

When All Hell Breaks Loose Part 1

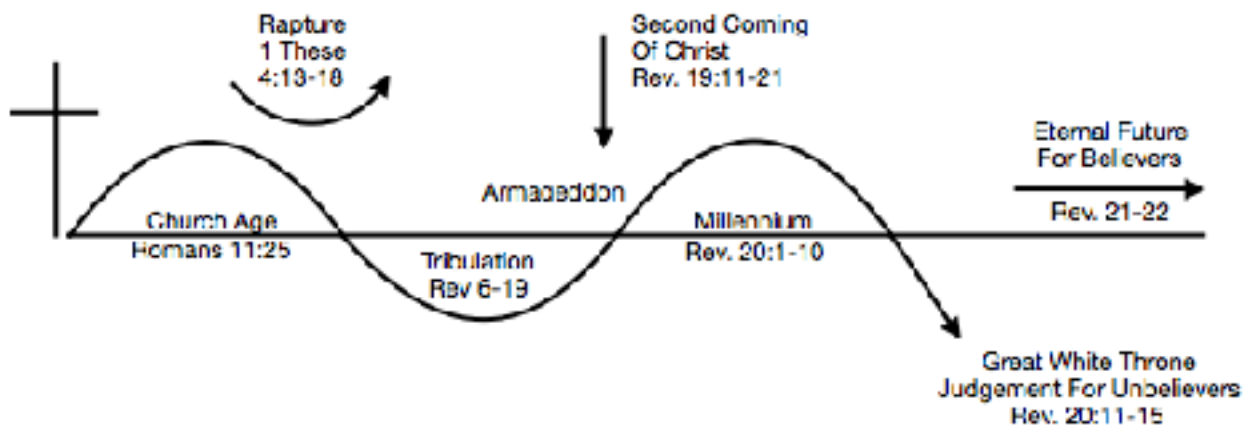
Series: Future Ending

Selected Scriptures

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INTRODUCTION:

Today we are going to look at the final seven years of earth's history - a period of time commonly referred to as the Great Tribulation. As the prophet/statesman Daniel revealed this period of time is essential to complete God's purpose for Israel and the world.



I. God's Prophet: Daniel

Daniel 1-6 records Daniel's remarkable ministry as God's representative during these seventy years of Israel's exile in Babylon. The first six chapters, however, are prophetic.

II. God's Prophecy

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"Seventy weeks[a] are determined
For your people and for your holy city,

*To finish the transgression,
To make an end of [b] sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.*

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*“Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
The street [c] shall be built again, and the wall, [d]
Even in troublesome times.*

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*“And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.*

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Is poured out on the desolate.”*

Daniel 9:20-27

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B. The Details of The Prophecy

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1. An Overview of The 70 Weeks

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To make reconciliation for iniquity,
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And to anoint the Most Holy. **Daniel 9:24***

Gabriel Announces That God Will Use These 490 Years To:

- a. “Finish the transformation”
- b. “Make an end to sin”

- c. "Make an atonement for iniquity"
- d. "Bring an everlasting righteousness"
- e. "Seal up vision and prophecy"
- f. "Anoint the most Holy Place"

2. The First 69 Weeks Or 483 Years

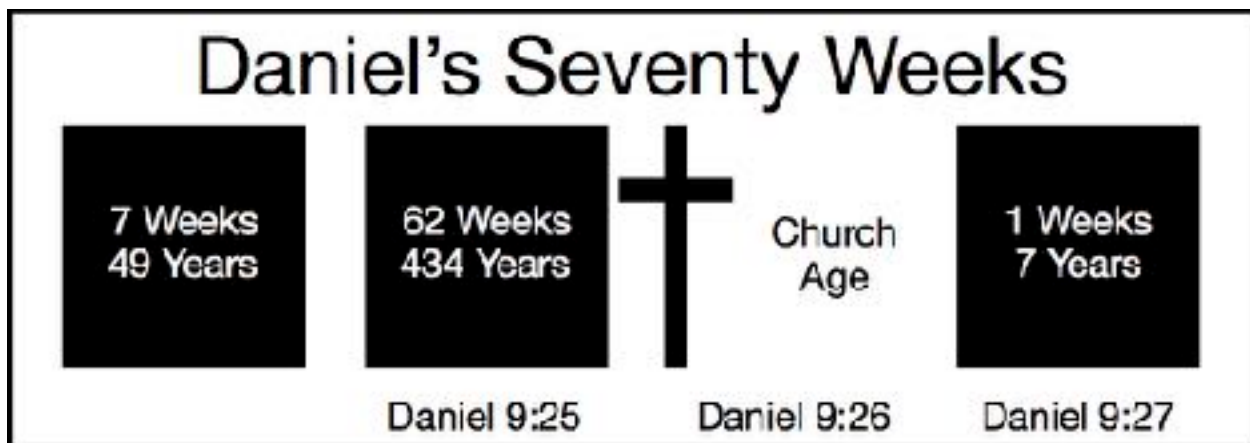
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God's Stopwatch
Daniel 9:24-27
490 Years



3. The Interval Between The 69 Weeks And The 70th Week

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Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
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4. The Final 70th Week Or Seven Years

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III. “The Day of The Lord”

*Alas for the day!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.
Joel 1:15*

*Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
For what good is the day of the Lord to you?*

It will be darkness, and not light. Amos 5:18

*Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light?
Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? Amos 5:20*

*The great day of the Lord is near;
It is near and hastens quickly.
The noise of the day of the Lord is bitter;
There the mighty men shall cry out.
That day is a day of wrath,
A day of trouble and distress,
A day of devastation and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness, Zephaniah 1:14-15*

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

A. The Day of The Lord Follows The Rapture of The Church

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.[a] 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:1

B. The Day of The Lord Is A Time of Judgement Upon Believers

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 1 Thessalonians 5:3

C. Christians Need Not Fear The Day of The Lord

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 1 Thessalonians 5:4

IV. An Outline of Daniel's 70th Week ("The Day of The Lord")

A. ACT 1: The Beginning of The Tribulation

Three Major Events Will Occur:

1. The Rise of Antichrist

a. He will come to power after Christians are removed from the earth

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He[a] who now restrains will do so until He[b] is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 2
Thessalonians 2:6-9

b. He must likely will be a Gentile

Then I[a] stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns,[b] and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
Revelation 13:1

c. He will rule over a revived Roman Empire that will apparently be in the form of a ten-nation confederacy

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*And 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. **Revelation 13:3***

d. He will appease the people of God and attempt to change the laws