

# Introduction to Eschatology Issues Part 2

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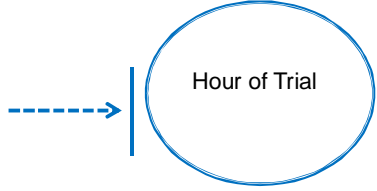
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### The Key Issues

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will **keep you from the hour of testing**, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.



Hour of Trial

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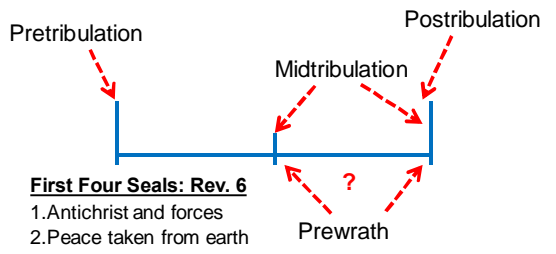
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### When Does the "Hour of Trial" Begin?



Pretribulation Midtribulation Posttribulation

**First Four Seals: Rev. 6**

1. Antichrist and forces
2. Peace taken from earth
3. Famine
4. Death (1/4 of earth dies)

Prewrath

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**The Key Issues**

**2. Imminence:**  
(1) An event is certain to happen  
(2) The time is unknown

**Mark 13:32** "But of that **day or hour** **no one knows**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."

**James 5:8** "You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the **coming** of the Lord is **near**."

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**Objections to Imminence Answered**

1. Passages about Christ being "near" aren't significant because other events are described as "near" in the Bible yet were not imminent.

**Example: John 11:55** "Now the Passover of the Jews was **near**, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves."

**Answer:** Passover = **known date** (14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan)  
Christ's Parousia = **unknown date** (Mark 13:32)

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**Objections to Imminence Answered**

2. Israel had to be established as a nation prior to parousia of Christ.

**Example: Daniel 9:27** "And **he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week**, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

**Answer:** Rapture, rebellion, Antichrist makes covenant and establishes Israel - builds temple, seats himself...

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**Objections to Imminence Answered**

3. The Bible **seems** to teach that “the rebellion” and Antichrist must come prior to the day of the Lord.

2 **Thess. 2:2-3** NRSV not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is **already here**. 3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for **that day will not come** unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

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**Objections to Imminence Answered**

2 **Thess. 2:3** Let no one deceive you in any way; for **that day is not here** unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

**Option 1:** Rebellion, Antichrist (Day of the Lord )  
**Option 2:** (Rebellion, Antichrist.....)

↙ Day of the Lord ↘

▪ Matthew 12:29; Mark 3:27; John 7:51 support option 2!

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**Objections to Imminence Answered**

Mark 3:27 But **no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then** he will plunder his house.

(First bind the strong man... )  
↙ Entering and Plundering ↘

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**Objections to Imminence Answered**

John 7:51 "Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"

(Hear defendant, judge, sentence... )

Judicial Process

2 Thess. 2:3b ...or it is not here unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction...

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**Objections to Imminence Answered**

2 Thess. 2:3b ...or it is not here unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction...

(Rebellion, man of lawlessness revealed...)

Day of The Lord

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**Passages That Affirm Imminence**

Revelation 1:1a The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place... ( cf. Daniel 2:28 LXX).

Revelation 22:6 "...These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place."

Revelation 22:10 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

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Passages That Affirm Imminence

“I am coming **quickly**” Rev. 3:11; 16:15; 22:7, 12, 20

Philippians 4:5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men.  
The Lord is **near**.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 and **to wait** for His Son from heaven,  
whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues  
us from the wrath to come.

**Imminence passages:** (Cf. 1 Cor. 1:7; 4:5; 15:51-52; 16:22;  
Phil. 3:20; Titus 2:13; James 5:7-9; 1 John 2:28)

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