

Introducing the Tribulation

A defined future period of divine judgment, Antichrist rule, Israel’s refinement, and worldwide crisis.

God's Redemptive Timeline

A Biblical View of Future Events

THE CHURCH
The Body of Christ
(Ephesians 1:22–23)
A haevenly people with a heavenly hope.

HEAVENLY EVENTS

BEMA SEAT OF CHRIST
(2 Corinthians 5:10)
Believers judged for works, not for salvation.

MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB
(Revelation 19:7–9)
Heavenly event.
The Church is united with Christ as His Bride.

MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB
(Revelation 19:9)
Takes place during the Millennium on earth, with the Church celebrating with Christ.

ISRAEL
God's Earthly People
(Romans 11:25–29)
God's program for Israel resumes during the Tribulation.

NOW

1 — CHURCH AGE
(Present)
Acts 2 – Revelation 3
The Church is on earth. The Gospel is preacheɾdḍ to all nations.

2 — THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
1 Thessalonians 4:16–17
1 Corinthians 15:51–52
John 14:1–3
Believers are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. (Imminent & Signless)

3 — THE TRIBULATION (7 YEARS)
Daniel's 70th Week — Daniel 9:27
Revelation 6–18

FIRST 3½ YEARS

SEALS (7)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1 2 3 4 5 5 7
Judgments begin at the covenant with Israel and occur during the first half of the Tribulation.

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION
(Matthew 24:15)
MIDPOINT 3½ YEARS

LAST 3½ YEARS

TRUMPETS (7)
BOWLS (7)
Judgments occur during the last half of the Tribulation, from the midpoint to the end.

4 — SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
Revelation 19:11–16
Zechariah 14:4
Christ returns visibly and gloriously with His saints to earth.

5 — JUDGMENT OF NATIONS / ISRAEL
Matthew 25:31–46
Ezekiel 20:33–38
Christ judges the nations. Israel is regathered, cleansed, and restored.

6 — MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
(1,000 YEARS)
Revelation 20:1–6
Isaiah 11:1–10
Christ reigns on earth. Satan is bound. Peace and righteousness prevail.

7 — FINAL REBELLION
Revelation 20:7–9
Satan is released for a short time and deceives the nations.

8 — GREAT WHITE THRONE
Revelation 20:11–15
The unsaved are judged and cast into the lake of fire.

9 — ETERNAL STATE
Revelation 21–22
Isaiah 65:17–25
New Heavens and New Earth. God dwells with His people forever.

KEY DISTINCTIONS

RAPTURE
- Removes the Church
- In the air
- Imminent & signless
- Not for wrath
- Brings comfort

TRIBULATION
- 7 years (Daniel's 70th week)
- Seals in first 3½ years
- Midpoint: Abomination of Desolation
- Trumpets and bowls in last 3½ years
- God's program for Israel resumes

SECOND COMING
- Christ returns with His saints
- To the earth
- After the Tribulation
- Brings judgment
- Establishes the Millennium

MARRIAGE EVENTS
- Marriage of the Lamb: in Heaven (Revelation 19:7–9)
- Marriage Supper: during the Millennium on earth (Revelation 19:9)

"BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO READS ALOUD THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR, AND KEEP THE THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN IT; FOR THE TIME IS NEAR."
REVELATION 1:3

FROM THE RAPTURE TO THE COVENANT

THE EVENTS BETWEEN THE CHURCH'S DEPARTURE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIBULATION

(A TIME OF WEEKS, MONTHS, OR PERHAPS UP TO A YEAR)



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  2 Corinthians 5:10
- **Preparation of the Bride of Christ**
  Revelation 19:7-8



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Revelation 17:12-13



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Ezekiel 40–43 (future temple)



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THE TRIBULATION BEGINS

A TIME OF WEEKS, MONTHS, OR PERHAPS UP TO A YEAR
(UNKNOWN DURATION)

The Future Western Confederacy



ROME II

The revived Roman Empire and
the Antichrist’s consolidation of power

Three Future Power Blocs

The geopolitical setting proposed in this dispensational framework

WESTERN CONFEDERACY

Led by the Antichrist

Revived Roman Empire

Daniel 7:8

SOUTHERN + NORTHERN COALITION

Russia with North African and Middle Eastern nations

Daniel 11:40–41
Ezekiel 38

EASTERN ALLIANCE

The “kings from the East”

Revelation 16:12

The key prophetic idea is not three modern organizations by name, but three broad centers of power that converge on Israel in the end-time drama.

Daniel 7:8; 11:40–41; Ezekiel 38; Revelation 16:12

Daniel 2

The Great Image

A divine vision revealing
the rise and fall of
world empires and
God's eternal kingdom.



Babylon
Head of Gold

Medo-Persia
Chest and Arms of Silver

Greece
Belly and Thighs of Bronze

Rome
Legs of Iron

Rome II
(Reunited Roman Empire)
Feet of Iron and Clay
(Ten toes)

The Stone
Cut without
human hands

God's everlasting
kingdom



Why a Future “Rome II”?

The argument rests on an unfulfilled final configuration and an unfulfilled final destruction

1 THE PREDICTED CONFIGURATION

Historical Rome never existed in the ten-king form described by Daniel.

The feet and ten toes of Daniel 2 and the ten horns of Daniel 7 point to a final phase not seen in ancient Rome.

2 THE PREDICTED DESTRUCTION

Daniel’s final form is destroyed suddenly and decisively by divine intervention.

Historic Rome, by contrast, declined gradually over centuries.

3 THE CONCLUSION

If the earlier kingdoms were literal historical empires, the most consistent reading expects the final phase of the fourth empire to be literal as well.

Past fulfillment becomes the interpretive pattern for future fulfillment.

Daniel 2:34–35, 44; 7:7–11, 24–26

Revelation’s Ten Horns and Ten Kings

Daniel’s ten-ruler configuration reappears in Revelation

13:1	**TEN HORNS**	The beast rises with ten horns — a political configuration already anticipated in Daniel.
17:12	**TEN KINGS**	John explicitly interprets the ten horns as ten kings who receive authority with the beast.
17:13	**ONE PURPOSE**	The kings act with one purpose: they give their power and authority to the beast.

The final Western confederacy is therefore both plural and temporary: ten rulers, then concentrated authority.

Revelation 13:1; 17:3, 12–13

Three Stages of the Future Roman Empire

From confederation to consolidation to global dominion

01

TEN KINGS

Ten leaders arise within the historic Roman sphere.

CONFEDERATION

02

UNITED EMPIRE

The Antichrist consolidates the leaders and their territories.

CONSOLIDATION

03

WORLD RULE

The empire extends its authority over the earth.

GLOBAL DOMINION

The sequence is temporary. The final ruler's authority is real — but brief and ultimately destroyed by Christ.

Daniel 7:8, 24; Revelation 17:12–13, 17

The Transfer of Power

The final confederacy moves from plurality to submission under one ruler



TEN
ARISE

Ten kings arise within the final confederacy.

Daniel 7:24

THREE
SUBDUED

The little horn rises after them and subdues three kings.

Daniel 7:8, 24

AUTHORITY
SURRENDERED

The kings have one purpose and give their power and authority to the beast.

Revelation 17:12–13

ONE
SUPREME RULER

The beast dominates the reunited Roman sphere.

Revelation 17:17

Chronology: Ten kings arise → three are subdued → the confederacy surrenders authority → one ruler dominates.

THE SEVEN KINGDOMS & THE COMING BEAST

Revelation 17:8–13 • Dr. Chuck Missler's interpretation

FIVE ARE FALLEN











Past in John's day

ONE IS



Ruling in John's day

NOT YET COME



Future • A short duration

Revelation 17:9–10

Seven heads / seven mountains → Seven governments or kingdoms

"WAS, AND IS NOT, AND YET IS" • Ancient empire → Disappearance → Future revival (v. 8)

HOW THE SEVENTH BECOMES THE EIGHTH

TEN KINGS

The future confederacy
Receive authority for a brief period

Revelation 17:12

→

ANOTHER HORN ARISES

The Antichrist emerges
Three kings subdued; seven submit

Daniel 7:8, 24

→

THE EIGHTH

The Antichrist rules the revived empire
He is "of the seven" and goes to destruction

Revelation 17:11

The kings give their power and authority to the beast. — Revelation 17:13

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Modern Parallels — and Their Limits

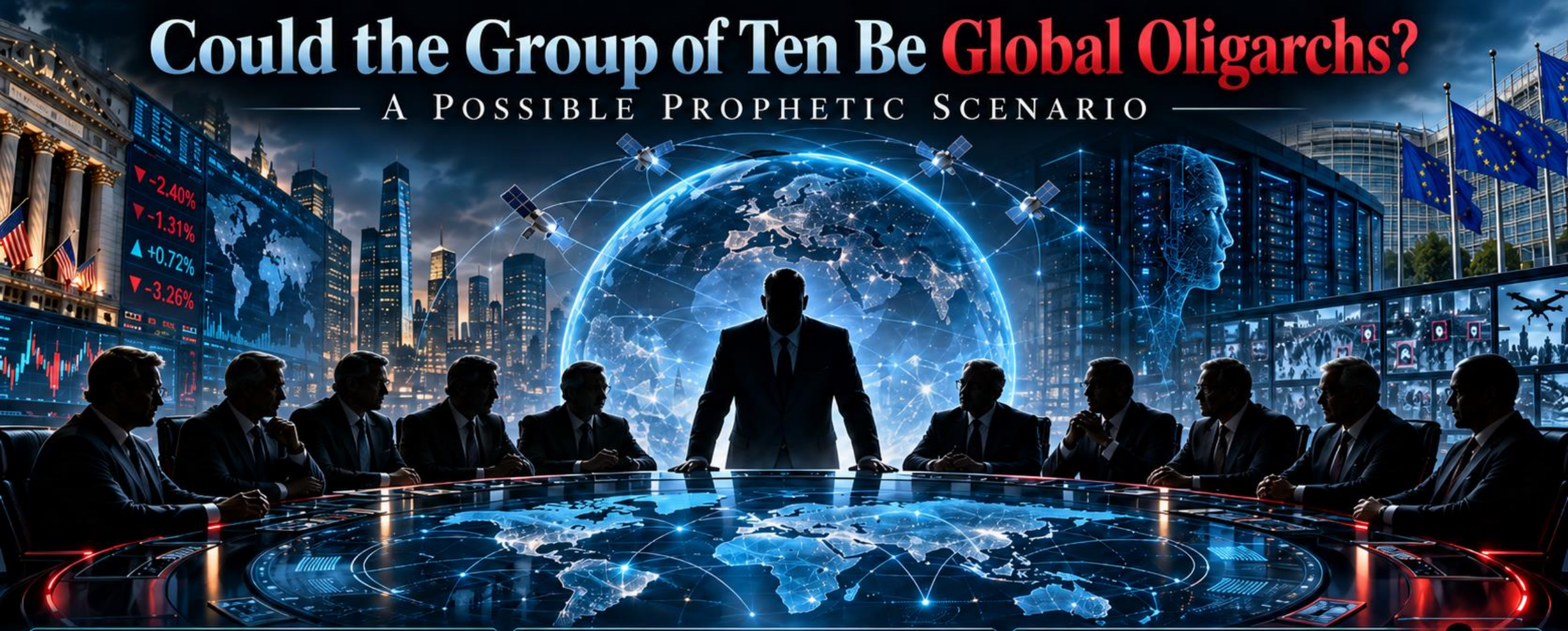


THE EUROPEAN UNION

Some interpreters see the EU as a possible embryonic model for a future Western alliance because it unites much of historic Roman territory.

Could the Group of Ten Be Global Oligarchs?

A Possible Prophetic Scenario



1 Ten kings = ten individuals with real authority

Daniel 7:24 | Revelation 17:12–13

2 Could extraordinary economic, technological, and political influence become formal rule?

3 Possible scenario: oligarchs / tech titans / financial elites elevated to governing authority — then yielding power to the Beast

Plausible as a possibility — but still speculative.

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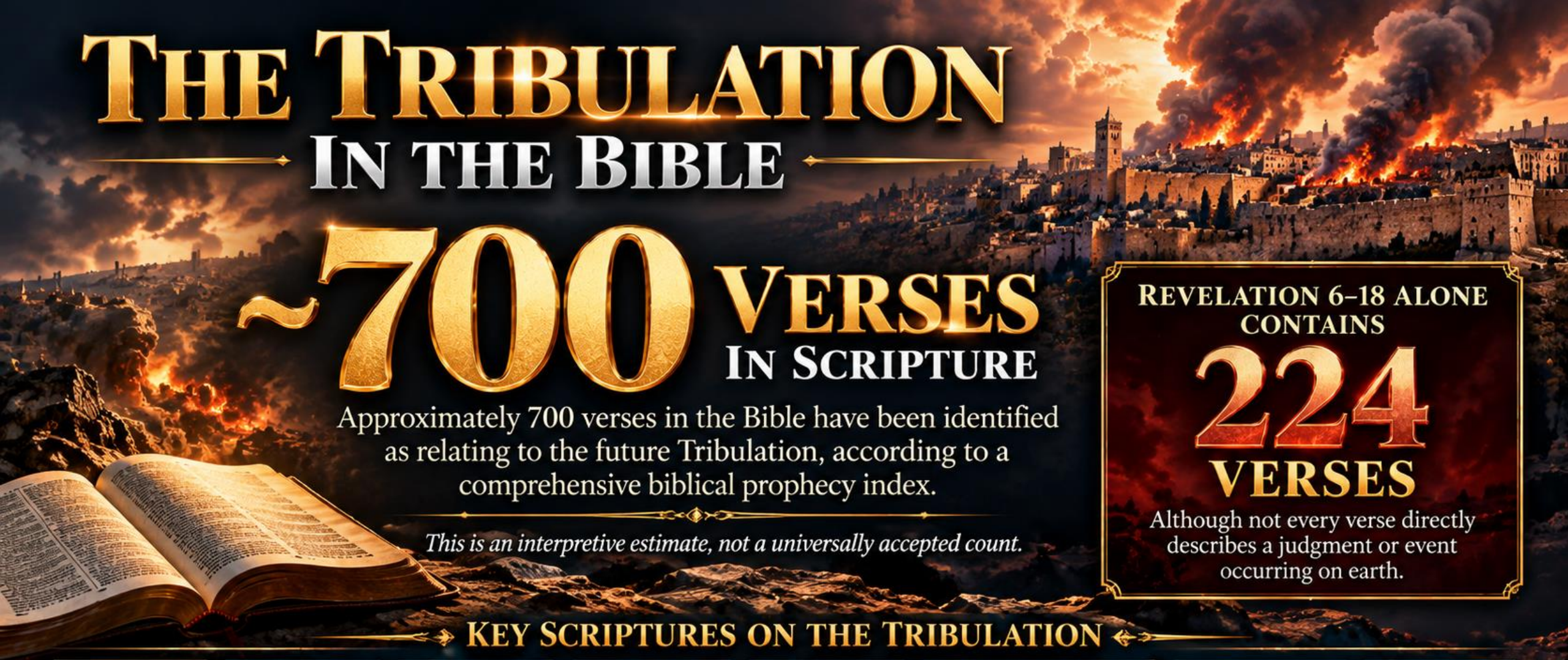
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THE
TRIBULATION

The Tribulation
In the Bible



~700 Verses
In Scripture

Approximately 700 verses in the Bible have been identified as relating to the future Tribulation, according to a comprehensive biblical prophecy index.

This is an interpretive estimate, not a universally accepted count.

Revelation 6–18 alone contains

224 Verses

Although not every verse directly describes a judgment or event occurring on earth.

Key Scriptures on the Tribulation

Deuteronomy 4:30–31	Jeremiah 30:4–11	Daniel 9:24–27	Daniel 12:1–12	Zechariah 12–14	**Matthew 24:4–29**	2 Thessalonians 2:1–12	Revelation 6–18
Israel's latter-day distress and return to God	The time of Jacob's trouble	The seventy weeks and final seven-year period	Unprecedented distress and Israel's deliverance	Israel's refining, repentance, and deliverance	Christ's description of the Tribulation	The man of lawlessness	Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl judgments

The actual number of verses depends on which prophetic passages are included.

The Tribulation

A Defined Future Period of Divine Judgment



NOT RANDOM CHAOS

The Tribulation is ordered, measured, and limited by God.



NOT ORDINARY SUFFERING

It is a unique future period of divine judgment and satanic deception.



NOT OUTSIDE CHRIST'S AUTHORITY

The Lamb opens the seals.



ISRAEL'S REFINEMENT

God resumes His prophetic program for Israel.



WORLDWIDE CRISIS

The nations are brought toward final confrontation with Christ.

Mankind's rebellion, Satan's deception, and God's judgment converge on a global scale.

Key Scriptures

Daniel 9
The prophetic backbone; seventy weeks for Israel and Jerusalem.

Matthew 24
Deception, birth pains, and the abomination of desolation.

2 Thessalonians 2
The man of lawlessness revealed.

Revelation 6–18
Seals, trumpets, bowls, global control, and divine wrath.

The Twofold Purpose of the Tribulation

Why God appoints this future period of unparalleled trouble

1. To Prepare Israel for Her Messiah

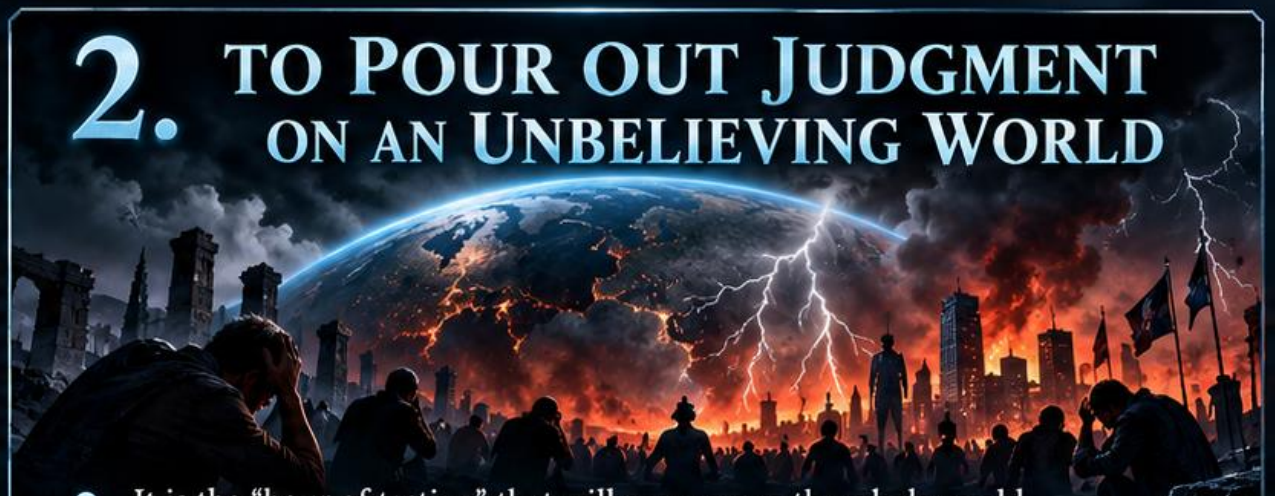


- The Tribulation is "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7).
- It is primarily Jewish in character—God resumes His dealings with Israel.
- Its purpose is to bring Israel to repentance and faith in her Messiah.
- The gospel of the kingdom will be preached (Matthew 24:14).
- A believing Jewish remnant is saved and prepared for the Kingdom (Revelation 7:1–8; Zechariah 13:8–9).
- A great multitude from the nations is also saved (Revelation 7:9; Matthew 25:31–46).



Purpose: to prepare Israel and populate the Millennial Kingdom with redeemed Jews and Gentiles.

2. To Pour Out Judgment on an Unbelieving World



- It is the "hour of testing" that will come upon the whole world (Revelation 3:10).
- God will judge the nations for rebellion, idolatry, and unbelief (Jeremiah 25:32–33; Isaiah 26:21).
- Those who reject the truth will be given over to strong delusion (2 Thessalonians 2:11–12).
- The world will follow the Beast and False Prophet in worship and deception (Revelation 13:11–18; 14:8).
- Earth-dwellers will blaspheme God and refuse to repent (Revelation 6:15; 16:9).
- This judgment clears the way for Messiah's righteous reign.



Purpose: to judge sinful humanity and prepare the world for Christ's Kingdom.

The Tribulation is both **REDEMPTIVE** and **JUDICIAL** — it saves a remnant and judges a rebellious world.


Daniel's 70th Week
The Prophetic Backbone of the Tribulation
7 + 62 + 1
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Daniel 9:24–27

Selected Quotations on the Importance of the Seventy Weeks

"The interpretation of this passage inevitably **colors all other prophetic views.**"

— John F. Walvoord, *"Is the Seventieth Week of Daniel Future?"* *Bibliotheca Sacra*, Vol. 101, January 1944, p. 30.

"The study of Daniel, and especially this chapter, is **the key to understanding the prophetic Scriptures.**"

— John F. Walvoord, *Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation*, Chapter 9.

"This passage constitutes one of the **most amazing prophecies in all the Bible.**"

— Thomas D. Ice, *The Seventy Weeks of Daniel*, 2009.

"The Backbone of Prophecy"

— Sir Edward Denny, as cited by Jim Allen, *Daniel's Seventy Weeks*, 2010.

A foundational prophecy for understanding Messiah, Israel, and the future program of God.

Daniel 9:24 — Six Divine Purposes

What God will accomplish for Israel and Jerusalem



Finish the transgression

Israel's rebellion brought to its end



Put an end to sin

Sin judged and restrained



Atonement for wickedness

Reconciliation accomplished



Bring in everlasting righteousness

Messiah's righteous reign established



Seal up vision and prophecy

Prophecy fulfilled and completed



Anoint the Most Holy

Holy sanctuary / holy place consecrated

THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

Daniel 9:24–27

- Seventy weeks are decreed for **Israel and Jerusalem.**
- The first 69 weeks lead to **Messiah the Prince.**
- After the 69th week, **Messiah is cut off.**
- The 70th week remains future and forms the **Tribulation.**

70 Weeks = 490 Years





The Gap in Daniel's 70 Weeks

Seen in Luke 4:18–21 and Isaiah 61:2

LUKE 4:18–21

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
because He has anointed Me
to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim liberty
to the captives and recovering of sight
to the blind, **to set at liberty those**
who are oppressed, to proclaim
the favorable year of the Lord."

29 Then He closed the book, gave it back
to the attendant and sat down. And the
eyes of everyone in the synagogue
were fixed on Him. And He began to say
to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled
in your hearing."

ISAIAH 61:2

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
because the Lord has anointed Me
to proclaim good tidings to the humble;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and freedom to the prisoners;
to proclaim the favorable year
of the Lord, and the day of vengeance
of our God; to comfort all who mourn."

69 WEEKS
173,880 DAYS

From Artaxerxes' decree
to the Triumphal Entry

Triumphal Entry
April 6, AD 32

THE CHURCH AGE
A PROPHETIC GAP

The ministry of Jesus inaugurated the
"favorable year of the Lord," but the day of vengeance
(70th week) is still future.

The Church Age
continues until the
70th week begins.

70th WEEK
7 YEARS

The future period of
God's judgment
and the day of vengeance
(Isaiah 61:2).

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The Biblical Evidence for the Prophetic Gap

Key passages supporting the interval between Daniel's 69th and 70th weeks

69 Weeks — Messiah Comes → **Prophetic Gap** → **70th Week** — Future Tribulation

Isaiah 61:1–2 and Luke 4:18–21
A Prophetic Pause

Isaiah 61:1-2 (NKJV)

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD
is upon Me, because the LORD
has anointed Me to preach
good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal
the brokenhearted, to proclaim
liberty to the captives, and
the opening of the prison
to those who are bound;
to proclaim the acceptable
year of the LORD,
and the day of vengeance
of our God..."

JESUS STOPPED HERE

Luke 4:18–21 (NKJV)

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upon Me, because He has
anointed Me to preach
the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal
the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty
to the captives and recovery
of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those
who are oppressed;
to proclaim the acceptable
year of the Lord."
(v. 21)

Jesus read Isaiah 61 in Nazareth, then stopped before the judgment clause and declared the fulfilled portion 'today.' The prophecy itself contains a gap between first and second coming events.

Daniel 9:26–27
The Foundational Text

26 "After the sixty-two weeks
Messiah will be cut off, but not for Himself;
and the people of the prince who is to come
will destroy the city and the sanctuary...

27 He will confirm a covenant with many
for one week; but in the middle of the week
He will bring an end to sacrifice and offering..."

Messiah's death and Jerusalem's destruction occur after the 69th week; the final "week" is introduced separately, implying an interval before the 70th week.

Matthew 24:15–21
Still Future

"When you see the **abomination of desolation**
spoken of through Daniel the prophet,
standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains...

17 **For then there will be great tribulation,**
such as has not been since the beginning of the world
until this time, no, nor ever shall be."

Christ points forward to Daniel's abomination of desolation as a future event, supporting a yet-future 70th week.

Zechariah 9:9–10

"Behold, your King is coming
to you, lowly, and riding on a donkey...
Then He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion shall be from sea to sea..."

The King comes humbly on a donkey, then later speaks peace to the nations and rules from sea to sea—two advents in one prophecy.

Isaiah 9:6–7

"For unto us a Child is born...
The government will be upon His shoulders...
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end..."

The Child is born, yet the government rests on His shoulders in a future kingdom.

Romans 11:25–29

"For I do not want you to be ignorant
of this mystery, lest you should be wise
in your own opinion, that blindness
in part has happened to Israel until
the fullness of the Gentiles has come in...
for the gifts and the calling of God
are irrevocable."

Israel's temporary hardening continues until the fullness of the Gentiles, yet God's calling on Israel remains irrevocable.

Key Conclusion

1. Prophecy can present separated events side by side.
2. Daniel 9: distinguishes events after the 69th week from the 70th week itself.
3. The New Testament confirms a future completion of Israel's prophetic program.

The Onset of Daniel's 70-Week Prophecy

The beginning of the sixty-nine weeks

> *"From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem…"*
> — Daniel 9:25

Earlier Decrees — Do Not Fulfill Daniel 9:25



Cyrus
2 Chronicles 36:22–23; Ezra 1:1–3

Permission granted for the Jews to return and rebuild the Temple.

✗ Temple restoration only — not the rebuilding of Jerusalem itself.



Darius
Ezra 6:3–8

Temple rebuilding affirmed and supported.

✗ Temple restoration only — not the rebuilding of Jerusalem itself.



Artaxerxes
Ezra 7:-7

Permission related to Temple worship and restoration, not the city.

✗ Temple restoration only — not the rebuilding of Jerusalem itself.



Ezra 4:1–4 — *city rebuilding had been stopped because it lacked authorization.*



The Decisive Decree

The Starting Point

Artaxerxes' Decree
In His Twentieth Year

Nehemiah 2:1–8

For the first time, permission is granted to rebuild the CITY of Jerusalem.

This satisfies the condition of Daniel 9:25 and marks the beginning of the prophetic countdown.



According to Sir Robert Anderson's reckoning, the decree was issued in Nisan of Artaxerxes' twentieth year, fixing the beginning of the sixty-nine weeks.

Historical Note

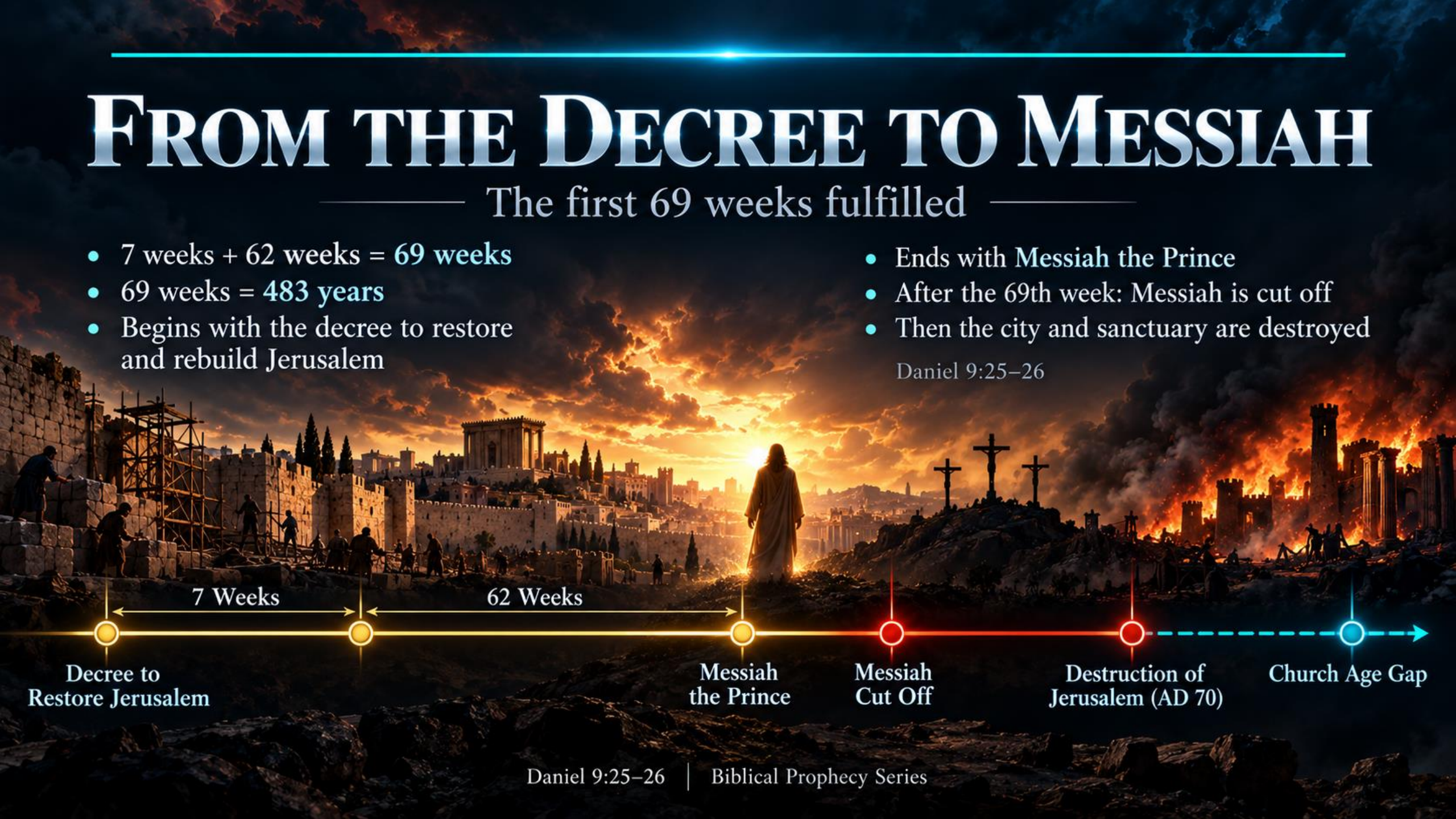
Secular history and chronology place Artaxerxes' twentieth year in 445 BC.

From the Decree to Messiah

The first 69 weeks fulfilled

- 7 weeks + 62 weeks = **69 weeks**
- 69 weeks = **483 years**
- Begins with the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
- Ends with Messiah the Prince
- After the 69th week: Messiah is cut off
- Then the city and sanctuary are destroyed

Daniel 9:25–26



Daniel 9:25–26 | Biblical Prophecy Series

From the Decree to Messiah

The Prophetic Clock of Daniel's Sixty-Nine Weeks



173,880 DAYS

Clock began ticking

March 14, 445 BC

Artaxerxes issued a decree allowing the Jews to return and rebuild Jerusalem

69 weeks = 483 years = 173,880 days

Exact fulfillment

April 6, AD 32

The day Jesus rode into Jerusalem

A Warning for Jerusalem

Prophecy. Judgment. Accountability.

Luke 19:41-44

"When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying,
'If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace!
But now they have been hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you
when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and
hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children
within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another,

***"because you did not recognize
the time of your visitation."***



Titus Vespasian

Led the Roman siege that brought devastating judgment upon Jerusalem.



Fulfilled about

38 Years later

in the Roman destruction of Jerusalem.



Prophecy Brings Responsibility.

To know God's word is to be accountable to its warning.


THE CHURCH AGE
From Pentecost to our measurement date
728,448
ELAPSED DAYS
Exact day count from Pentecost to November 1, 2026
Day count excludes the starting day
56 days
THE CHURCH AGE
Continues →
April 6, AD 32
Triumphal Entry
Messiah presented in Jerusalem (Julian calendar)
June 1, AD 32
Pentecost
Church Age begins (Acts 2)
November 1, 2026
Measurement date
(Gregorian calendar)
Exact elapsed days of the Church Age to the stated measurement date. This is a measurement, not a date for the Rapture.
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The Prophetic Clock
and The Church Age

An exact-proportion timeline from Artaxerxes' decree to November 1, 2026



Total span represented: 902,384 days

Main-scale shares: 69 weeks 19.269% | 56 days 0.006% | Church Age 80.725%

The Beginning of the Seventieth Week

Daniel 9:27

1 What Starts the 70th Week?

- A covenant is made ‘with many’ for one week (Daniel 9:27).
- “One week” = seven years.
- This covenant marks the official beginning of Daniel’s 70th week.

2 Who Makes the Covenant?



- The “he” of Daniel 9:27 refers back to “the prince that shall come” (Daniel 9:26).
- He is **not** “Messiah the Prince.”



- His people destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70—pointing to a future ruler arising from the **Roman sphere**.



3 How Scripture Identifies Him



- The little horn (Daniel 7)



- The king of fierce countenance (Daniel 8:23)



- The wilful king (Daniel 11:36)



- The man of sin (2 Thessalonians 2)



- The beast from the sea (Revelation 13:1–10)

4 Why This Covenant Matters



- It offers Israel security, land, and restored autonomy.



- It is temporary—not an eternal covenant.



- It is a **false fulfillment** that deceives many in Israel.



- The covenant’s proclamation signals the start of the Tribulation.

Key Point:

The signing of this false covenant marks the onset of the seventieth week.

THE FUTURE 70TH WEEK

Daniel 9:27 — The seven-year Tribulation

One week = seven years



First 3½ Years

- Covenant confirmed with many
- Temple and sacrifice functioning
- Relative peace / rising deception

MIDPOINT

- Sacrifice stopped
- Abomination of Desolation

Last 3½ Years

- Great Tribulation
- Intense persecution and divine judgments
- Toward the Second Coming of Christ

Daniel 9:27 | Matthew 24:15–21 | Biblical Prophecy Series

Why Daniel's 70th Week Matters

A key framework for end-times prophecy



It is specifically about **Israel and Jerusalem**.



It defines the **seven-year Tribulation**.



It explains the crucial **midpoint crisis**.



It harmonizes Daniel, Matthew 24, **2 Thessalonians 2**, and **Revelation 6–18**.



It points forward to the **Second Coming** and the **Kingdom**.

Daniel's 70th week is the prophetic backbone of the Tribulation.

Daniel 9:24–27 | Matthew 24 | Revelation 6–18 | Biblical Prophecy Series

Jesus’ Description of the Tribulation

Matthew 24 links the future crisis to Daniel’s abomination of desolation.





The Tribulation in the Olivet Discourse

Jesus' Description in Matthew 24

The Beginning of Birth Pains
Matthew 24:4–14

The Great Tribulation
Matthew 24:15–31

1. **False christs and deception** — Matthew 24:4–5
2. **Wars and rumors of wars** — Matthew 24:6–7
3. **Famines, pestilences, and earthquakes** — *the beginning of birth pains* — Matthew 24:7–8
4. **Persecution, betrayal, and lawlessness** — Matthew 24:9–12
5. **The gospel of the kingdom preached in the whole world** — Matthew 24:14
6. **The Abomination of Desolation** — *standing in the holy place* — Matthew 24:15
7. **Flee immediately** — *those in Judea are told to flee without delay* — Matthew 24:16–20
8. **Great Tribulation** — *unparalleled distress* — Matthew 24:21–22
9. **False christs and false prophets intensify deception** — Matthew 24:23–28
10. **Cosmic signs** — *sun darkened, moon not giving light, stars falling* — Matthew 24:29
11. **The coming of the Son of Man** — *in power and great glory* — Matthew 24:30
12. **The gathering of His elect** — Matthew 24:31

"Then there will be great tribulation,
unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—
and never to be seen again."

MATTHEW 24:21

THE TRIBULATION: KEY TIME INTERVALS



3½ YEARS = 42 MONTHS = 1,260 DAYS

USING 30-DAY MONTHS AND A 360-DAY PROPHETIC YEAR

42 MONTHS

The nations trample the holy city.

REVELATION 11:2

The beast exercises authority.

REVELATION 13:5

1,260 DAYS

The two witnesses prophesy.

REVELATION 11:3

The woman is protected in the wilderness.

REVELATION 12:6

TIME, TIMES & HALF A TIME

1 + 2 + ½ = 3½ years

The woman is protected from the serpent.

REVELATION 12:14

See also Daniel 7:25; 12:7

Equal durations do not necessarily identify the same period; the timing of the two witnesses' ministry is debated.

God measures the crisis and limits its duration.

The Structure of the Final Week

Seven years: covenant, midpoint crisis, great tribulation.



FROM THE RAPTURE TO THE COVENANT

THE EVENTS BETWEEN THE CHURCH'S DEPARTURE AND THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIBULATION

(A TIME OF WEEKS, MONTHS, OR PERHAPS UP TO A YEAR)



1 THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Believers are caught up to meet Christ in the air.



2 REMOVAL OF THE RESTRAINER

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

The Holy Spirit's restraining influence is removed, allowing lawlessness to increase in the world.



3 HEAVENLY EVENTS

- **Judgment Seat of Christ**
  2 Corinthians 5:10
- **Preparation of the Bride of Christ**
  Revelation 19:7-8



4 CONSOLIDATION OF A REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

A unified empire arises with 10 leaders, giving the Antichrist power and authority.

Revelation 17:12-13



5 THE RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST (THE LITTLE HORN)

A charismatic leader emerges, gaining worldwide influence and power.

Daniel 7:8, 24-25
2 Thessalonians 2:3-4



6 PEACE FOR ISRAEL

The Antichrist brings a period of peace and security for the nation of Israel.

Daniel 9:27



7 BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG (OPTIONAL?)

A possible pre-Tribulation conflict with may clear the way for the covenant.

Ezekiel 38–39 (timing uncertain)



8 REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM

The temple is rebuilt, and preparations are made to resume sacrifices.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (implied)

Ezekiel 40–43 (future temple)



9 THE 7 YEAR COVENANT

The Antichrist signs a 7-year covenant with the nation of Israel, marking the official beginning of the Tribulation.

Daniel 9:27

THE TRIBULATION BEGINS

A TIME OF WEEKS, MONTHS, OR PERHAPS UP TO A YEAR
(UNKNOWN DURATION)

A Master Dispensational Eschatology Chart

From the Rapture to Eternity

A Comprehensive Timeline of Biblical Prophecy

"He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings." Daniel 2:21

1 The Church Age (Present Time)



- Gospel to all nations (Acts 2–28)
- The Holy Spirit indwells believers (Eph 1:13–14)
- A time of grace (2 Cor 6:2)
- Increasing apostasy (2 Thess 2:3)
- Ends with the Rapture (1 Thess 4:16–17)

2 The Rapture of the Church



- Christ comes in the air for His Church (1 Thess 4:16–17)
- Believers caught up (1 Cor 15:51–52)
- Imminent and signless (John 14:1–3)
- The Church is removed before the Tribulation (Rev 3:10)

Post-Rapture Events (Preparatory Period)



- Antichrist confirmed (7-year covenant, Dan 9:27)
- Temple rebuilt (Ezek 40–42)
- Sacrificial system resumes (2 Thess 2:3–4)
- Rise of a revived Roman Empire (Rev 17:8, 12–13)
- Growing global control (Rev 13:1–2)

3 The Tribulation (7 Years)

Daniel's 70th Week (Dan 9:24–27) | Revelation 6–18

First 3½ Years (Dan 9:27a) — **Last 3½ Years** (Dan 9:27b)

Midpoint 3½ Years (Dan 9:27)

Seals (1–7)

- Judgments begin (Rev 6–8:1)
- War, deception, famine, and death
- Global turmoil (Matt 24:14)
- Gospel witness continues (Rev 11:3–6)

Abomination of Desolation
(Matt 24:15)
(2 Thess 2:4)
(Rev 13:14–15)

Trumpets (1–7)

- Judgments intensify (Rev 8:2–11)
- Woe judgments (Rev 8:13–9:21)
- Demonic activity increases (Rev 9–11)

Bowls (1–7)

- Final judgments (Rev 15–16)
- Wrath of God on earth (Rev 16)
- The Beast and False Prophet (Rev 13)
- The world system collapses (Rev 17–18)

5 Second Coming of Christ



- Christ returns visibly (Rev 19:11–16)
- Destroys the Antichrist (2 Thess 2:8)
- Defeats the nations (Rev 19:17–21)
- Satan bound (Rev 20:1–3)
- Begins the Millennium (Rev 20:4–6)

6 The Millennial Kingdom (1,000 Years)



- Christ reigns on earth (Rev 20:4–6)
- (Isa 11:1–10)
- Peace and righteousness (Isa 2:1–4; 11:1–10)
- Israel in national blessing (Ezek 40–48)
- Nations come to Jerusalem (Zech 14:16–21)

7 Final Rebellion



- Satan released (Rev 20:7–9)
- Gog and Magog deceive the nations (Ezek 38–39)
- Surround Jerusalem (Rev 20:8)
- Fire from heaven destroys them (Rev 20:9)

8 Great White Throne



- The unsaved are judged (Rev 20:11–15)
- Cast into the (lake 20:15)

9 Eternal State



- New heavens and new earth (Rev 21–22)
- God dwells with His people (Rev 21:3)
- No more sorrow, death, or pain (Rev 21:4)

Heavenly Events (After the Rapture)

Bema Seat of Christ
(2 Corinthians 5:10)
Believers judged for works, not for salvation.

Marriage of the Lamb
(Revelation 19:7–9)
Heavenly event.
The Church is united with Christ as His Bride.

The Church in Heaven during the Tribulation
(Rev 4–5)

Marriage Supper of the Lamb
(Revelation 19:9)
Takes place during the Millennium on earth, with the Church celebrating with Christ.

The Seal Judgments (First 3½ Years) – Revelation 6–8:1

1	1	3	4	5	6	7
White Horse Conquest (Rev 6:1–2)	Red Horse War (Rev 6:3–4)	Black Horse Famine (Rev 6:5–8)	Pale Horse Death (Rev 6:7–8)	Martyrs Cry Out (Rev 6:9–11)	Cosmic Disturbances (Rev 6:12–17)	Silence in Heaven (Rev 8:1)

The Trumpet Judgments (Last 3½ Years, First Half) – Revelation 8:2–11:19

7	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hail & Fire (Rev 8:7)	Burning Mountain (Rev 8:8–9)	Wormwood (Rev 8:10–11)	Heavenly Bodies Darkened (Rev 8:12)	Demonic Torment (Rev 9:1–12)	Massive Army (Rev 9:13–21)	Little Book & Two Witnesses (Rev 10–11)

The Bowl Judgments (Last 3½ Years, Second Half) – Revelation 15–16

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Painful Sores (Rev 16:2)	Sea to Blood (Rev 16:3)	Rivers to Blood (Rev 16:4)	Scorching Heat (Rev 16:8–9)	Darkness (Rev 16:10–11)	Euphrates Dried (Rev 16:12)	Earthquake & Hail (Rev 16:17–21)

Key End Time Markers (Approximate)

Church Age (Unknown Duration) | Rapture (1 Thess 4:16–17) | Post-Rapture Events (Short Period) | Tribulation – 7 Years: First 3½ Years | Midpoint (Abomination of Desolation) | Last 3½ Years | Second Coming (Rev 19:11–16) | Millennium (1,000 Years) | Final Rebellion (Rev 20:7–9) | Great White Throne (Rev 20:11–15) | Eternal State (Rev 21–22)

Major Themes

- God's sovereign control
- Distinction between Israel and the Church
- Fulfillment of biblical covenants
- The return of Christ
- A literal future kingdom
- Judgment and eternal destinies

"He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings." (Daniel 2:21)

"Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." (Revelation 22:13)