

Understanding Today in Light of Biblical Prophecy

REVIEW

1. Gap of time between the 69 weeks and the 70th week
2. What was going to happen during the 70th week - 7 years

REMEMBER

1. Literal interpretation
2. Use common sense - don't check your brain at the door
3. Don't make it difficult/complicated

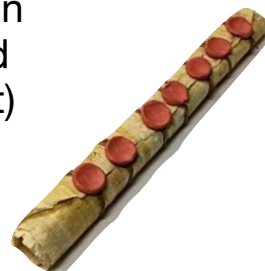
Daniel's 70th week

1. Daniel's 70 weeks for Israel and Jerusalem
 - 69 weeks focused on Jews
 - Gap of Time
 - 70th week also focused on Jews
 - Terminology through revelation 6-19
 - 7 - 144,000 Jews, temple, tabernacle
 - 8 - altar, golden censers, incense
 - 11 - measuring the temple, holy city, 2 witnesses in Jerusalem,
 - 12 - Dragon going after woman (Israel)
 - 14 - 144,000 again, winepress trod outside the city (Jerusalem)
 - 16 - battle of Armageddon - in Israel, great city - Jerusalem
2. Gap of time is the time we live in right now
 - It is the age of grace
 - Daniel wrote during the time of law
 - didn't have access to the knowledge we have now
 - We are now in the church age
 - we are in the Laodicean age
 - the last one
 - church that has shut Jesus out and as He knocks
 - they don't let Him in - they don't need Him
 - they have everything
 - we are the bride of Christ and should be preparing ourselves for the coming of our groom

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Revelation

1. Overview of Book - Write . . .
 - Things which you have seen (1)
 - things which are (2-3)
 - church mentioned 18 times in these 2 chapters
 - not seen or mentioned again until chapter 19 (end of 7 years),
 - things that will take place after these things (4-22)
 - 7 years
 - 1000 years
 - short time
 - Great White Throne
 - New Heaven/New Earth/New Jerusalem - eternity
2. After these things - big transition in chapter 4
 - numbers 1-7 and then after these things
 - create a time line
3. Jesus is going to redeem the earth - chapter 5
 - Throne room - Jesus worthy to take the scroll from God's hands
 - title of the earth - had been sold into the slavery of sin
 - wasn't ever given to Satan - held in the Judge's hand
 - until the exact time (the time of the Gentiles had past)
 - Kinsman redeemer claims His rightful ownership
 - Jesus is going to redeem the earth - chapter 5



Stage Is Set

Kinsman Redeemer takes ownership out of the hands of Satan

1. Jesus breaking the seals - The timeline starts
2. Prince that is to come will make a covenant for the 1 week (7 years period of time)
 - 3 1/2 years that things seem to go well for the Jews
 - Middle of 3 1/2 years - literally all hell breaks loose
 - Something terrible is going to happen
 - Jews will be hunted down to be eliminated
 - 7 years broken into 2 equal parts = 3 1/2 years
 - Times, time, 1/2 a time (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 12:14)
 - 42 months (Rev 11:2; 13:5)
 - 1,260 days (Rev 11:3)

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3. Seal judgments begin

- In order - each building on the next
- groups of people to keep an eye on
 - Those who dwell on the earth (ED's - unrighteous)
 - Those who come to repentance and are killed - saints
 - Those in charge that are going to call the shots
- Earth groaning - signs in the earth and in the sky (all under a curse as well)



- 6 seals

- **After this** (the first 6 seals)
 - Interlude as 144,000 are sealed (chapter 7)



- 7th seal - silence for 1/2 hour - holding breath, anticipation
- 7 angels standing before God with 7 trumpets - breaking of 7th seal put 7 angels in motion

- 4 trumpets sounded
 - 3 more left - 3 woes
- 9:12 After the 5th trumpet, 1st woe is passed two more coming
- Trumpet 6
 - There is a pause in 10, 11
 - Rev 11 - READ



- Nations are going to be given the holy city to trample for 3 1/2 years - 2)
- 2 witnesses prophesied for 3 1/2 years
 - Beast puts an end to them, comes up out of abyss and kills them
 - ED's rejoice because they had been tormenting them for 3 1/2 years
 - After 3 1/2 days they ascend into heaven
 - Earthquake in Jerusalem

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3 1/2 Year Middle Mark

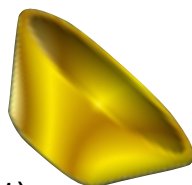
- First 3 1/2 years
 - 2 prophets prophesying
 - 7 seals and 6 trumpets
- Last 3 1/2 years
 - 2 witnesses killed
 - Breaks covenant in the middle of the week - desolation of abomination (Dan 9:24-27)
 - Beast unleashes terror (Mt 24, 25)
 - Abomination of desolation
 - Man of lawlessness revealed - demand to be worshipped (II Thes 2)
 - Speak against God - shatter Israel (Dan 11)
 - Wage war with the saints (Dan 7)



- 7th trumpet sounds
 - Christ takes power, nations enraged, God's wrath comes
 - Chapter 12-13 fills in details
 - Rev 12
 - Battle between Satan & God that has been going on since Satan rebelled
 - Satan thrown down to earth (earth bound - has a short time)
 - Persecutes Israel 3 1/2 years (13-17) - Israel protected so Satan goes after others
 - Rev 13
 - Beast - 4th kingdom of statue took aspects of 3 kingdoms it took over
 - Satan empowers him
 - Acted for 42 months (5) - first thing he did was kill the 2 witnesses
 - Stopped the sacrifices and offering in the temple
 - Went after and killed the saints
 - Another beast - religious leader

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- Causes people to worship the beast
- Makes people take the mark
- Rev 14
 - 144,00 taken into heaven
 - God's wrath being poured out those who worship beast
 - Winepress is about to be trodden
- Chapt 15
 - After these things (5) - 7 angels have 7 plagues (bowls)
 - IN THEM THE WRATH OF GOD IS FINISHED
 - If something is finished it means that it has already started
- 7 bowls - Chapt 16
 - Armageddon
 - The world shaken
- After these things (18:1)
 - Babylon remembered, judged, and destroyed (17-18)
 - work religious, economic, governmental system)
- Revelation 19
 - After these things (1)
 - Marriage feast of the Lamb (7-10)
 - Coming of Christ to the earth (11-16)
 - Great Supper of God (17-19)
 - Beast and Prophet thrown in Lake of Fire (20-21)
- Revelation 20
 - Satan bound
 - 1000 year millennial reign
 - After these things (3) Satan released and gathers together those for battle - fire devours them
 - Great white throne judgment
- New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem (20-21)



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Other Names for Daniel's 70th Week

- Tribulation - the Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21, 29 (Mk 13:19, 24), Rev 7:9, 14
- The Day of the Lord (Is 2:12),
- Time of Jacob's Troubles (Jer 30:7)
- The Time of the End (Dan 12:9)
- Hour of His Judgment (Rev 14:7)
- End of the World (Mt 13:40, 49)
- Time of Troubles as never before (Dan 12:1)
- Day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God (Ro 2:5)

Transition Between Church Age and 70th Week

Questions?

1. Is the church part of the 7 years?
2. Is the church gone for those 7 years? Some of it? All of it?
3. If the church gone, where does it go and when?

Rapture

1. What is it?
 - Gathering together with Christ in the air
2. When is it?
 - Split churches
 - Divided friends
 - People have been scared by it
 - It's not preached - Taboo to talk about
 - Ignored
 - Explained away or fictionalized



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3. How do we approach it?
 - Allow Scripture to speak (literally)
 - Make sure brain is engaged
 - Allow common (good) sense to guide you
 - Don't make it complicated
 - Understand this from a Jewish perspective

3 Views of the Rapture

Pre-Trib(ulation) - The church will be taken out of this world before the 7 years of tribulation

Mid-Trib - Many events happen at the mid point of the 7 years - at 3 1/2 years - one of those events would be the church taken out of the world

Post-Trib - The believers will be gathered with Jesus at the end of the 7 years and then return with Him when He comes at the end of the tribulation

Main Rapture Passages

1. I Thes 4:13-18
 - don't be uninformed
 - Those who died will be caught up with Him
 - Lord descends with shout, archangel, trumpet of God
 - Dead will rise first
 - Then those alive will be caught up together in the clouds
 - Always be with the Lord
 - Comfort each other with these words
2. I Cor 15:50-57
 - mystery - all not sleep but all will be changed
 - In twinkling of eye
 - Last trumpet sound
 - Dead will be raised - we will all be changed
 - Imperishable, immortal

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Jewish Wedding Traditions Christ and His Bride (the Church)

B E T T E R O T H A L L			1st C O M M I N G
Leave father's house	Jesus left heaven		
Travel to bride's home	Came to earth as baby		
Pay great price for bride	Died on cross for our sins		
Offer accepted/rejected	Offers salvation to us		
Marriage contract/legally bound together	If we accept/become bride		
Groom goes to father's house to prepare a place	Jesus went back to prepare place for us		
Father sends son back when all is ready	God knows the day and hour to send Son	R A P T U R E	
Groomsmen announce groom's arrival	Archangel will shout, trumpet blow	(in heaven)	
Bride immediately taken back with groom	Bride will be taken away		
They enter wedding chamber for 7 days	Church will be in heaven for 7 years		
Great wedding feast at end of 7 days	Wedding feast of the Lamb - after 7 yrs		

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Other Scriptures

Let Scripture speak!

1. I Thes 4:13-18
2. I Cor 15:50-57
3. Phil 3:20-21 - bodies transformed into conformity with the body of His glory
4. John 14:2-3
 - Groom has gone to prepare a place for us - Jewish wedding
 - When father says go, He will come for His bride
 - Nothing happens first - no indicator - father says go
5. I Thes 5:1-11
 - will come as a thief in the night for those in the darkness
 - We are of the light - be alert and sober
 - God has not destined us for wrath but for salvation (9)
 - whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him
 - Encourage one another and build one another up
 - When is the wrath of God?
 - The bowls finish the wrath of God - means it already started
 - Zeph 1:14-15 - day of wrath, trouble, distress, destruction, desolation, darkness, gloom
6. II Thes 2:1-12
 - day of the Lord has not come yet
 - Apostasy comes first
 - Noun form of the word - apostasia - falling away or departure from the truth
 - Verb form of the word - ahistemi - departure
 - Have we assigned it one meaning and ignored the other?
 - When you look it up - the falling away has been assigned to that word
 - What if it did mean departure?
 - Man of lawlessness revealed (son of destruction, exalts himself above all others, takes seat in the temple
 - Restrained right now
 - When the restrainer taken out of the way - lawlessness will come
 - Lawless one will be slain with breath of His mouth by His coming

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7. Revelation 3:10
 - because you have been faithful (church of Philadelphia) - I will keep you from the hour of testing
 - When is that testing
 - About to come to those who **dwell on the earth** (Rev 14:7, 15)

Reasons Why People Hold to Pre-Trib

1. Daniel's 70th week is for the Jews and Jerusalem
 - redemption of the Jews and Jerusalem
 - Reclaiming of the earth by the Kinsman Redeemer
2. There is no mention of the church in Revelation between chapter 4-18
 - Seem to be coming to the close of the church age
3. Jewishness of chapters Rev 6-18
4. Jewish Betrothal/Wedding
 - If we are the bride of Christ - would He put his bride in the midst of this battle (Eph 5:22-33)
 - He's gone to prepare our place and then come take us away with Him
 - We will have the wedding feast (Rev 19) after the 7 years
 - We will come back with Him to rule and reign together - like we were supposed to do to begin with
5. All those who were before the throne of God worshipping Him
 - 7 lamps before the throne of God in Rev 4 - could it be the church
 - Who do the 24 elders represent?
6. We are not destined for His wrath - the Lamb took our wrath upon Himself
 - We saw through passages that we are to encourage one another with these words - we are to look expectantly
 - Who were saved out of judgment during Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah?
 - Noah was saved through the flood - protected in God's hands
 - Lot was taken out of the city before being destroyed

Books - The Non-Prophets Guide to the Book of Revelation & The Non-Prophets Guide to the End Times by Todd Hampton