

END TIMES

Introduction

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The Future of Israel:

Psalms 89:31-37 (NIV) God said of Israel,

“...if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands, I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging; but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness. I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered. Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness - and I will not lie to David - that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun; it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky.”

70 Weeks of Daniel:

Daniel 9:24-27 (NIV)

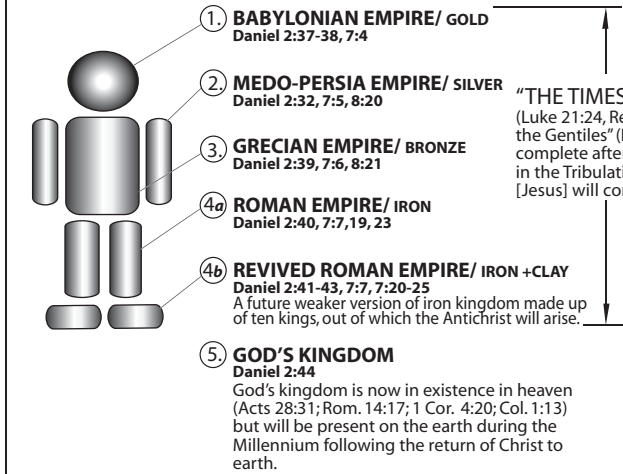
“Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

The Times of the Gentiles:

Luke 21:24 (NIV)

“They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF COMING KINGDOMS THAT WOULD PRECEDE THE ESTABLISHING OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH
God gave the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel in Daniel chapter 2. The interpretation includes the prophecy that God would set up an everlasting kingdom during the time of the ten kings of the revived Roman Empire (see 4b below). Daniel said, "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." (Daniel 2:44) This will happen when Jesus returns to earth immediately after the Tribulation.



*Timeline not to scale.

A BIBLICAL TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS

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Knowing that Christ could come at any time, the Bible instructs believers to be **1.** Evangelizing the world (Colossians 4:3-5, Mark 16:15) **2.** Patient and Steadfast (James 5:8) **3.** Kind (James 5:9) **4.** Prayerful (1 Peter 4:7) **5.** Faithful in assembling together and encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:24-25) **6.** Conducting themselves in holiness and godliness (2 Peter 3:11, 14 and 1 John 3:2-3) **7.** Joyfully confident (Titus 2:11-13)

BELIEVER'S IN HEAVEN, WHERE WORKS ARE JUDGED & REWARDED AT THE "BEMA" [GK.] SEAT (2 Cor. 5:10, Rom. 14:10-12, 1 Cor. 3:13-15)

THE "MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB" (Jesus) TO THE BRIDE (the Church). (Rev. 19:7)

"THE DAY OF THE LORD" (2 Ptr.3:10, Isa.13:6,9; 1 Thess.5:2-4)
The entire period beginning with the rapture and terminating at the end of the millennium.

"THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS" (Phil. 1:6, 10, 2:16; 1 Thess. 5:2; 1 Cor. 1:8, 2 Cor. 1:14)

Satan thrown down to earth. (Rev. 12:9-13)

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up [*"harpazo"*-Greek; *"rapturo"*-Latin] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4:17) The coming of Christ for His Church is discussed in Jn. 14:3, 1 Thess. 4:16-18, 2 Thess. 2:1, 1 Cor. 15:50-53, Phil. 3:20-21. **The Rapture, being prior to Tribulation wrath, is supported by:** 1 Thess. 1:10, 5:9-11, 2 Thess. 2:3-8, Nah. 1:2, Rev. 6:16-17, Luke 21:35-36

THE ANTICHRIST DECLARES HIMSELF TO BE GOD.

(Dan. 7:20-21, 11:36, 2 Thess. 2:3-4, Rev. 13:6) puts an end to regular sacrifice and sets up the abomination that causes desolation. (Dan. 9:27; 12:11, Mtt. 24:15)

An Antichrist led world gov't is now fully in place (Rev. 13:7, 17:12-13). The false prophet (Rev. 13:1-10) performs signs and wonders (Rev. 13:13-14) and deceives the world into worshipping the Antichrist (Rev. 13:8, 12). The false prophet has the authority to kill those who will not worship him (Rev. 13:15). The false prophet requires a mark be given to all of Antichrist's followers that permits them to buy and sell (Rev. 13:16-18).

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST TO EARTH

(Dan. 2:44, Matt. 24:27-31, Zech. 14:4, Rev. 1:7, Acts 1:11) with the saints (1 Thess. 3:13, Rev. 19:8, 14) ending the rule of the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:8, Dan. 8:25b, 2:34-35, 44).

JESUS CHRIST'S FIRST COMING TO EARTH
(Isa. 7:14, Micah 5:2, Mtt. 1:21-23)

Christ's resurrection (Ps. 16:10, Acts 2:27-31, John 20) followed forty days later by His ascension into heaven. (Acts 1:9-10)

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THE EUROPEAN UNION, with its single currency, and its united military, perhaps the beginning of a Revived Roman Empire (4b) Dan. 2:41-43

ISRAEL DECLARED A NATION after 1,878 years w/out a homeland May 14, 1948.

4b. Days of the ten kings in revived Roman Empire (Dan. 2:44, 7:23-24, Rev. 17:12).

3.5 YEARS Israel under peace agreement (1 Thess. 5:2-3)

3.5 YEARS Intense persecution against Jews & Tribulation Christians (Rev. 12:13-17, 13:5-7)

1,000 YEAR MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST [See notes above] 5.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE WICKED DEAD (Rev. 20:12-13, Jn. 5:28, 29b)

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT, where every unsaved person (Rev. 20:11-13) will stand before Jesus (Jn. 5:22) to be judged for their works.

THOSE NOT FOUND IN THE BOOK OF LIFE are thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever (Rev. 20:10, 15).

1 CORINTHIANS 15:24-28

**NEW HEAVENS
NEW EARTH &
NEW JERUSALEM**
(Isa. 65:17, 66:22, Rev. 21:1-2, 2 Ptr. 3:10-13), believers forever with the Lord (Jn. 14:3, 1 Thess. 4:17). No more curse, death, mourning, crying, or pain (Rev. 21:3-5, 22:3).

JESUS CRUCIFIED FOR OUR SINS. A.D. 30-33 (Isa. 52:13-53:12; Dan. 9:26, Jn. 19:17)

THE CHURCH AGE From Pentecost (Acts 2:1) to the Rapture.

JEW'S RETURNING TO HOMELAND (Ezek. 38:8, Jer. 30:1-3, 32:37-38, 41)

ROMANS DESTROY THE JEWISH TEMPLE A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:26, Matt. 24:1-2, Luke 21:20-24). Jews scattered throughout world.

RESURRECTION OF CHURCH-AGE BELIEVERS

The Bible teaches that those who have died as believers are "present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8 and Phil. 1:21-24) but their bodies will be resurrected at the time of the rapture when "the dead in Christ will rise." (1 Thes. 4:16)

PREPARATION TIME BEFORE PEACE TREATY

7 YEAR PEACE AGREEMENT made between Antichrist and Israel. (Dan. 9:27) Many commentators believe this is what will allow the Jews to rebuild their temple.

THE TRIBULATION PERIOD, 7 YEARS

(Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:9, Rev. 3:10). Also known as the "Seventieth Week [or 7 year period] of Daniel" (Dan. 9:24-27).

ARMAGEDDON (Literally: the mount of Megiddo) armies from around the world will gather together at Megiddo in N. Israel before launching a massive attack against Jerusalem (Zech. 12:1-3, 14:1-5, Rev. 16:14, 16; 19:19)

EZEKIEL 38 & 39 prophesies about a great military invasion against Israel by countries such as Iran, Libya, Sudan, Turkey, and Russia. This battle will most likely happen during the first 3.5 years of the Tribulation when Israel is dwelling in the land securely and at peace (see Ezek. 38:11, 14). See p. 347 in *Things to Come* by Dwight Pentecost where he discusses the problems with the view that this battle occurs prior to, or at the end of, the Tribulation.

THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS (Matt. 25:31-46) also known as "The Judgment of the Sheep (Tribulation believers, v.37) and the Goats (unbelievers)." See Mtt. 13:24-31, 13:47-50, Ps. 96:13, Rev. 20:4. Those who come to faith during the Tribulation will enter the Millenium Kingdom. Unbelievers will ultimately be cast into "eternal fire" (Mtt. 25:41).

SATAN RELEASED, "for a short time" at the end of 1,000 years (Rev. 20:3, 7), deceives many into going to war against the saints and Jerusalem (v.8), where they are immediately consumed by fire from heaven (v.9). Satan is thrown into the lake of fire (v.10).

PRESENT HEAVENS & EARTH "ARE TO BE DESTROYED." (2 Ptr. 3:10-12, Isa. 34:4).

RESURRECTION OF TRIBULATION MARTYRS (Rev. 20:4) & OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS (Dan. 12:1-2, Isa. 26:19, Jn. 5:28-29a) This resurrection is only "first" (Rev. 20:5) in the sense that it will be *before* the resurrection of the wicked (Rev. 20:12-13). The resurrection of martyrs and OT saints will occur *after* the Second Coming (Rev. 19:11-21) and *prior* to the Millennium (Rev. 20:2-6). Concerning the timing of the OT saints resurrection, Dan. 12:1 makes it clear that it will happen after the "time of distress."