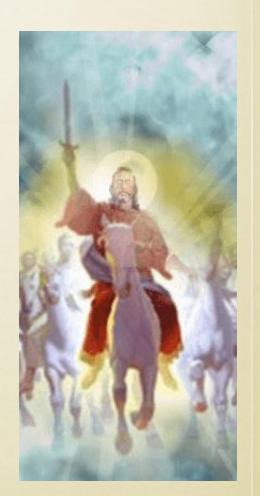






Isaiah Connects the Jubilee with the Coming of the Messiah

- In Isaiah 61:1-2, he is connecting Messianic promises with the Year of Jubilee described in Leviticus 25:8-17 by proclaiming liberty to the captives and the YEAR of the Lord's favor.
- AND His day of vengeance.
- Alluding to both the first and second comings.
- This means the real purpose of the Year of Jubilee is prophetic and still for the future...



How can I still think that we are in the Tribulation and that the end is coming in 2027?

How could we already be past the middle of Daniel's seventieth week and yet people are still eating and drinking, planting, building, and getting married, etc.?

Hasn't the idea of two decrees and two countdowns of 490 years been debunked at this point?

The Day of the Lord

 Warnings about the Day of the Lord are found 16 times in the Bible—it is the time of God's judgment at the end of the age.

See, the day of the LORD is coming—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.—Isaiah 13:9

The great day of the LORD is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. That day will be a day of wrath—a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness—Zephaniah 1:14-15



When is the Day of the Lord?

 It begins with events that match the Sixth Seal in Revelation 6:12 and the event in Matthew 24:29.



The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. – Acts 2:20 (Joel 2:31)

I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red. – Revelation 6:12

Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. – Matthew 24:29

Wasn't Joel 2:31 fulfilled in Acts 2?

- Yes! But there is more than one fulfillment to look for.
- The whole passage (Joel 2:28 to 3:2) describes a time at the end when there will be a "great and dreadful day of the Lord."
- It is also linked to the restoration of the Jewish people to the land of Israel in the Last Days.

In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel, because they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. – Joel 3:1-2

The Order of Matthew 24

 There is also a question about whether Matthew 24 is 100% chronological. I don't think it is, but why does it matter?

For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.—Matthew 24:21-22

- These verses are about the DAY OF THE LORD and they come AFTER the birth pains and the abomination of desolation, but before the son of man coming on the clouds in verses 29-31, which says "After those days," meaning that verses 29-31 could be AFTER the Great Tribulation.
- But if verses 29-31 are CONCURRENT with verses 21-22, then there is no conflict, and verse 30 makes more sense if it is at the beginning of the Day of the Lord, rather than at the end of it.

And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. – Matthew 24:30b

Trumpets & Bowls = Day of the Lord

- Setting Matthew 24 aside (which relates more to the timing of the Rapture) the Sixth Seal begins with the signs of Joel 2:31, and initiates the Trumpets & Bowls, i.e., the Day of the Lord.
- There will also be a final Day of the Lord at the end of the Millenium—Satan's Little Season—BUT THAT'S NOT NOW.

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—
Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. – Revelation 20:7-10

the Jubilee connection

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

Because the Lord has anointed me

To bring good news to the afflicted;

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to captives

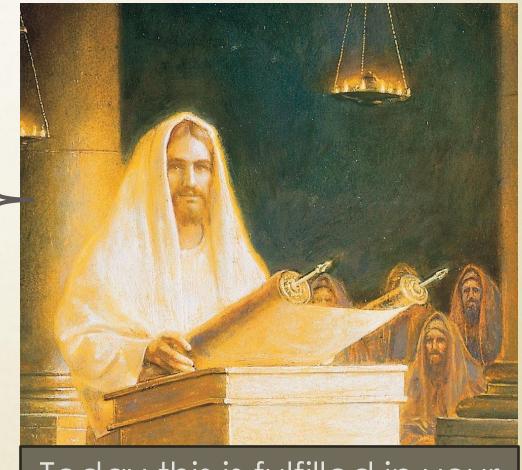
And freedom to prisoners;

To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord

And the day of vengeance of our God;

To comfort all who mourn.

Isaiah 61:1-2



Today this is fulfilled in your hearing... Luke 4:21 [AD 27]

At the Start of the Jubilee

Isaiah 61 is quoting Leviticus 25 -- (Today this is fulfilled...)

You shall then sound a ram's horn (Yom Teruah, i.e., Rosh Hashanah—see Ezekiel 40:1) abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement (Yom Kippur) you shall sound a horn all through your land. 'You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants (the captives). It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family. – Leviticus 25:9-10

- The Year of Jubilee was at the start of Christ's ministry (27 AD).
- The Final Jubilee will begin "the day of vengeance of our God," i.e., the Day of the LORD...

Determining the dates of Jesus' life

 If you're questioning the timelines I've shared because of different dates proposed for the events in Jesus' life, then I hope you'll check out these two videos:



The Apocalypse and the Cross - When was Jesus crucified? - When is He coming back?

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The day-year connection

 Isaiah 61 connects the day of vengeance with a Year of Jubilee, but here are some more witnesses...

For a day of vengeance is to Jehovah, a year of recompences for Zion's strife. – Isaiah 34:8

For the day of vengeance is in my heart, And the year of my redeemed hath come. – Isaiah 63:4

By the number of the days in which ye spied the land, forty days, -- a day for a year, a day for a year -- ye do bear your iniquities, forty years... - Numbers 14:34

A Year where Yom Kippur was on a Sabbath

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, **He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath**, **and stood up to read**. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him... – Luke 4:16-17a

- If Jesus was reading on a sabbath day (Luke 4:16), and He also said "Today" this is fulfilled in your hearing, doesn't that imply that it was also Yom Kippur?
- That seems like a reasonable presumption.

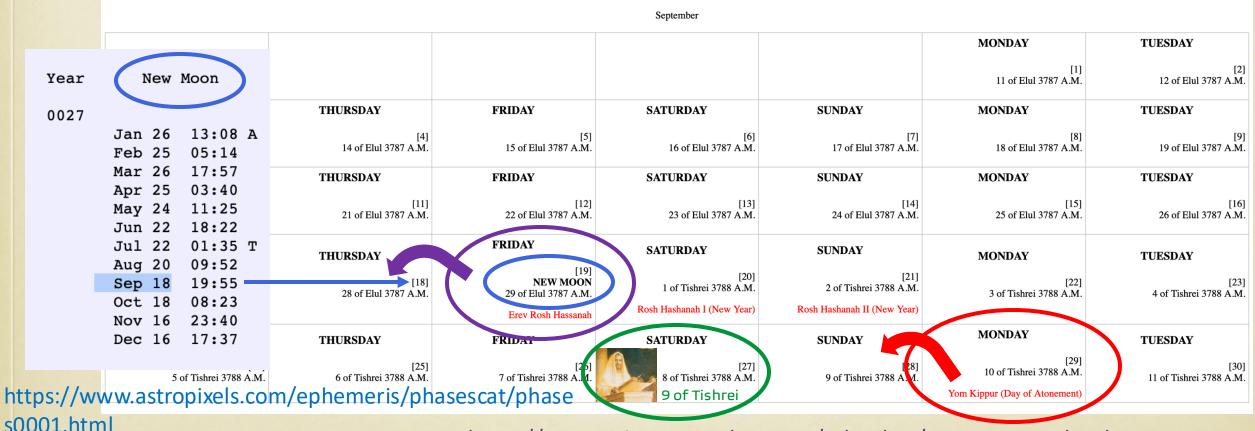
Was Yom Kippur on a Sabbath in 27 AD?

 Not exactly, BUT Yes! Saturday, September 27th, 27 AD should have been the 9th of Tishrei – Erev Yom Kippur.

HEBREW CALENDAR

YEAR: 27 AD

1st part of the year: 3787 A.M. Deficient Embolismic / 2nd part of the year: 3788 A.M. Complete Common



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Erev Yom Kippur?

- In Hebrew reckoning, the next day started with the coming of night after sunset, not at Midnight as in the Greek/Hellenistic understanding—but both ideas were well understood and in use in the first century.
- Many times in the Gospels when it was a special day that fact was recorded in the Scriptures.

At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem. – John 10:22

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. – John 7:37

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb... – Mark 14:12a

- Yom Kippur was not mentioned in Luke 4, so Erev Yom Kippur is more likely.
- When Jesus said "Today," it became Yom Kippur that evening—the same day.

Gathering Before Judgment

 The Day of the Lord is also a time to gather the righteous before God punishes the wicked.

Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. On the day of the LORD's sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. – Zephaniah 1:7-8

Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice. – Psalm 50:5

Judgement and Rescue

 Both Jesus coming on the clouds and the wrath of God beginning to fall on the nations are seen in this one verse.

For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near—a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations. – Ezekiel 30:3

But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. – Matthew 24:29-31

Two Harvests in the Day of the Lord

One for salvation and one for judgment

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles. – Revelation 14:14-20

Appearing vs. Return (Two harvests?)



VS.

[but we don't know for sure how much time passes between these two events...]



Son of Man coming on the clouds to gather His elect

Jesus wearing red robes on a white horse at the Mount of Olives to judge the wicked in the great winepress of God's wrath

Treading the winepress in the day of the vengeance—the year of redemption

Jubilee, Rapture, & judgment?

Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? "I have trodden the wine trough alone, and from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also trod them in My anger and trampled them in My wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, and I stained all My raiment. For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and My year of redemption has come. — Isaiah 63:2-4



What does this mean for Daniel's Seventieth Week and the Tribulation?

"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 Place. – Daniel 9:24

Could the 70 weeks of Daniel 9:24 count to the rapture instead of the second coming?

Let's take a look and see...

Six things and two seventy sevens

- Daniel 9:24 Seventy Sevens have been decreed to...
- 1. Finish the transgression "It is finished!"– John 19:30
- 2. Make an end of sin "You covered all their sin." Psalm 85:2
- 3. Make atonement for iniquity "Behold, the Lamb of God..." John 1:29
- 4. Bring in everlasting righteousness
- 5. Seal up vision and prophecy
- 6. Anoint the most holy place

Christ's First Coming

490 yearsfrom 458 BCto 33 AD

Christ's
Second
Coming –
490 years from
1537 to 2027



Jesus Returning in 2027? Amazing Discovery Unlocks Daniel's Prophecy

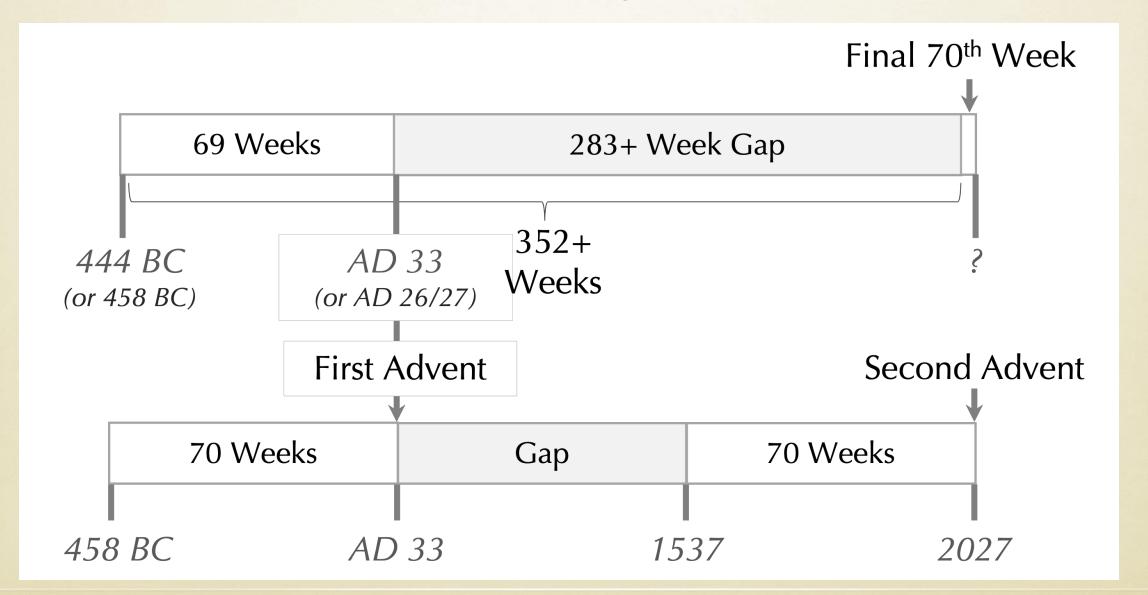
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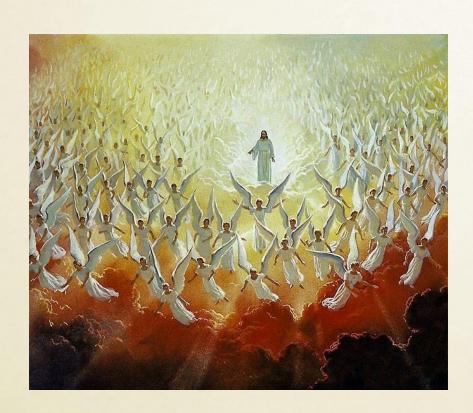
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Two Seventy Sevens



Does the final week of Daniel 9:24 Count to the Rapture or to Christ's Revelation 19 return?





Virtually everyone would say Revelation 19, but could it be counting to the Rapture instead?

bring in everlasting righteousness

- To bring in: The Hebrew verb is ulhabi (bo – H935), which means: to lead in, to carry in, to bring in, to cause to come in, to gather—like bringing in the harvest.
- In the Greek Septuagint it is the word, ago (G71), which means to take hold of and lead to a destination.

Like a Shepherd bringing in His sheep...



Righteousness not The Righteous?

 Righteousness is the word, sedeq (H6664), which means righteousness—like that of people enjoying salvation.

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. – Romans 3:22

I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. – Hosea 2:19

Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you. – Hosea 10:12

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. – Zephaniah 2:3

Gathering the Righteous in righteousness forever

- Everlasting is the word olamim (H5769) means forever, and it is in the plural form.
- Thus, "To Bring in Everlasting Righteousness," taken all together, could be understood as:

The gathering (of the elect) in righteousness to be with the Lord forever.

Seal up vision and prophecy

ALL prophecy will NOT be completed within the Tribulation, so what does this really mean?

- "To seal up" is the Hebrew word hatam (H2856). It can mean to seal up something, but it can also mean more directly to seal, as in to affix one's seal, as in sealing a decree or God's elect, or to enact something and put it into effect.
- The Greek Septuagint translates it as sphragizo (G4972), which also means to seal, to set a mark upon, or to confirm, authenticate, or place beyond doubt.
- "Vision," the word is *hazon* (H2377), as in a prophetic vision, i.e. a dream, revelation, or oracle. (*In the Greek it is the same*.)

Meaning of: To seal vision and prophet

- The word "prophecy" is the word nabi (H5030), which is translated 316 times as "prophet," i.e., the one that prophesies rather than the prophecy itself. Only in Daniel 9:24 is it translated as prophecy.
- The Greek Septuagint also translates it as prophet (propheten, G4396), not prophecy in Daniel 9:24.

Thus, the phrase could refer to confirming and placing beyond doubt that the time of vision and prophet has arrived, i.e., to confirm the Book of Revelation, the vision of the prophet and apostle John, and by extension all the prophets.

Or it might mean the sealing of the 144,000 and the calling of the two witnesses (prophets). [And it could mean both.]

Anoint the Most Holy

Is this the anointing of a rebuilt temple in the Tribulation prior to it being defiled by the Antichrist? Is that the only thing it could mean?

- The word "anoint" in Hebrew is vlimsoah (masah, Strong's H4886), which means to anoint or consecrate.
- The most holy place in Hebrew is kodesh kodeshim (H6944), literally the Holy of Holies.
- The Greek Septuagint says hagion hagion (G40), which could be understood to be saying holy of holies or the holy saints.

Is this consecrating the elect people of God who were gathered and/or the 144,000 and two witnesses who were left behind?

Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice. – Psalm 50:5

Seventy Sevens to the Rapture?

It was seventy sevens to the end of sin. Will it be seventy sevens to the rapture?

- To bring in the righteous to be with the Lord forever
- To confirm and enact the prophetic word and vision of God's prophets and/or to seal the 144,000 & two witnesses
- To consecrate God's holy saints

... and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. – Daniel 9:24

Seven Years of Birth Pains?

- > If the Day of the Lord is the beginning of the Wrath of God
- > And if the Day of the Lord begins in a Year of Jubilee.
- > And if the Wrath begins after the Sixth Seal when the people of the earth first acknowledge the Wrath of the Lamb has arrived.
- Then Daniel's 70th Week is ONLY the time for the Birth Pains, i.e. the Seven Seals, NOT the Great Tribulation of the trumpets and bowls...
- Wow! That would be a big change from what people expected, myself included...

Understanding 1290 days

From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. – Daniel 12:11-12

- There are at least three ways that this could be understood, and it's possible that ALL THREE could be correct.
- 1. It was 1290 days from the iconic image of the Pope's address to an empty St. Peter's square on March 27th, 2020 (signifying the closing of most churches) until the abomination of desolation on October 7, 2023.
- 2. It was 1290 years from the siege of Jerusalem in 599 BC to the completion of the Dome of the Rock in 692 AD. Plus 1335 more years will be 2027.
- 3. It may end up being 1290 days from the abomination of desolation part 1 on October 7th until Part 2 when the antichrist will declare himself to be god in God's temple (i.e., around April 19, 2027).

42 months now or later?

- I have made the case that the beast kingdom could have begun to rise on:
- April 29, 2024 WEF Special Meeting on Global Collaboration in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Here are three other possible start dates:
- 1. The UN Pact for the Future Signed on September 22, 2024
- 2. Damascus fell to Turkey-backed Syrian rebels on December 8, 2024
- 3. President Trump's Inauguration on January 20, 2025



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What if it is none of the above?

- If none of the dates I have proposed prove out, then I will expect the 42 months to start when the Day of the Lord begins—Fall of 2027 and would run until 2030.
- BUT, if one of those dates finally proves out, then I expect that the trumpet and bowl judgments will be completed during the final Year of Jubilee, Fall 2027 to Fall 2028.



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Regardless of timelines, unless all these birth pain signs suddenly go away, I will still expect that we are still very near to the Lord's return.

Working Timeline

Note: Exact start times for items in RED are TBD until they happen or are fully confirmed.

Intensity

Sixth Seal

Great Tribulation

The Day of the Lord

Trumpets & Bowls

Final Jubilee

Year

The Birth Pains / The Seals

October 7, 2023: AoD

3.5 years

- Part 1

1290 days

Man of Lawlessness

Revealed: AoD - Part 2

42 months

Daniel's final week (2020-2027) of 490 years (1537-2027)

2020

2027

2028-2030

Doesn't 2028-2030 move the goal post on your predictions?



- Not really. 2020-2027 is still the last week of Daniel's Seventieth Week, and 2027-2028 is still the Final Year of Jubilee (Year 5999).
- All this does is recognize that the Day of the Lord should start in the Year of Jubilee and should include the trumpets and bowls as the wrath of God. It will then conclude after 1 year or 42 months. If we end 2027 in peace with no rapture, though, then yes, it will break this timeline.

Being certain of the Lord's coming

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

Notice that both the gathering of the elect and the start of the Day of the Lord are listed as if they are the same event.

- Two things are needed to be certain.
- 1. The apostasy—which is arguably already here.
- 2. The full revealing of the man of lawlessness, who sets himself in God's temple and declares himself to be god.

the apostasy of the Church is here



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 Five of the seven last days churches are told to repent, and Ephesus is warned that their lampstand will be removed.

Do the deeds you did at the first; if not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place - that is, if you do not repent. - Revelation 2:5



The man of lawlessness revealed

 Daniel 11:36 looks to be the second part of the abomination of desolation that Paul was referring to in 1 Thessalonians 2:4.

Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. – Daniel 11:36

And the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. – 1 Thessalonians 2:3b-4

 One way or another, this sign needs to be identified as a sign that the Day of the Lord is near.

Abomination of Desolation in Daniel 11

29 "At the appointed time **he will invade the South** (Negev) again, but this time the outcome will be different from what it was before. 30 Ships of the western coastlands will oppose him...

PART 1

31 "His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.

32 With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him. 33 "Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. 34 When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. 35 Some of the wise will stumble...until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.

Gap of Time

36 "The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place.

PART 2



Antiochus Epiphanes IV committed two abomination of desolation events, not one





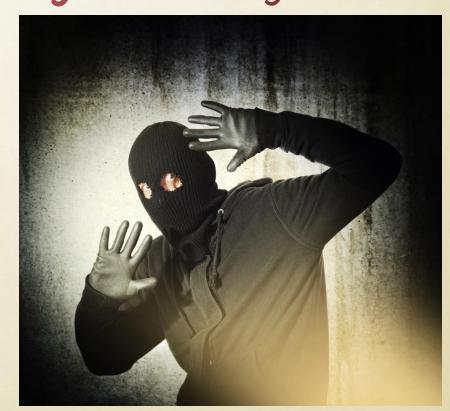
because it must Come Like a Thief

 BOTH Jesus' return to gather His elect AND the Day of the Lord will come as a surprise, "like a thief."

Therefore, confirmation may of necessity come very late...

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. – 2 Peter 3:10

Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. –
Matthew 24:42



We also need the Two Witnesses

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet <u>before</u> the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. – Malachi 4:5

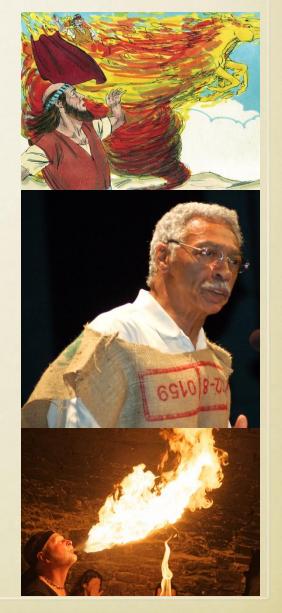
 This verse seems to imply that the two witnesses will be known before the Day of the Lord begins.

- They do not need to be widely known at the start of the 42 months, just by the end of it.
- They must also be known before the sixth seal, but it may not be that long before it...

Could the Two Witnesses be symbolic?

- PERHAPS, and it could mean that they are already here,
 BUT I think it is more likely that they have just not been revealed, yet.
- If they were REAL people performing supernatural signs and were revealed right now, it might spoil the surprise.
- Thus, their revealing may more logically come shortly before the Rapture.

The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. – Matthew 25:5-7



Israel sheltered in Her Place

The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days... The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. – Revelation 12:6,14

- Interestingly, Arabic cartoons are depicting a very similar image to the one described in Revelation 12— Trump's golden dome over Israel's Iron Dome.
- This would seem to confirm the idea that Israel is already in her time of sheltering.



Given into his hands for 42 months

 Israel is SHELTERED for 1260 days AND they are GIVEN into the hands of the Antichrist for a time, times, and half a time (3.5 years), and Jerusalem is trampled for 42 months.

He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time. – Daniel 7:25

But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. – Revelation 11:2

- So, are these all in the SAME period of 42 months/1260 days, or are there TWO different periods of time being indicated?
- While all these periods are essentially 3.5 years, they could be taking place at different times.

Concerning timelines & timing

- Efforts to set dates in the past have been primarily speculative and predictive of WHEN the Tribulation will begin.
- The timelines I am presenting are based on observations that the Tribulation has ALREADY begun.

This is a radically different approach.

I'm not setting future dates based on my speculations, but on calculations from real events that look like fulfillments of prophecy.

 But final confirmation will only come at the last minute when it is no longer possible to get ready anymore...



Coming Soon! Are You Ready for Jesus to Return?

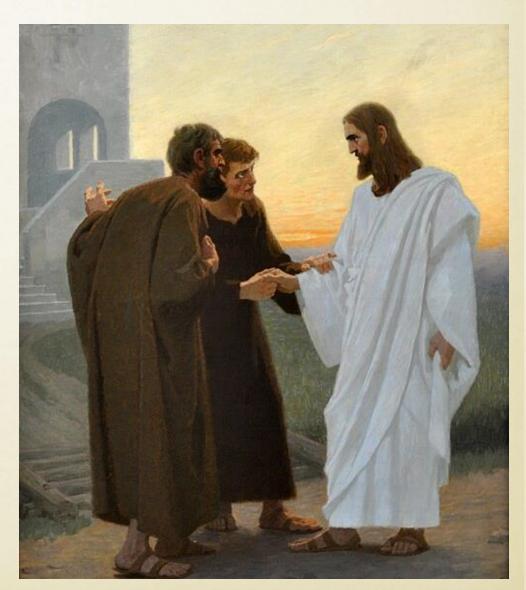
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Understanding Prophecy in Hindsight

- Is interpreting prophecy in hindsight a flawed approach or the right way to do things?
- Wasn't Jesus explaining everything after the fact—on the road to Emmaus—a "hindsight" explanation?

Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. – John 14:29

 Thus, at present, real clarity can only be achieved on what has already happened, not on the things we are still waiting for...



The Enemy wants to thwart God's Plan

 If the full understanding of God's next move was possible from prophecy, then we can expect that Satan would try to thwart God's plan.

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. – 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

Insight from God

(in the context of prophecy— "would not have crucified...")

but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. – 1 Corinthians 2:9-14

May the Lord give you insight

Wisdom and insight are from the Lord.

He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding." – Daniel 9:22

Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. – 2 Timothy 2:7

I will give you insight and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose harness are bit and bridle to control them, otherwise they will not come near you. – Psalm 32:8

But don't be haughty

We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone thinks that he has known anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know... – 1 Corinthians 8:1-2

- It is easy to reject things because they don't match what we think we know, believing we cannot be mistaken.
- But it is important to stay humble and we need to be ready to learn new insights from God's Word, like new wineskins.

In the day of the Pharisees, that meant theology and the New Covenant. Today, it does NOT mean theology (the Gospel)—that we are to defend—but it does apply to our eschatology, the study of the Last Days.

Are we ready with new wineskins?

 In these last days, we need to be ready with new wineskins that can expand and adapt to the realities of what God is now revealing.

And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

- Luke 5:37-38
- Our eschatology must be flexible...

But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. - Daniel 12:4



Where did all these things come from?

- The Spirit gives gifts as He wills, and all gifts are to be used to build up the body of Christ.
- Truth and Wisdom come from God and they are proven by their fruit.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

– James 1:5

You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? – Matthew 7:16

Who do you listen to?

 It takes to discernment from the Holy Spirt to hear the voice of the Shepherd speaking through his followers.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. – John 10:27

- Follow the truth of God's Word, not man.
- I try to share things that you can test for yourselves to know if they are true or not (so you can also be Bereans).
- And everything I share I first test myself.

Test all things. Hold on to what is good.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:21



How do we stay flexible?

- How do we stay flexible and reconsider many of our assumptions, but also avoid being deceived?
- 1. We test things against God's Word, not our theories...
- 2. We recognize and honestly consider multiple possibilities when legitimately present within the text. (Our understanding of God's Word can be wrong, but His Word cannot be.)
- 3. We must be open to reworking the puzzle based on the real events we have seen taking place.
- 4. We maintain a mindset of faith, not unbelief.



Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and no one is like me. I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my plan will take place, and I will do all my will. – Isaiah 46:9-10

Seek the Lord while He may be found

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. – Isaiah 55:6

Gather together, gather yourselves together, you shameful nation, before the decree takes effect and that day passes like windblown chaff, before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the LORD's wrath comes upon you. Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. – Zephaniah 2:1-3

Today is the day of Salvation

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts... – Hebrews 3:7-8a

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near.

Repent and believe the good news! – Mark 1:15

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." – Romans 10:9-11

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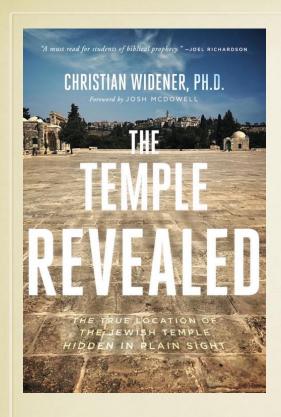


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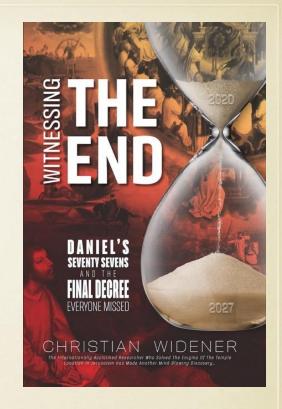
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