven in a cloud and their enemies; their enemies beheld them. I mean you talk about evening news. I mean that is really going to be something. And it says and in that hour there was a great earthquake and a tenth of the city fell. A tenth of Jerusalem is going to fall. And seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. All right now, from the timing and this is where you're just going to have to believe me until we study Revelation, but after that is when the beast comes to power. After that is when the beast overcomes the saints. So this is three and a half years before the last three and a half years. Okay, it's the first three and a half years and this that is coming is the last three and a half years. You say, the first three and a half years of what? Well you have to wait until we get to Daniel, chapter 9. But we're going to see that. Now, let's go to Revelation, chapter 12, okay. And I just want to show you the woman and I want to

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show you what happens, okay. So you have to hang in here with me. All right, Revelation 12; it says a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of 12 stars. And she was with child; she was pregnant. She cried out, being in labor and in pain, to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven and this is a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns. And on his head were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of the heaven and threw them to earth and the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. And she gave birth to a Son, a male child who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. And her child was caught up to God and to His throne. Now watch what he's saying. When she gives birth to this male child, this male child is someday going to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. Well what do you see in Daniel 7? You see a Son of man who is given glory and dominion over every people, tribe and nation, every language and nation. So this woman is a picture of Israel, from which comes the Messiah. The Messiah comes from David and David from Abraham. And so you have a Jewish Messiah. All right now, this Jewish Messiah comes from the nation of Israel. The dragon with ten horns, tries to kill the boy, the male Son, and does not succeed. Just think? Who tried to kill Jesus after He was born? What king? Herod. What kingdom? Rome. Just put that feather in your cap and keep it there for a while, okay, until we go on in this series in Daniel. All right, then it jumps and it spans, now watch, it spans to the end of Daniel's prophecy. Watch what it says. And the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared for God, that she might be nourished for one thousand, two hundred and sixty days. Do you know how long that is? That's three and one half years. All right now, as we go to Revelation, chapter 13, it says I saw a beast coming up out of the sea having ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten diadems and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast, which I saw, was like a leopard.

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His feet were like those of a bear and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon, and we know the dragon is the serpent of old, the devil and Satan. Revelation 12:11 tells us that. Gave him his power, his throne and his great authority. Do you know what he does? Do you know what he does to the whole earth? Do you know what he does to the saints of the Highest One? Well we know from Daniel, chapter 7 that he overpowers them. Do you know how he overpowers them? Do you know how he gives them a hard way to go? Well we're going to see it in our next program and you're going to see how it correlates with Daniel 7.