



WHY ESCHATOLOGY MATTERS

Session 6 - Ten Reasons I Believe In A
Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Acts 17:11

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.



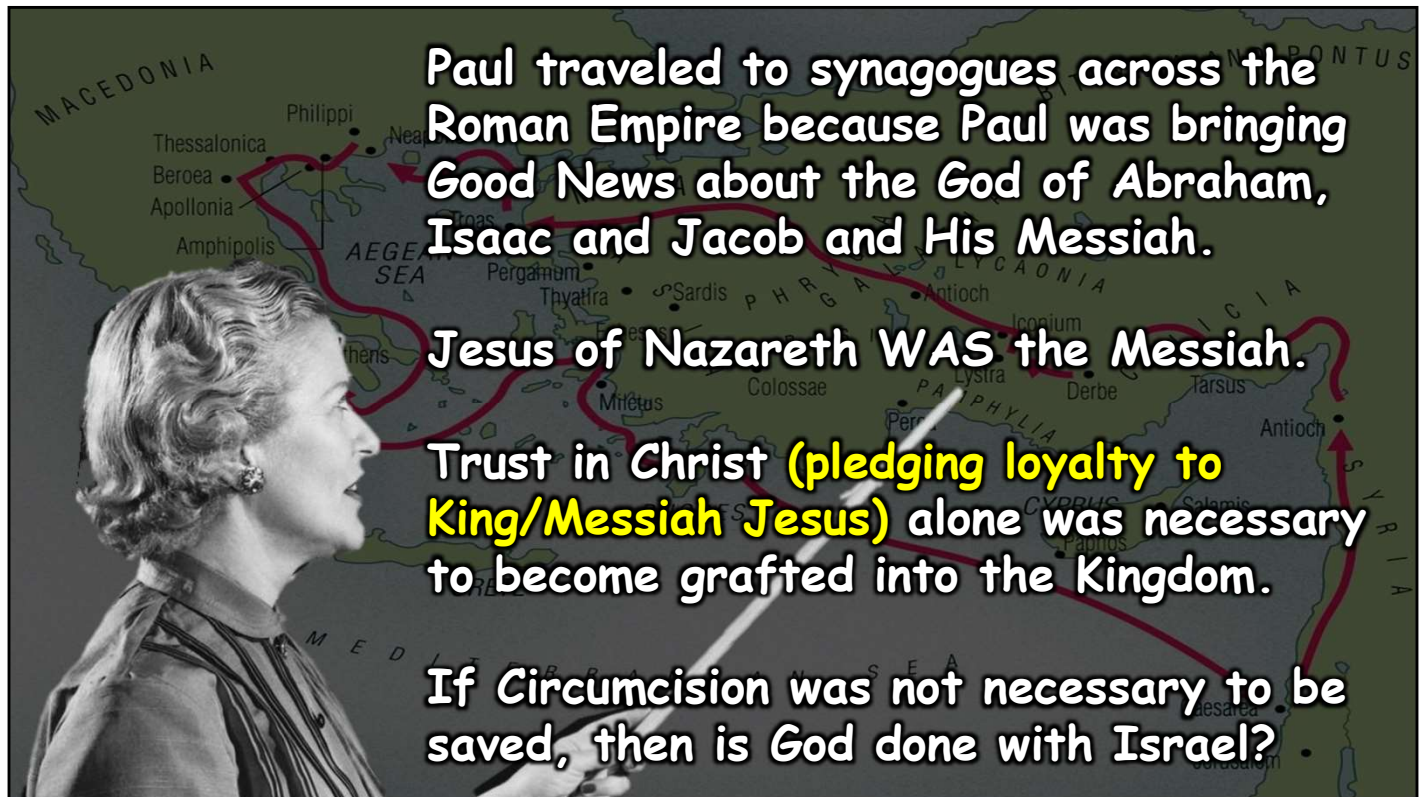
The Jews were well known across the world.

During the dispersion, they built Synagogues in almost every city.

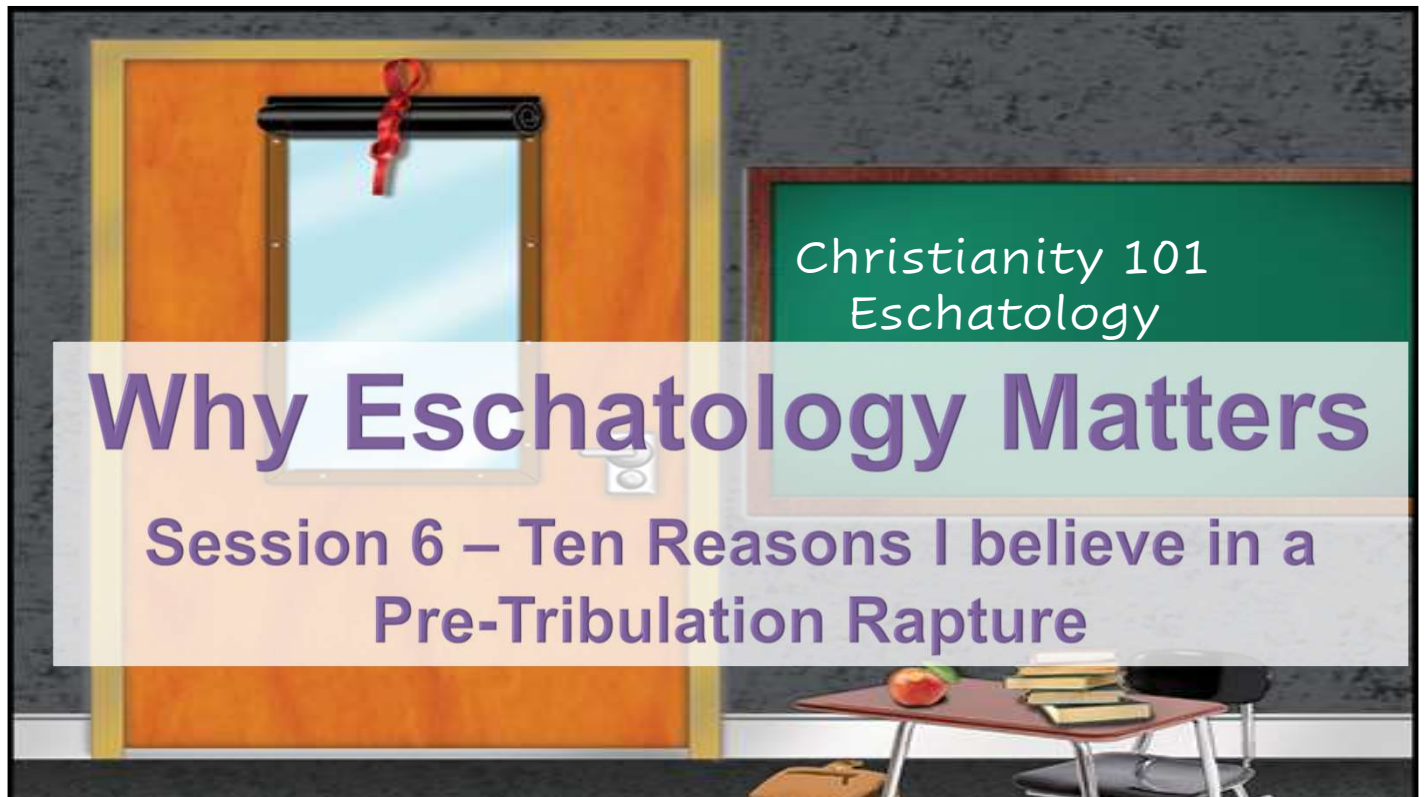
The Jews were so unique in the Gentile world.

- Legendary, because of the Exodus.
- Only had ONE God and He was invisible.
- They were generally arrogant even though their country was in subjection to Rome (which created conflict in the Eastern worlds understanding of gods, land and power)
- Because of their arrogance they were disliked.
- But they had strong families, monogamous and unique morality which were intriguing to the Pagans

Synagogues were community centers and self governing.



As Paul was going to the Jew first and was bringing the news about the Jewish God and the Messiah



Eschatology is actually foundational. Paul treated it as Christianity 101.

Creation	Global Flood	Abraham's Call	The Exodus	The Judges
4000 BC	2500 BC	2000 BC	1500 BC	1450 BC



Ezek 5:5

Thus saith the Lord God; **This is Jerusalem:**
I have set it in the midst of the nations and
countries that are round about her.

Remember the timeline. This is reading the Bible from left to right.

After the Exodus, God put Israel in Canaan and called them to be a Kingdom of Priests of the most High God. A lighthouse of truth in the midst of the pagan Gentile nations.

After 722, Micah 5:2, Is. 7:14, Is. 9:6-7

Creation	4000 BC
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Abraham's Call	2000 BC
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The Judges	1450 BC
Kingdom Years	1050 BC
Divided Kingdom	930 BC
Assyria captures North	722 BC
Babylon Captures South	606 BC

Isa 9:6-7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, **upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.



Assyrians - 722



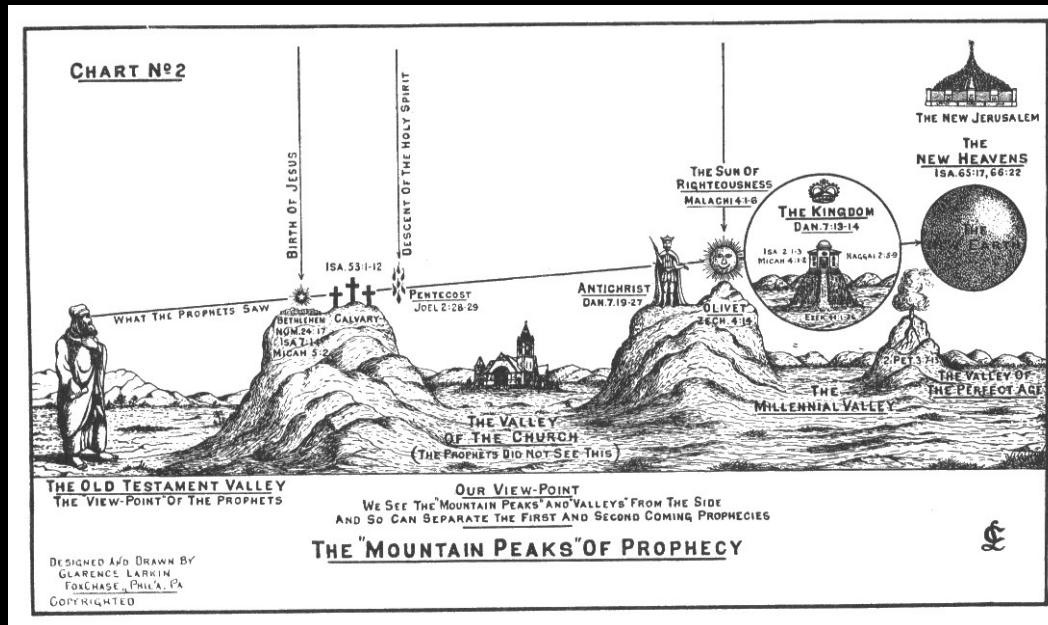
Three Conquests Three Prophets

606BC – **Daniel** taken to Babylon

597BC - **Ezekiel** take to Tel Aviv

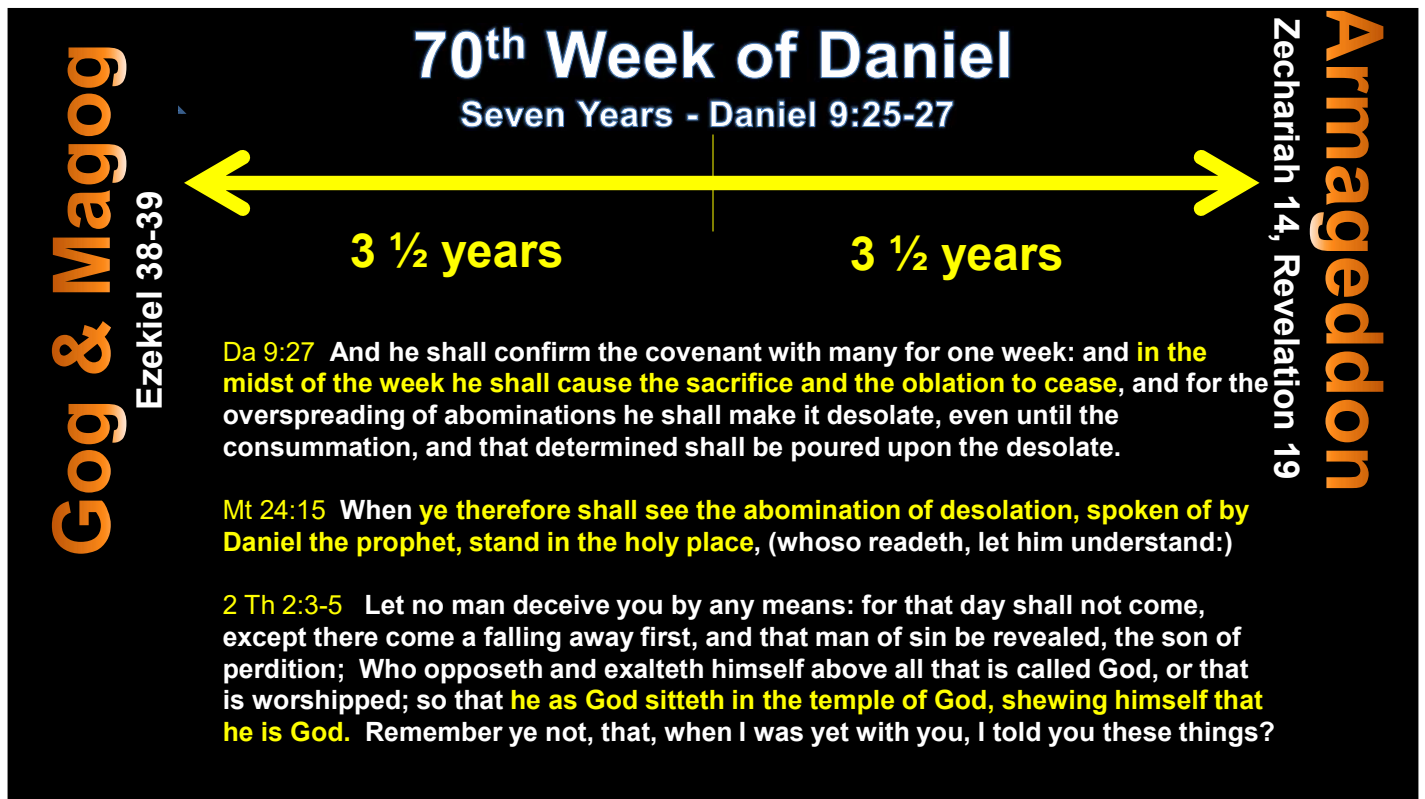
Ezekiel called about 592BC.

586BC – Jerusalem destroyed (**Jeremiah**)



This Period was Hidden in the O.T.

- Matt 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the **mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given. (13:33-35) Another parable spake he unto them...All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; **I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.**
- Eph 3:3-9 How that by revelation he made known unto me **the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men**, as it is now revealed unto his **holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit**; **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel**...I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, **which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:



Summarize what we know about the Tribulation



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Two Appearances 1) *Rapture*

1 Thess 4:13-18

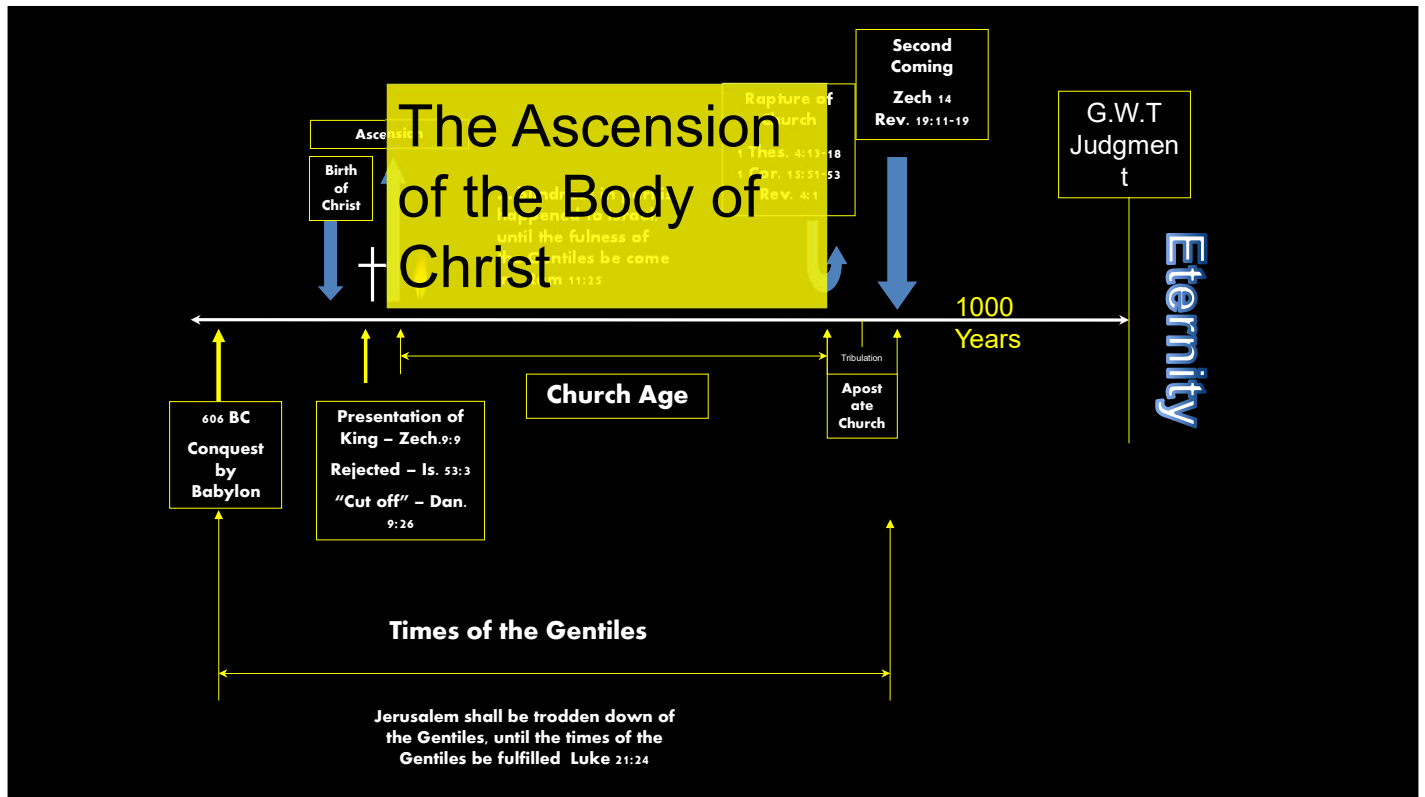
But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Two Appearances: 2) Second Coming

Zech 14:1-4

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

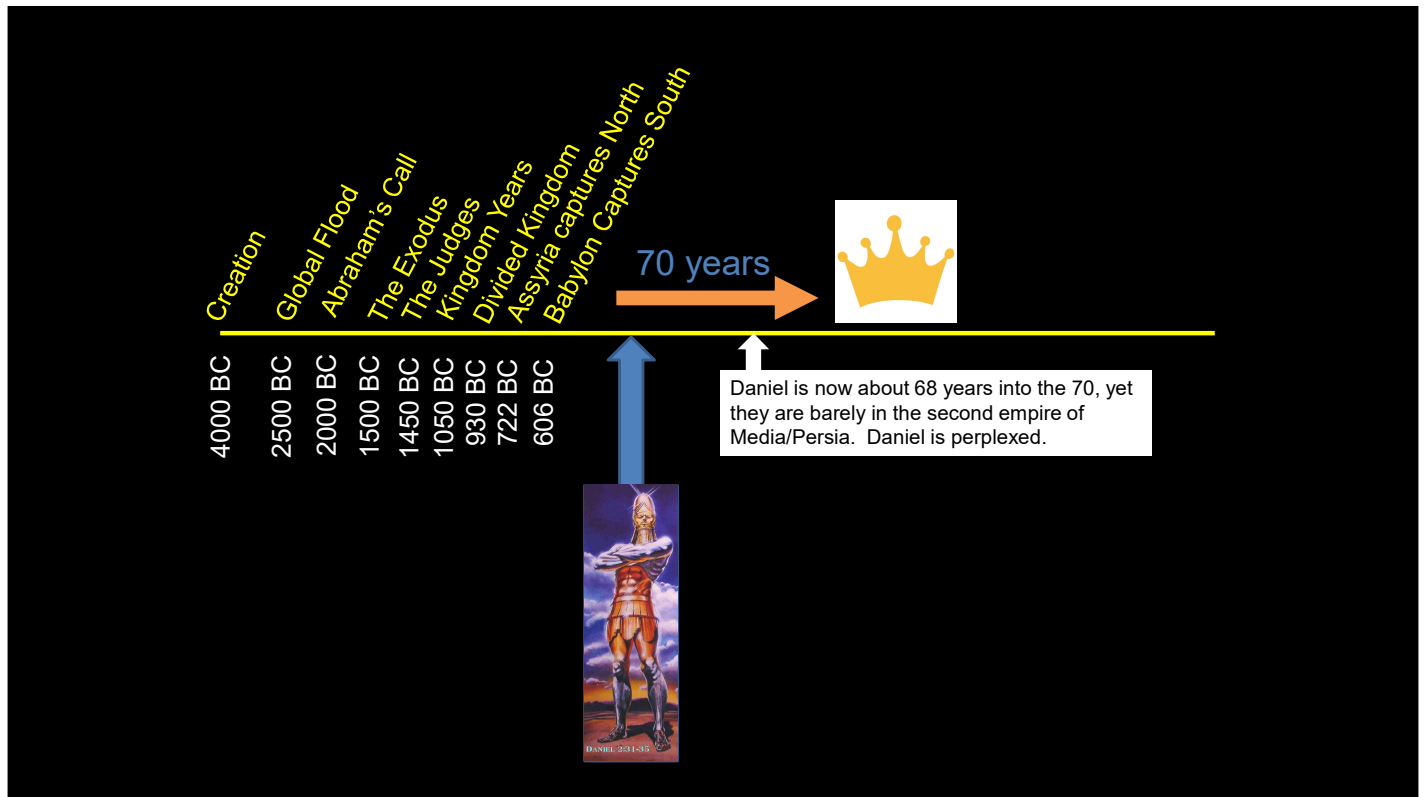
And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives (14:9) **And the Lord shall be king over all the earth:** in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.



When did Christ ascend to heaven?

- He is the Firstfruits of the Resurrection of the Just.
- He ascended from the Mt of Olives
- His BODY will join him at the end of this Church age





Daniel is now an old man. He is about 68 years into the 70, yet they are barely into the reign of the second kingdom (Media-Persia) and Daniel is wondering how God can keep His promise of 70 years AND the entire Revelation of the Times of the Gentiles. God answers with the revelation of the Seventieth Week of Daniel.

Dan 9:1-2

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem...(9:16) O

Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us....(18-19) O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: **for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.** O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

God dispatches Gabriel to answer his question



Judgement determined.

The Sentence.

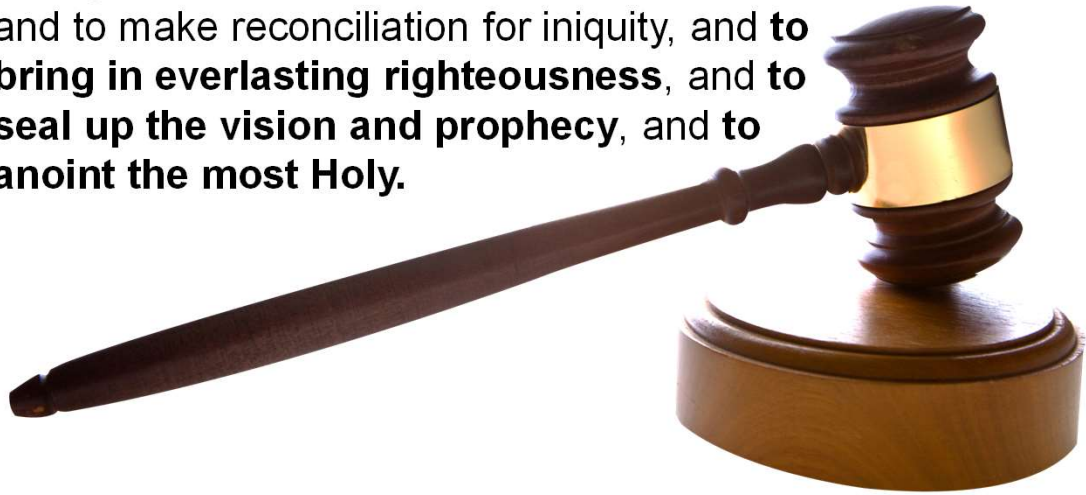


Lev 26:18-19

*And if ye will not yet
for all this hearken
unto me, **then I will
punish you seven
times more for
your sins.** And I will
break the pride of
your power...*

Dan 9:24-27

²⁴ **Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city**, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and **to bring in everlasting righteousness**, and **to seal up the vision and prophecy**, and **to anoint the most Holy**.



Dan 9:24

The Lord has commanded 490 years of further punishment upon Jerusalem and your people. Then at last they will learn to stay away from sin, and their guilt will be cleansed; then the kingdom of everlasting righteousness will begin, and the Most Holy Place (in the Temple) will be rededicated, as the prophets have declared.

The Living Bible Translation



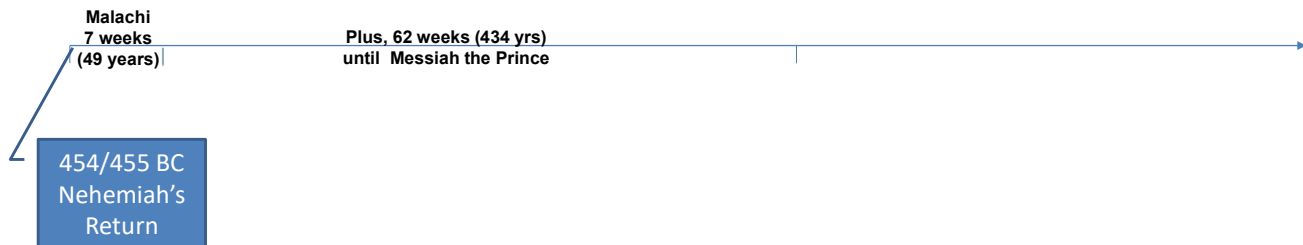
Dan 9:25

Know therefore and understand, that **from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem *unto the Messiah the Prince*** shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: ($69 \times 7 = 483$ years)

The 490-year countdown clock began ticking with the command given to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

Fulfilled by Nehemiah in BC 454.

After 483 years (7+42 weeks) UNTIL THE MESSIAH!



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Malachi
 7 weeks
 49 years

Plus, 62 weeks until
 Messiah the Prince

Messiah
 killed/sacrificed

454/455 BC
 Nehemiah's
 Return

Luke 19:41-44

*And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; **because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.***



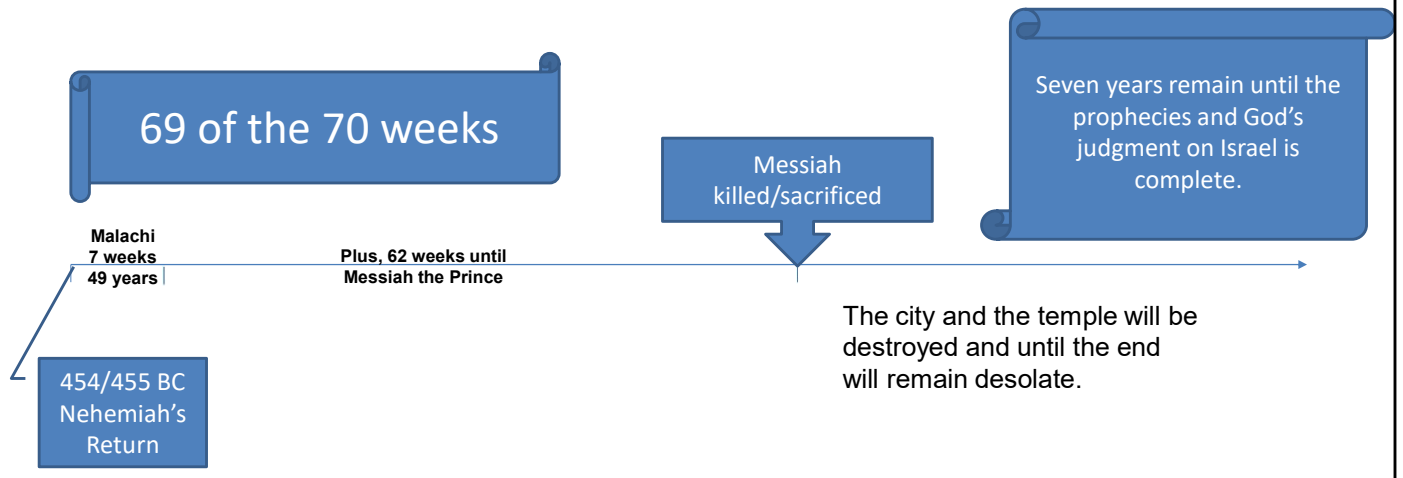
Jericho Road

*The route from Bethany Jesus would have used
coming into Jerusalem over the Mt of Olives*

(21:23-24) There shall be great **distress in the land**, and **wrath upon this people**. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

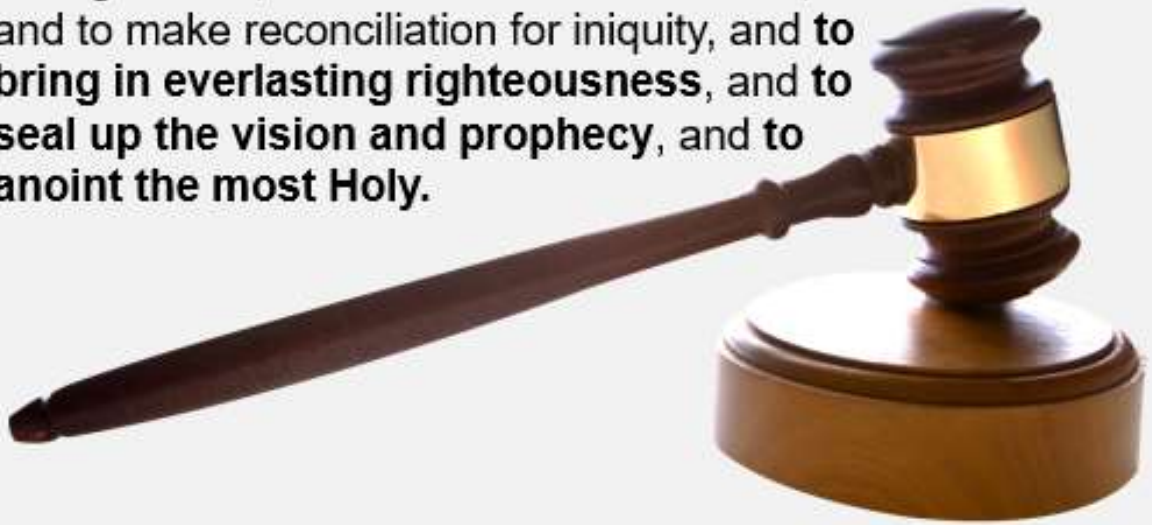
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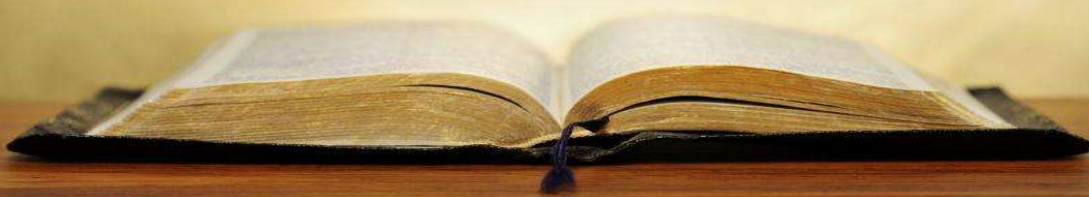
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Matt 24:15 *When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

2 Thess 2:3-4 *...that **man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition**; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.***

Rev 11:2 *...and the holy city shall they tread under foot **forty and two months.***

Rev 13:5 *And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months.***



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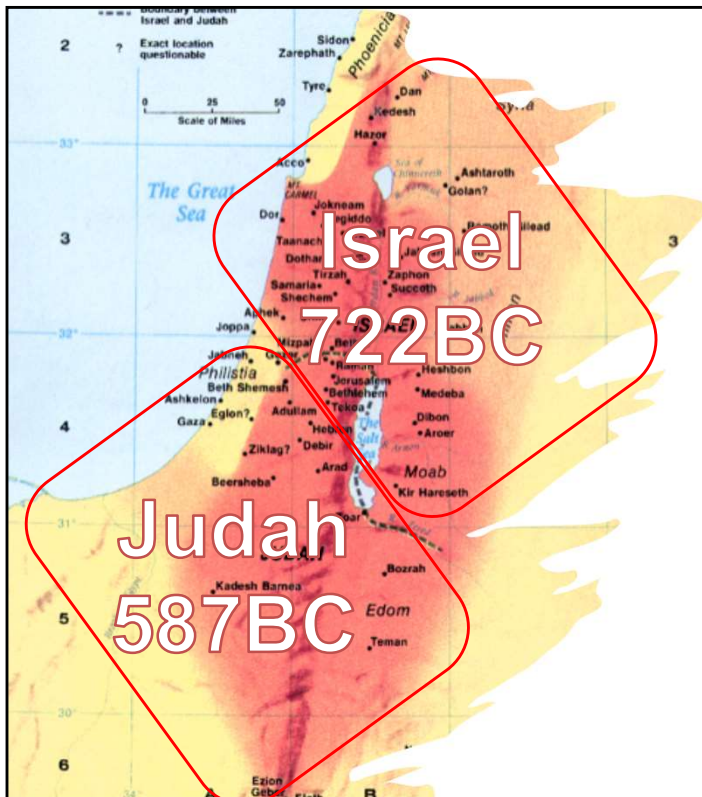
Isa 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

(Now – Hidden in OT)

*...and **the day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.*





The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3 *For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.*

4 And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning **Israel** and concerning **Judah**.

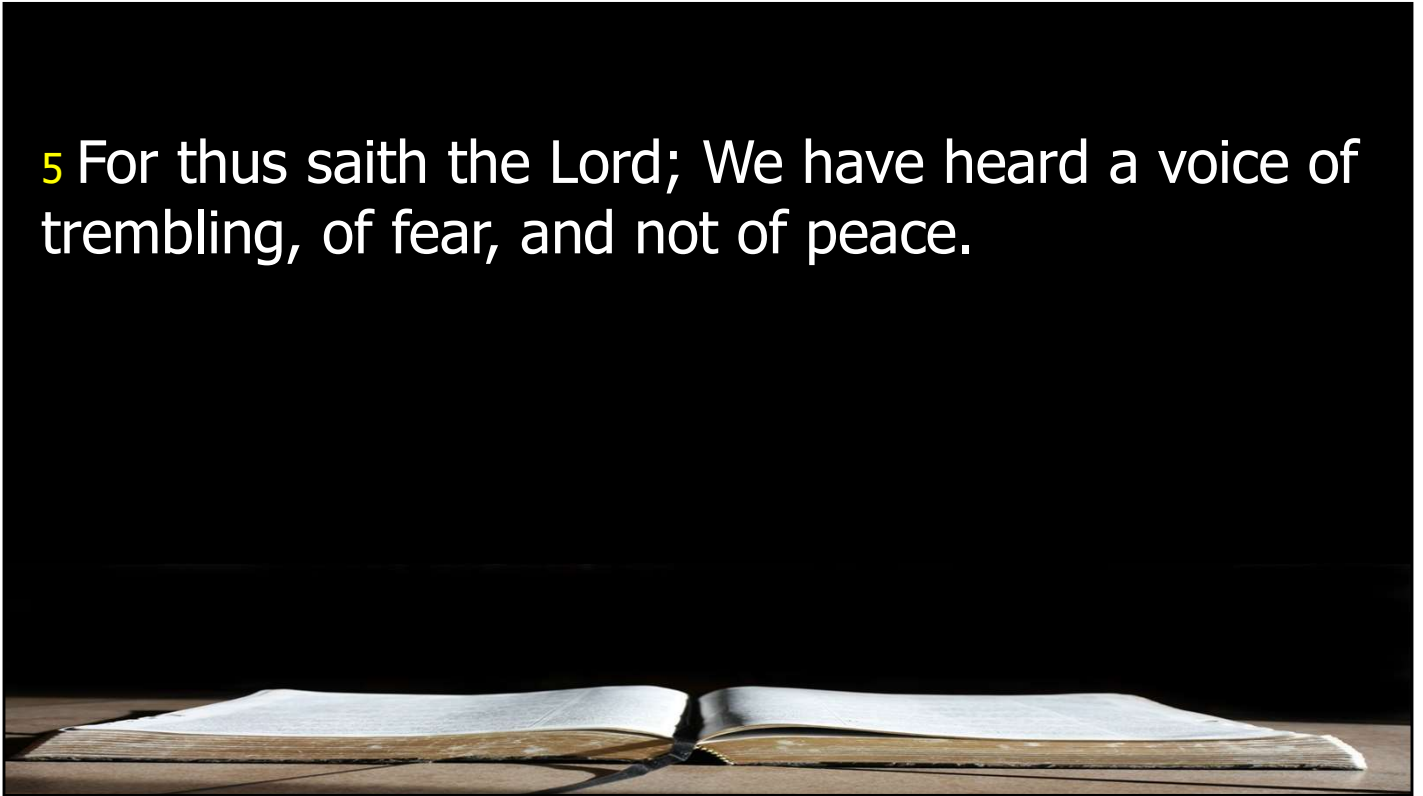
Jeremiah has delivered prophecies of doom and judgment for over 30 years. Now the city is surrounded by the Babylonians. Judgment is certain **AND NOW Jeremiah has been instructed to preach a message of promise and encouragement.**

(READ PASSAGE)

He also is given reminders of God's promised blessings to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

- The North had gone into captivity in 722BC.
- Judah would be destroyed in 587BC.

5 For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.



The city was on the verge of being destroyed, so Jeremiah was told to write this down. This was permanent record for the Jews and we are still reading this letter 2500 years later...

God speaking about the condition of Israel.... "Trembling and fear" not peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth **travail with child**? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, **as a woman in travail**, and all faces are turned into paleness?

NT:5604 ὀδίν **odin** (o-deen'); akin to NT:3601; a pang or throe, especially of childbirth:
KJV - pain, sorrow, travail.

Matt 24:8

8 **All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

Isa 66:8

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? **Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once?** for as soon as **Zion travailed**, she brought forth her children.

V. 6 – Notice the idiom of childbirth... is consistent throughout Scripture.

The men of Israel will be pale and in pain...when Israel is born in a day. Jesus used the same metaphor in the Olivet Discourse.

7 Alas! for **that day is great, so that none is like it:** it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Matt 24:21

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.



This is what Jesus was teaching about in the Olivet Discourse!

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Isa 45:4

⁴ For Jacob my servant's sake, and **Israel mine elect**, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.



Who is Jacob? Israel

Who shall be saved out of the Time of Israel's birth pains? The time of Israel's trouble? Israel.

Jesus referenced this verse in His Olivet Discourse. Who do you think He was talking to and about? Who is the elect that He is talking about in Matthew 24?

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

9 But they shall serve the Lord their God, and **David their king**, whom I will raise up unto them.

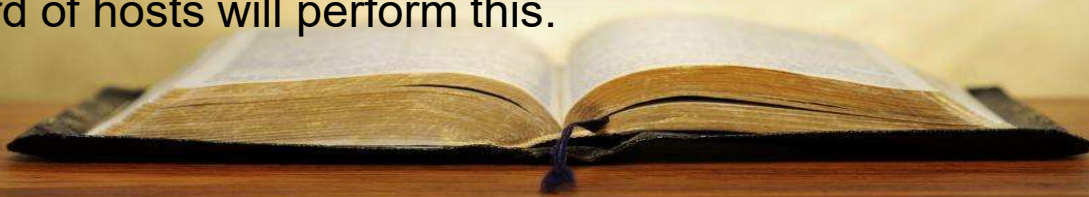


End of the Times of the Gentiles

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Isa 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isa 13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Revelation 6:15-17

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?



Confusion on the 7th Trumpet

Differentiating between the “bowls” vs other judgments

- God can use nature: famines, floods, locusts, pestilence
- God can use supernatural judgements: The Death Angel, Nile turned to Blood.
- God can use armies.

Ezek 32:10-12 *Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall. For thus saith the Lord God; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.*

Jer 47:6 *O thou sword of the Lord, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.*

Jer 21:3-5 *Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.*

Ten Reasons for a Pre-Trib Rapture

1. The 70th Week of Daniel
2. The Time of Jacob's Trouble
3. God is punishing the Wicked