

Return of the King

Importance of Prophecy

1. Some are _____
2. Some are _____
3. Some don't see how prophecy _____

Purpose for Prophecy

- God wants us to know His _____
Revelation 1:3
- God wants us to be _____
Amos 3:7
- God wants us to know that He _____
Isaiah 54:10
- God wants us to trust that He is _____
John 14:27-28a
- God wants us to know that He _____
Revelation 1:17b-18
- God wants us to be _____
I Thessalonians 5:4
- God wants us to _____
II Peter 3:9

God's Way is the Right Way

In the beginning, the human race chose to separate from God, wanting to live in control of our own lives. God has allowed the nations of the world to do things their own way for thousands of years. However, God wants every person to come to the realization that our source of life is found in dependency upon Him.

A. Kingdoms of this World

Acts 17:26-28a

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:27-35

1. Gold head: _____
2. Silver chest/arms: _____
3. Bronze torso/thighs: _____
4. Iron legs: _____
5. Clay and iron feet: _____
6. The stone: _____

Daniel 2:44-45

B. Kingdom of God

1. The kingdom begins as a _____
Luke 17:20-21
2. Jesus is the _____
Ephesians 1:19-23
3. The kingdom of God has been _____
Matthew 28:18-20
4. Jesus is coming back to rule His _____
Revelation 19:11-16
5. In the _____ Jesus reigns on the earth for 1,000 years.
6. A new _____ and a new _____
Revelation 21:1-7

Our King is Coming!

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God's Word Will Come to Pass

Isaiah 46:10 "I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." (NIV)

God Gives an Overview to Daniel

1. The 70 weeks are about the _____
Daniel 9:24-25

- **Note:** Prophecies concerning the 70th week are centered mostly around Israel and the eastern world and should not be **directly** applied to people everywhere.

Facts to help us get started

- One week describes a period of _____
- A year in prophecy is _____

Outline of the 70 weeks

- 7 sevens: Jerusalem rebuilt starting in 445 B.C.
- 62 sevens: Jesus honored as Messiah in 32 A.D.¹
- 1 seven: 7 years yet to be fulfilled

There have been nearly 2,000 years in between the 69th and 70th week where the focus has not been on the Jews, but on the building of the kingdom of God in nations around the world.

- **Note:** God loves Jews, Arabs and every other nationality. He offers salvation through Jesus Christ to everyone.

2. The 70th week _____
Daniel 9:26

- Jesus was cut off (crucified) in 32 A.D.
- The Romans destroyed the temple in 70 A.D. and the Jews were scattered to other nations.
- The antichrist will come from an area that was once a part of the Roman Empire.

¹ Matthew 21:9

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Daniel 9:27

- The 70th week begins with a treaty involving Israel.
 - The antichrist (prince) is one of many who will sign the treaty.
 - In the middle of the 7 years, the antichrist turns on the Jews, removing their worship. This is called the Abomination of Desolation.
 - The last half of the week is called the "Great Tribulation" when the antichrist persecutes the Jews.
- **Note:** Much of the calamity that occurs is a result of the actions of mankind. Just because God foretells it, does not mean He has instigated it.

When will the end come?

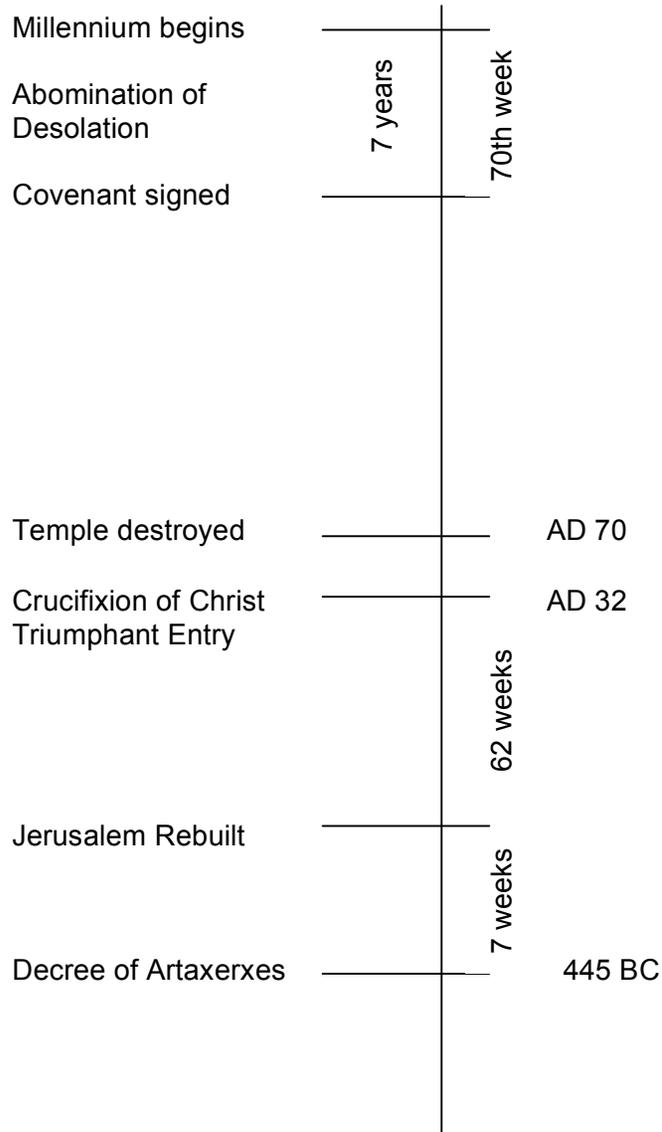
- There is an _____ for Christ's return.
Daniel 11:35
- The gospel will be preached to _____ within the set time. *Matthew 24:14*
- God is _____ desiring _____
II Peter 3:9; James 5:7-8

How should we prepare for His coming?

1. Be kingdom _____
Matthew 6:33
2. Live by kingdom _____
Hebrews 12:28-29
3. Enjoy _____ in the kingdom.
Romans 14:17
4. Share the _____ of the kingdom.
John 3:3
5. Be confident that God will keep His _____ to you! *Jeremiah 1:12 (Amplified)*

Seventy Weeks Timeline

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Part 2: The Appointed Time



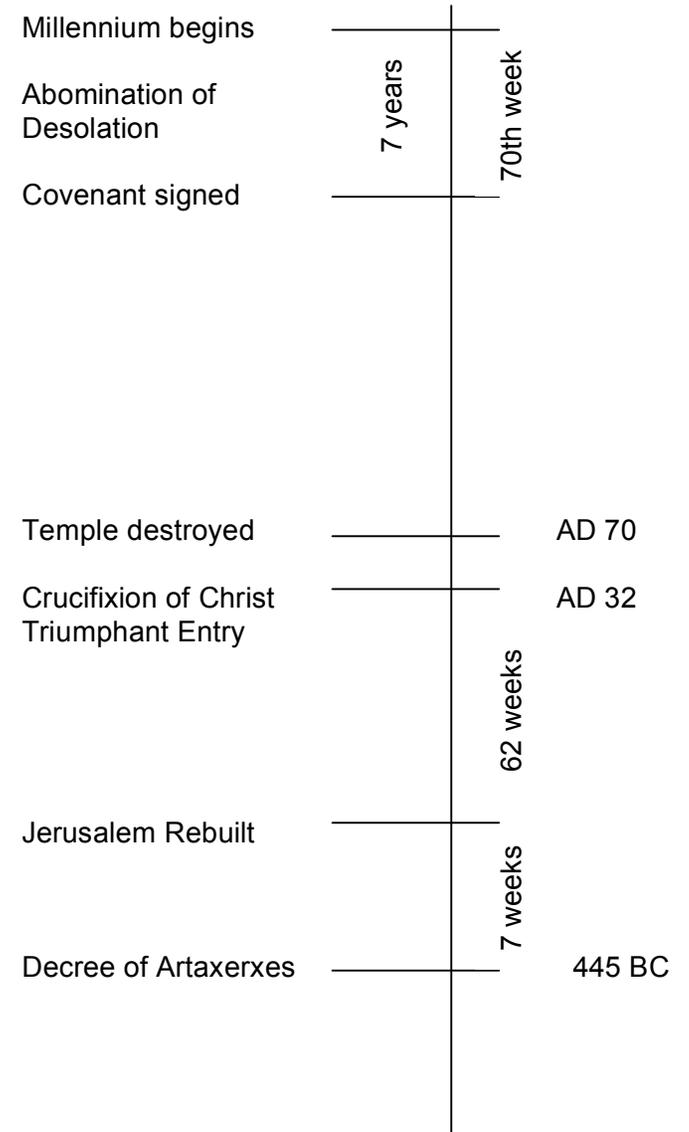
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God Will See His People Through

Luke 21:28

Introducing the Antichrist

Daniel 7:23-24

1. There is a political union made up of _____ leaders.
2. This union comes out of what was once the _____
3. The antichrist rises up and subdues _____ of the ten leaders.

A. First Half of the Week

1. The antichrist will be one of many who will sign a _____ with Israel. *Daniel 9:27*
2. The antichrist rules in peace with Israel for the first 3 ½ years.
3. There is an _____ in intensity and frequency of signs.

Beginning of Birth Pains (*Matthew 24:3-14*)

- Some proclaim to be the promised Messiah
- Wars and rumors of wars
- Famines, pestilences, earthquakes
- Jews will be hated and killed
- Sin will be abounding
- People's love will grow cold

B. Middle of the Week

1. The Holy Spirit stops _____ the antichrist.
II Thessalonians 2:7-8
2. The _____ is when the antichrist stops Jewish worship.²
3. Jews flee to the mountains.
4. Many turn away from their _____
II Thessalonians 2:3

² Matthew 24:15-22, Daniel 9:26

C. Last Half of the Week

1. The antichrist goes to _____
 - Note: We're not sure how much influence the antichrist will have over all the earth; however, we do know that the antichrist has enemies, so not everyone is his ally.
2. God protects _____ Jews.³
3. A _____ of the earth is destroyed.⁴
 - Note: When the Bible referred to the earth, it was referring to the known world at that time. We are not absolutely sure how the western world will be affected.
4. The mark of the _____ (antichrist)⁵
 - "Mark" in the Greek means scratching or etching.
 - The mark is given on the right hand or forehead.
 - The mark is a branding for allegiance to the antichrist with either his name or his number.
 - The antichrist demands worship of his followers.
 - Note: For some nations in the Middle East, politics and religion are combined, so worship of a political leader is not incomprehensible.

The Rapture

The word rapture is not in the Bible, but it is used to describe the event where Christians are transported to meet Christ in the air.

1. Rapture means _____
2. The rapture and the _____ are two separate events.

Whatever you are facing today, God will see you through!

Hebrews 13:5b-6 "...I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear...'

³ Revelation 7:1-8

⁴ Revelation 8:7-13

⁵ Revelation 13:15-18

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A New Beginning

Revelation 21:5a "Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'"

Differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming

Description of the Rapture

- Jesus appears in the clouds of heaven
- There are angels and a trumpet blast
- The dead in Christ rise first
- Those that are alive meet Him in the air
- Our bodies are changed in an instant

Description of the Second Coming

- Jesus comes to the earth
- His saints are with Him
- The second coming is part of the Day of the Lord

Scriptures to Study: Matt. 24:29-31; I Cor. 15:51-54; I Thess. 4:16,17; Rev. 6:12-17; Rev. 11:2; Dan. 12:1-3

A. The Day of the Lord

The term is referring to the period of time where God takes back the authority of the earth and gives it to His Son. *Daniel 12:11-12*

1. The _____ has already happened.
Revelation 14:14-16
2. The _____ of God is poured out.
Revelation 14:17-19
3. The purpose for God's wrath is to _____.
Hebrews 12:26-29
4. Nations gather for _____.
Revelation 16:14-16
5. Jesus returns with His _____.
Revelation 19:11-16

Revelation 11:15b "...the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

B. The Millennium

1. Satan is temporarily bound in _____.
Revelation 20:1-3
2. Christ reigns on the earth for _____ years.
Revelation 20:4

What will the Millennium be like?

- Jesus reigns from Jerusalem
- Jews are gathered from around the world
- Saints through the tribulation reign with Him
- The earth is restored
- There is universal peace and order
- There are people living who are not saved
- Children are born; people live and die

3. Satan is released for a short time _____.
Revelation 20:7-10

C. Great White Throne Judgment

1. The Book of _____.
Revelation 20:12-15
2. Hell is a _____.
Matthew 25:41
 - God does not want anyone to choose death
 - God is not there; there is complete darkness
 - Hell was made for Satan and his demons
 - Hell is a lake of eternal fire and brimstone
 - Worms continually eat on flesh
 - There is weeping and gnashing of teeth
 - The torment is everlasting
3. Heaven is a _____.
Revelation 21:1-6
 - There is a new heaven and new earth; no sea
 - New Jerusalem comes down
 - God lives with us; He is our light
 - Satan is not there; sin is not there
 - There is no sorrow, crying, or pain
 - We will see Jesus face to face

God can give you a new beginning today