

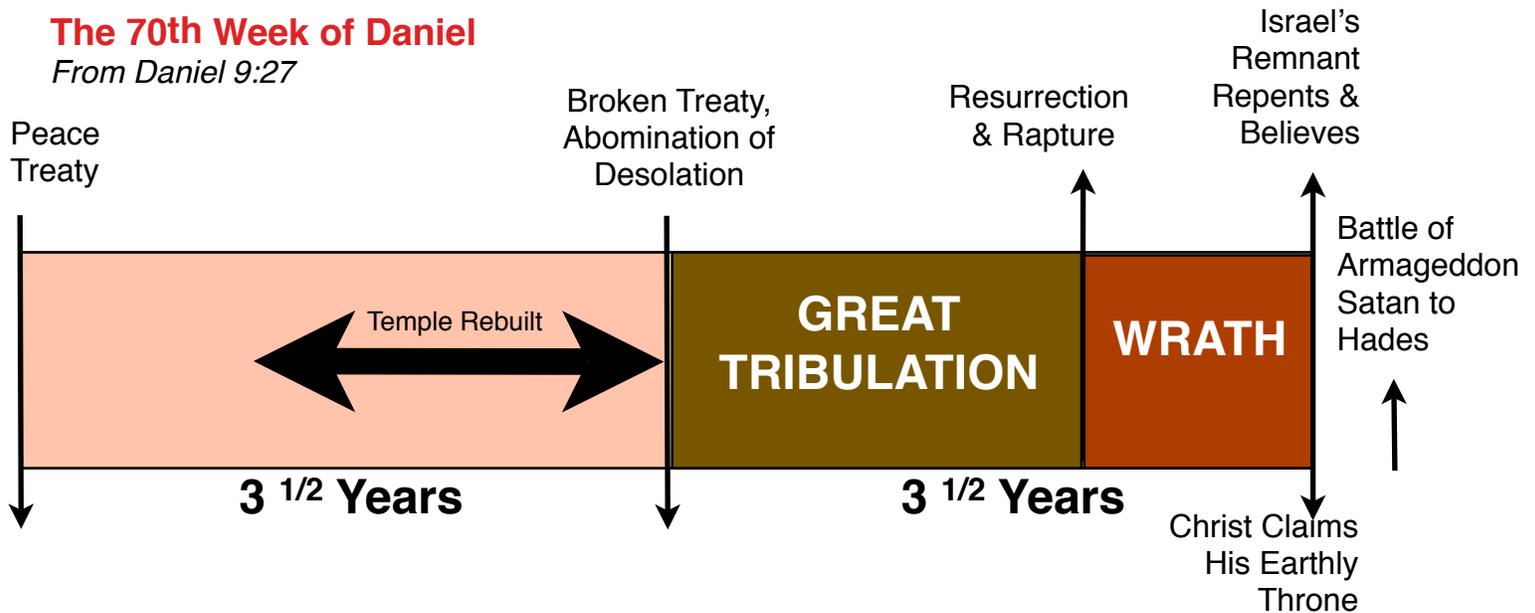
Telos: Getting a Birdseye View of Revelation - II

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Review: Looking at what we learned last time. See diagram, below.

The 70th Week of Daniel

From Daniel 9:27



Introduction

Session One presented an overview of the 70th Week. Now, we'll add more detail to the last 3 1/2 years. We'll also cover the time immediately after the 70th Week, the earthly rule of Christ ("Millennium"), and God's New Creation.

Round One; More on the Last 3 1/2 Years (15 minutes)

Daniel 9:27 describes the last seven (7) years of time, called the 70th Week of Daniel, which begins when Antichrist makes an agreement (treaty or "covenant"), presumably with Israel's enemies, to grant her peace and security. Israel feels safe enough to rebuild her Temple and resume sacrificial worship, but Antichrist breaks the covenant, invades Jerusalem, and claims to be God. This abomination (*i.e.* man claiming to be God) starts a sequence of events that brings destruction and desolation to the world. Sometime after the midpoint of the 70th Week, after the Abomination of Desolation, Antichrist begins persecution of the Church that is ended by the rapture. Now, read the events listed below, which supply details about the last 3 1/2 years of Daniel's 70th Week, based on other scripture verses.

- (A) After Antichrist conquers Jerusalem and claims to be God, some godly Jews will refuse to believe or worship him. When Antichrist persecutes them, they escape into the desert to a place called Azel (**Zechariah 14:5**), where they are protected for the last 1260 days, which is 3 1/2 years (**Revelation 12:6**). When Antichrist can't destroy the remnant of Israel, he begins his persecution of the Church (**Daniel 12:7**; **Revelation 12:1-6;13-17**). The rapture ends this persecution, as discussed before.
- (B) The faithful Jews that flee to Azel will be a remnant from all twelve tribes of Israel (**Revelation 7:3-8**). Counting men, women, and children, they will be only number one in ten from Israel (**Amos 5:1-4; 6:7-9**).

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(C) After Antichrist claims to be God, two (2) witnesses will begin their ministry in Jerusalem (**Zechariah 4; Revelation 11**). They will inflict the six (6) trumpet plagues of Revelation on Antichrist's empire as divine wrath and judgment and as a testimony against Antichrist (**Revelation 8-9; 11:3-6**), just as Moses did against Pharaoh in Egypt. One of these two witnesses will be Elijah (**Malachi 4:5**) and some scholars believe the other witness will be Moses (**Matthew 17:1-12; Revelation 15:3**), though no one is sure.

(D) During the last 3 1/2 years, the hiding remnant of Israel is watching the two witnesses defy Antichrist. Israel's ardent hope is they will be delivered by these witnesses, just as Moses delivered Israel from Pharaoh with plagues and judgment (see *Exodus*).

(E) The Antichrist will seek to kill these two divinely-protected witnesses during their 42-month (3 1/2 year) ministry, but will not succeed until the very end of the 70th Week (**Revelation 11:7-8**).

(F) With their two heroes now dead, the remnant of Israel begins a time of anxious prayer and scripture search; they have no other earthly hope. Soon, they realize they've rejected Christ; they repent from their unbelief (**Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 10:20-23**). After three (3) days of mourning, Jesus appears to them, they embrace Him, and all Israel is saved (**Hosea 5:15-6:3; Romans 11:25-27**).

(G) Three (3) days after their death, and just after Israel accepts her Messiah and Savior, the two witnesses in Jerusalem will be resurrected. The resurrected two (2) witnesses join Christ, redeemed Israel, and His Church in the Messianic Kingdom (**Revelation 11:8-19**), announced by the 7th Trumpet of Revelation (**Revelation 11:15**), thus ending the 70th Week of Daniel.

(H) Antichrist and his allies are enraged by Israel's deliverance and Christ's claim to be King of the World. He wars against the Lord, but the Lord brings the seven (7) Bowl Judgments of **Revelation** against Antichrist during the days that immediately follow the 70th Week (**Daniel 12:11**). This wrath ends with a massive battle at Armageddon and Antichrist loses (**Revelation 16:12-16**).

(I) After a restoration period (**Daniel 12:12,13**), Christ begins His earthly Millennial reign with the redeemed remnant of Israel and the resurrected-raptured Church. (**Zechariah 14:9; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 19:5-9; 20:6**).

(J) Defeated Antichrist, his false prophet, and Satan are banished to Hades, the nations of the world are judged (**Matthew 25**). Wicked nations join Satan in Hades.

(K) At the end of 1000-years "Millennium", Satan is released from Hades to deceive the nations, headed by a wicked man named Gog. Jesus defeats Gog's army and casts Satan into the pit forever (**Revelation 20:7-10**).

(L) The wicked dead are resurrected and judged and cast into Hades (**Revelation 20:11-15**). The earth and heavens are destroyed and replaced by a new heaven and earth where there will be no more sin (**Revelation 21-22**). The eternal Kingdom of God is now established forever.

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Group Discovery One: (15 minutes) Using the summary, above, put the following news tweets in the proper order.

- _____ **Two Jewish Troublemakers Finally Killed. Bodies Lie In Jerusalem's Streets. Whole World Exchanges Gifts and Celebrates. Great Leader Says "No More Plagues!"**

- _____ **Men Claiming To Be Elijah and Moses Warn World Not To Worship Great Leader. They Poison Rivers and Lakes Causing Many To Die. Intense Manhunt Fails to Find Them.**

- _____ **Our Lord Makes All Things New. Glory of the Lord Lights the New Jerusalem. River of Life Flow from the Lamb's Throne. The Saints Rejoice.**

- _____ **Gog Raises Army of Millions and Marches on the City of Our Lord. Many Nations Join Him. Attack on Jerusalem Imminent.**

- _____ **Secret Police and Military Forces Search for Azel. Great Leader Curses Jewish Rebels and Swears to Their Destruction.**

- _____ **Great Leader Sends the Army to Armageddon. Destruction of Jewish Rebel Forces Predicted. Jews Outnumbered 1000-to-1.**

- _____ **Jesus Judges the Nations. Enemies of the Saints Banished from the Kingdom Forever. Friendly Countries Embraced.**

Round Two: Fitting It All To Revelation

This last section correlates many of the most important features of the end-times with the actual chapters in Revelation that cover them. Although this is all very complicated, with the two handouts you now have and with a little work, you are now prepared to understand end-times and the Book of **Revelation** better.

Chapters 1-3: Jesus' instruction and preparation of the Church for faithful service in all generations.

Chapter 4-5: The Sealed Scroll of the Judgement and Wrath of God. This Wrath cannot be executed until all 7 seals on the scroll are broken. Only Jesus has the authority to break these seals. When all seals are broken, the scroll can be opened and the judgments of God on a wicked world can be pronounced. These judgments are summarized in the Trumpet Judgments of **Revelation 8-9**.

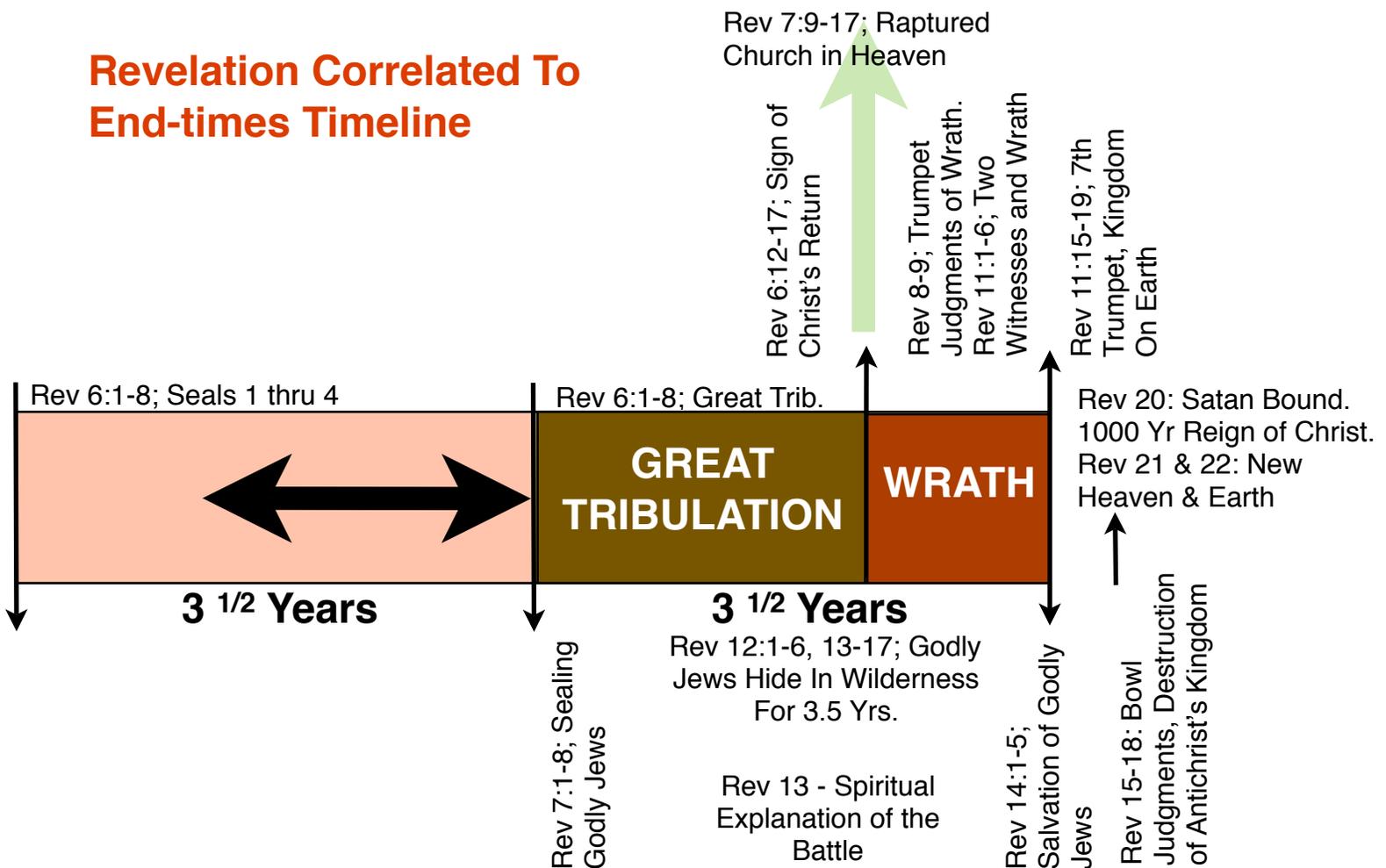
The Little Book, or Scroll, of **Revelation 10**, contains the Bowl Judgments that will be executed after the remnant of Israel is saved, the two witnesses of **Revelation 11** are resurrected, after the 70th Week.

The diagram, below, correlates Revelation with key events.

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Revelation Correlated To End-times Timeline



Group Discover Two: Study the diagram on Page 1, with the diagram on Page 4. Note and discuss how the different sections of Revelation correlate with the diagram of the 70th Week.

- Do you notice that events seem to intensify as time progresses through end-times? Jesus compared the events associated with His return to “birth pangs” (**Matthew 24:8**). Why do you think He said that?
- Read **Revelation 7:9-17**. What about the appearance and composition of the people mentioned in these verses supports the conclusion that they are the Church?
- How do you think the events, plagues, and deliverance of Israel foreshadows the deliverance and salvation of the remnant of Israel in the end-times?
- Do you see any similarities between the story of Jonah and the salvation of Israel? How about to the resurrection of Christ.

Homework: Now read Revelation and use the diagrams and handouts to fully understand the sequence of events. Congratulations! You now know more about end-times that most Christians!