

The use of the word “TRIBULATION” in the Bible ...

(NKJV)

Note:

Only the **BOLD** passages (3) represent tribulation from God (as opposed to tribulation from the world or from spiritual darkness).

Old Testament

OUR observations:

I Samuel 26:24 Saul’s persecution of David

New Testament

Matt. 13:21 Persecution because of the Word
24:9, 21, 29 Worldly persecution during tribulation period ; great tribulation ; events after the trib.
Mk. 4:17 Same as Mt. 13:21 (above)
13:19, 24 Severe (end-time) tribulation ; Same as Mt. 24:29
John 16:33 Persecution from the world
Rom. 2:9 **Tribulation from God against unbelievers**
5:3 Glory in our tribulations
8:35 Tribulation from the world
12:12 Patient in our tribulation
II Cor. 1:4 God comforts us in our tribulation
7:4 joyful in tribulation
I Thes. 3:4 We told you we’d suffer tribulation
II Thes. 1:6 **God repays with tribulation those who trouble** (contrast I Thes. 3:4 – tribulation)
Rev. 1:9 companion in tribulation
2:9, 10 tribulation/suffering ; tribulation 10 days
Rev. 2:22 **Jezebel’s company – who refuse to repent – given great tribulation from God**
7:14 those who have come out of the great tribulation

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We ask you to look up these other eight passages on your own, that is, without our help.

I Sam. 10:19

New Testament

Acts 14:22
20:23
Rom. 5:3
II Cor. 6:4
Eph. 3:13
II Thes. 1:4
Heb. 10:33

Here are some of our conclusions in light of the data above:

1. The Bible does not explicitly teach the formal “Tribulation Period” as outlined by many popular end-time charts which exist today.
2. The Bible emphasizes tribulation against the Saints (by the world and the dark spiritual entities) as opposed to a seven-year tribulation period from God.
3. Only THREE passages (above) highlight **God’s tribulation** against the world, the rest of the passages speak to the Church’s persecution by the world.
4. The Bible NEVER equates the “Tribulation Period” (as defined by some) with Daniel’s 70th Week.

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