"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men. after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."



Day-Years and Times are about only Three Events!

- 1. An Islamic abomination that has kept the Temple Mount spiritually desolate until this day.
- 2. The restoration of the Nation of Israel to the Holy Land in 1948 A.D..
- **3**. The freeing of Jerusalem in 1967 A.D. from 2573 years of Gentile control.

So after Jesus was crucified, did God forget the "everlasting covenant" He gave to the physical seed of Israel?

The First Century Picture

Jesus sets the stage for the Christian era.

Luke 5:30-35 "But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners(considered unclean by the Pharisees)?

"And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the *(self)* righteous, but sinners to repentance.

"And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers *(observe the Jewish rituals)*, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

"And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber (the soon coming Church) fast, while the bridegroom (Jesus) is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them (after the resurrection), and then shall they fast in those days."

Old Wine and New Wineskins

The following parable appears in all three synoptic Gospels, (in Mat 9, Mark 2 and Luke 5), in which Jesus tells us what the future holds for His chosen people.

Luke 5:36-39 "And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment (the New Testament Gospel) upon an old (The Levitical code); if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth new wine (of the Gospel) into old bottles (of Moses' law); else the new wine (of the Gospel) will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the (Old Testament) bottles shall perish. But new wine (of the Gospel) must be put into new bottles; and both (The new and the old, i.e., the Jewish people and the Church) are preserved."

So the *New Wine* of the Gospel is preferable to the *Old Wine* of the Levitical code, but how can the Jewish people be "preserved" if they don't recognize Yeshua as their Messiah?

The Two Witnesses

2Corinthians 13:1 "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

True in the Levitical era, true in the Christian era.

Revelation 11:3-4 "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."

Revelation 1:20 "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

If Seven Candlesticks in Revelation 1 are seven churches, then Two Candlesticks in Revelation 11 are two churches!

The Two Olive Trees

Romans 11:24-25 "For if thou (*Gentile believers*) wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree (*the Jewish people*): how much more shall these natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree?

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness **in part** is happened to Israel (the Jewish people), until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in (the Gentile Church)."

The cultivated olive tree is the Jewish people;
The wild olive tree is the Gentile believers;
and thus the Two Witnesses
during the Christian Era are...

The Jewish People
AND
The Gentile Church!

"They Shall Prophesy 1260 Days!"

- 1. Two Witnesses witness in the Gentile world for 1260 days
- 2. Identified by the Bible as two candlesticks and two olive trees.
- 3. Rev.1:20 identifies candlesticks as churches!
- 4. Rom.11:24-25 identifies olive trees as Jew and Gentile believers.



NOTE: The 1260 days started AFTER 688AD. Why? Because prior to the construction of the Islamic *Dome of the Rock*, both Jews and Gentiles could freely worship on the Temple Mount. In fact, Jerusalem was the home of the great Coptic Church. Only after the Islamic Jihad of the 7th Century were Christians and Jews prevented from worshiping on the site.

The following passage is to the physical Jews of Jeremiah's day and about their descendants. It is not to or about the Gentile Church that has been grafted in.

Jeremiah 31:35-37 "Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being <u>a nation</u> before me for ever.

"Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD."

God's Covenant with Physical Israel

Leviticus 26:33-45 (excerpts) "I will scatter you (Isrealites) among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you . . . and they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands . . . And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God . . . But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD."

So salvation for the physical seed of Israel does not depend on their sanctification, but on the covenant-keeping faithfulness of God.

Romans 11:8 "According as it is written, God hath given them *(the Jewish People)* the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see *(the Gospel)*, and ears that they should not hear; unto this day."

So the question is this: Would God be just if He sends a people to Hell after He sovereignly blinded them to the Gospel?

Not according to this verse!

Romans 4:15 "For where no law is, there is no transgression."

Romans 11:11 "I say then, Have they *(the Jewish people)* stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy."

Romans 11:28-29 "As concerning the gospel, they *(the Jewish people)* are enemies *(of the Gospel)* for your sakes: but as touching the election *(Greek: ἐκλογήν, eklogē, by definition: divine choice)*, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance *(In Greek: ἀμεταμέλητος, ametameletos, which by definition is: irrevocable or never repented of)."*

The Born Again Principle

Before Jesus went to the Cross, He said the following to Nicodemus...

John 3:3-10 (excerpts) "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?"

Since Jesus expected Nicodemus to understand the born again principle before the Cross, then Old Testament believers were born again before the Cross! So did those Old Testament Jews spread throughout the whole world (who never even heard of Jesus) become un-born again immediately after the Cross?

Of course not! Salvation is not based on doctrinal knowledge, but on faith and heart condition. 1Samuel 16:7, Psalm 24:3-6, 51:17, Isaiah 57:15, 66:2, Micah 6:8, Romans 4:15, 11:8, 11:11, 11:28-29, Hebrews 11:4-38 all declare it to be so.

The point being: If a blinded Jew can be saved for one microsecond into the Christian era without recognizing Jesus as his Messiah, then a Jew **in the same spiritual condition** can be born again right now without recognizing Jesus as his Messiah.

Salvation has never been based on doctrinal knowledge, it has always depended on heart condition!

Declaration of the Jews at the Pavement

Matthew 27:24-25 "When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed His hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

Then answered all the people, and said, 'His blood be on us, and on our children.'"

Above is one of the most beautiful verses in the whole Bible.

The Jews may have thought they were uttering a curse,

but did the Lord see it that way?

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified."

Matthew 12:37

We are saved today because Jesus' blood is upon us, isn't that also true for the Jews?

Ezekiel 37:4-6, 12 "Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, (these bones are a figurative picture of the children of *Israel, so the passage is figurative*) and say unto them, 0 ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel."

Ezekiel 37 was fulfilled in 1948.

The Same Dry Bones in Daniel

Daniel 12:1-2 "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble (Nazi death camps of Jeremiah 30:1-6), such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Romans 2:28-29)."

Daniel 12: 1-2 were also fulfilled in 1948.

Abraham Meets Melchizedek

Most conservative theologians agree that Melchizedek is a theophany, an Old Testament appearance of the Lord Jesus before He was born of the virgin Mary.

Hebrews 7:1-3 "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."

God's Covenant Relationship with Israel

Hebrews 7:9-10 "And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him."

- 1. Abraham paid tithes for Levi.
- 2. Levi received tithes from the rest of Israel
- 3. Therefore: through Abraham, Levi paid tithes to Melchizedek for all future Israel.

The First Communion

Genesis 14:18-20 "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth **bread and wine**: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he *(Abram)* gave him *(Melchizedek)* tithes of all."

Just as all future Israel gave tithes through Abraham, in like manner, Melchizedek had communion with all future Israel.

Romans 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

A Few Scriptures on Israel

- Gen 17:7 speaks of an unconditional everlasting covenant with the seed of Abraham.
- Lev 26:44-45 Shows Israel's restoration would not be conditional.
- Isa 11:11 speaks of a second restoration of the Jews.
- Isa 26:20-27:1 speaks of a final hiding of the children of Israel followed by Satan's complete judgment.
- Isa 27:12-13 in context with the above, speaks of a final regathering of Israel.
- Jer 30:4-8 speaks of the time of Jacob's trouble and future restoration.
- Jer 30:18-24 states that a restoration for the tents of Jacob will take place in the latter days. (*Not in 536 B.C.*)

- Jer 31:35-37 speaks of the permanent nation of Israel.
- Jer 33:24-26 is a definitive unconditional covenant with Jacob's descendants.
- Eze 16:60-63 speaks of an unconditional everlasting covenant with the Jews.
- Eze 37:1-28 speaks of an unconditional restoration of Israel, followed by a major conflict in Eze 38-39.
- Hos 11:9-10 speaks of a restoration of Israel from the West.
- Joe 3:1-3 predicts the restoration of Judah, followed by war.
- Amo 9:11-15 speaks of Israel restored to the land.

Zec 8:7-8 speaks of a post-exilic unconditional restoration of the Jews to Jerusalem and to the land.

Zec 10 & 12 contain more prophecies of a future restoration of the Jews.

Zec 14 speaks of final battle with the Jews in Jerusalem.

Luk 21:24 speaks of a dispersion, the time of the Gentiles, and a restoration following.

Rom 11:11 states that the Jews have not fallen.

Rom 11:17 states that only SOME of the branches were broken off

Rom 11:17 further states that the church was grafted in AMONG the Jews.

Rom 11:28 states that the gospel age lews are still elect.

Rom 11:29 states that God's calling of the Jews is irrevocable.

Rev 7:4-9 speaks of the 12 tribes of Israel during the Christian Era.

Rev 12:1-6 speaks of Israel during the Christian Era.

Rev 15:3 there are two songs, one for the Jewish people, one for the Gentile Church.

If the Jews cannot trust the promises God gave them, then the Church has no basis for trusting the promises God Gave us!

Jeremiah's Picture of Jewish Restoration

THE NEW NATION OF ISRAEL IN 1948

Jeremiah 30:3 "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."

The Jews were restored to the land in 536 B.C., but the land remained under some form of Gentile control.

Israel did not really "possess" the land as a sovereign nation until 1948 A.D.

THE HOLOCAUST

Jeremiah 30:4-8 "And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. 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 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble."

Haven't we seen pictures of Jewish men staggering blindly into the Nazi gas chambers, while covering their nakedness with their hands?

Jeremiah 30:4-8 continued . . .

"but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his *(Satan's)* yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more **serve themselves** of him." *(Hebrew: מנר, aw-bad', by definition: enslave or keep in bondage)*

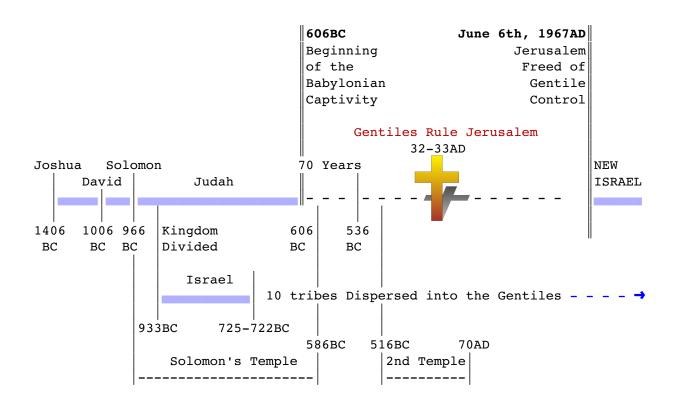
THE COMING MESSIAH

Jeremiah 30:9 "But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them." (at the Return of Jesus)

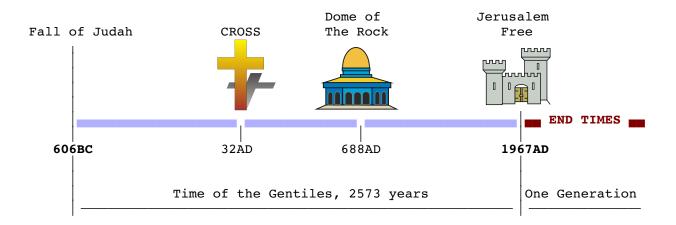
JESUS FORETELLS THE END OF GENTILES CONTROL OF JERUSALEM

Luke 21:24 "And they *(the Jews)* 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**." *(June 6, 1967)*

The Time of the Gentiles?



A Closer Look at Luke 21:24



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Gentile dominion of Jerusalem ended on June 6, 1967!



Israel is the Fig Tree

Hosea 9:10 "I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time."

So the children of Israel are figuratively a fig tree.

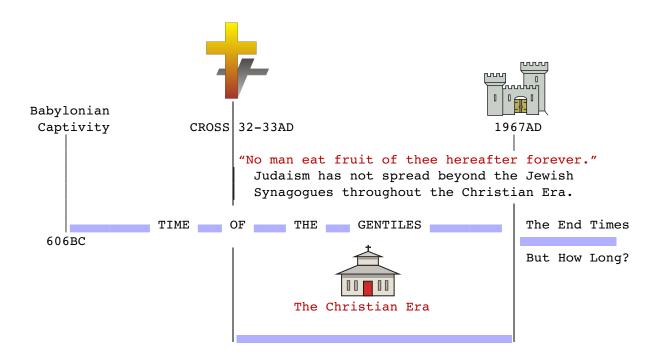
Also see Jeremiah 24:1-7

Jesus at a Fig Tree

Mark 11:13-14 "And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he *(Jesus)* came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves. And Jesus answered and said unto it, 'No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.' And his disciples heard it."

Mark 11:20-22 "And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter... saith unto him, 'Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.' And Jesus answering saith unto them, 'Have faith in God.'"

The Fig Tree during the Christian Era



Matthew 24:32-33 "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves (not spiritual fruit), ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

Luke 21:31-32 "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation (of the fig tree putting forth leaves, i.e., the new nation of Israel being established in 1948) shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled."

Luke 21:29-33 "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree (*Israel*), and all the trees (*the surrounding* nations); When they now shoot forth (leaves not *spiritual fruit)*, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation (of the people who were alive and helped Israel become a nation in 1948) shall not pass away (shall still be alive), till all be fulfilled (at the return of Jesus). Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

Luke 21:34-36 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."



Figurative Language Is Now Understandable

Revelation 12:1-6 "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman (Israel) clothed with the sun (the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, Mal 4:2), and the moon (the church) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (the 12 tribes of Israel): And she being with child (*Jesus*) cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon (Satan! the "Scarlet Beast" of Rev 17:3 is another figurative picture of him), having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (world *empires*) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven (fallen angelic messengers, Rev 1:20), and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child (*Jesus*), who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne (Jesus ascends into heaven, 32-34 A.D.)...

Revelation 12:1-6 continued...

And the woman (Israel) fled into the wilderness (dispersed into the Gentile nations), where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days" (1260 years, from the construction of the Dome of the Rock in 688 A.D., to until e new Israel in 1948).

Revelation is a book of repeats. 12:6 was fulfilled in 1948 now we go back to the time of the Cross!"

Revelation 12:7-13 "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out (of heaven, Luke 10:18, John 12:31), that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (So after Jesus was glorified, Satan no longer had access to the presence of God the Father or permission to accuse the saints to Him.)

The Christian Era

Luk 10:18 "And he *(Jesus)* said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

John 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out (of Heaven)."

Satan can no longer enter Heaven to accuse the brethren.

Revelation 5:6 "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne *(between God the Father and the saints)* stood a Lamb as it had been slain... and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb."

After the Cross, the Lord Jesus stands between us and the throne of God the Father.

Revelation 12:7-13 continued...

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:"

The Bible clearly states that the kingdom of Jesus exists right now . . .

1Peter 2:9 "But ye are *(the verb is present tense)* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation:"

Revelation 1:6 "And hath made *(the verb is past tense)* us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Revelation 5:10 "And hast made (*the verb is again past tense*) us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 12:7-13 continued...

"for the accuser of our brethren is cast down (John 12:31), which accused them before our God day and night And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (John Foxe's Book of Martyrs). Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time (the Christian era). And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child." (Faithful Jews have been persecuted throughout this era)."

Revelation 12:14-17 "And to the woman *(Israel)* were given two wings of a great eagle *(Jesus is the eagle)*, that she might fly into the wilderness *(of the Gentile nations, Ezekiel 20:15)*, into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent *(Satan)*...

Revelation 12:14-17 continued...

"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood (of people, Revelation 17:15) after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth (the physical and spiritual seed of Abraham were geographically separated from Satan's servants by immigrating to the Western Hemisphere). And the dragon was wroth with the woman (Israel), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, (both spiritual and physical) which keep the commandments of God (Jews during the Christian era), and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (New Testament Church).

The countless saints (both Jew and Gentile) who were burned at the stake during the Middle Ages, weren't martyred for keeping their mouths shut.

Jesus Made Us the Spiritual Kings and Priests of this Christian Era!

Mat 16:19 "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

When the Coptic church in the Middle East fell into idolatry, Islam appeared!

Mat 16:19 "whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Only 3% of Europeans still cling to the faith so now 60,000,000 Muslims are in Europe!

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Only an estimated 5% of Americans are truly born again so nine million Muslims are in America right now!

The Church forgot to bind the enemy through the Gospel and prayer so Islam is our fault!

Time, Times & Ephraim

The ten northern tribes are: Reuben, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh. Levi was not counted among the tribes because the Lord separated that tribe out as His tithe, to be His priests. (Levi is counted in Revelation, and Dan is left out).

During the 200 years of its existence, the northern kingdom grew to have a strong economy and powerful army, but it never became a multitude of nations. So what happened to them?

Genesis 48:19 "... (*Manassah*) shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but... (*Ephraim*) shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations."

Hosea 1:10 "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea... in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God."

Historic Position of Daniel & Hosea

Daniel prophesied to the southern kingdom of Judah. His ministry began at the start of the Babylonian captivity, 606-536BC.

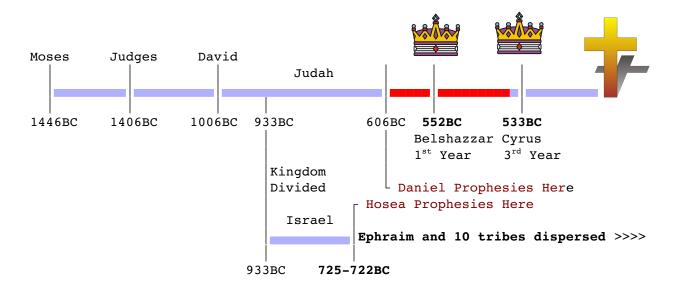
Why? To tell the Jewish people what their future would be while Gentiles ruled the Holy Land.

Hosea, the prophet to Israel, prophesied just before the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel, 725-722BC.

Why? To tell the ten tribes of Israel what their future would be after they were dispersed into the Caucasus Mountain region, and later into the kingdom of the Khazars.

Graph of Divided Israel

In 933 B.C., Jeroboam rebels against Solomon's son, Rehoboam. This divides Israel into two separate countries: Israel in the North with 10 tribes, and Judah with Benjamin in the South.



Connecting The Dots

1. The 10 tribes of Israel were taken captive by Shalmaneser the Assyrian in 725-722 B. C. and dispersed into the Caucasus Mountains region.

Deuteronomy 4:27 "And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you."

Amos 9:8-9 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom (Israel), and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations (so the ten tribes were dispersed among the Gentiles), like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth." (But none of them will be lost)

2. Just analyzed documents from the former USSR indicates that in the following centuries, a large unidentified body of light-skinned blue-eyed people migrated from South of the Caucuses into Kingdom of Khazaria.



- 3. During the Islamic expansion of the 8th century, a Moslem army under Abdel Rahman tried to invade Europe through a pass in the Caucasus, but Khazarian armies defeated him. Were it not for the bulwark of Khazaria, Christian Europe could have fallen to Islam from the East.
- **4.** Not wanting religious wars to divide his country, the King of the Khazars ordered three missionaries to appear before his court: a Christian monk, a Jewish priest and a Moslem Imam.
- 5. After carefully listening to the arguments of each, the King of the Khazars chose Judaism to be the state religion!
- **6**. Later, the people in Khazaria clinging to Judaism emigrated to Europe, where they became known as **Ashkenazi Jews**.

Leviticus 26:33 "And I will . . . draw out a sword after you."

7. Then came Hitler and the Holocaust, in which the Nazis in their death camps like Auschwitz-Birkenau, Buchenwald, Treblinka, and in over 1000 ghettos, tried but failed to exterminate the Ashkenazi Jews.

Deuteronomy 4:30-31 "When thou art in tribulation, and all these

things are come upon thee, **even in the latter days**, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them."

8. After the Holocaust, what was left of the Ashkenazi Jews fled Europe and immigrated to the holy land.

Jeremiah 29:14 "And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive."

9. In 1948 A.D., the sovereign nation of new Israel was established by what were primarily Ashkenazi Jews. Then in 1967, by those same ten "lost" tribes, Jerusalem was finally freed of Gentile domination for the first time in 2573 years!

God does not forget His promises!

But What About the Tribe of Ephraim?

Hosea 2:16 "And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi (Hebrew: אישׁ, husband); and shalt call me no more Baali (Hebrew: בעלי, master)."

Hosea 7:8 "Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned."

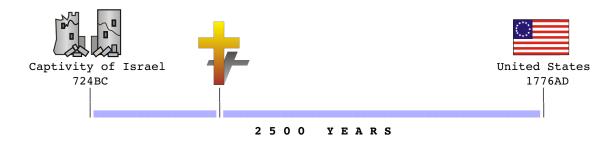
Hosea 8:8 "Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles . . ."

Hosea 11:10 They *[Ephraim]* shall walk after the LORD then the children shall tremble from the West.

Still 2500 Years?

Revelation 12:14 "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness (of the Gentile nations), into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

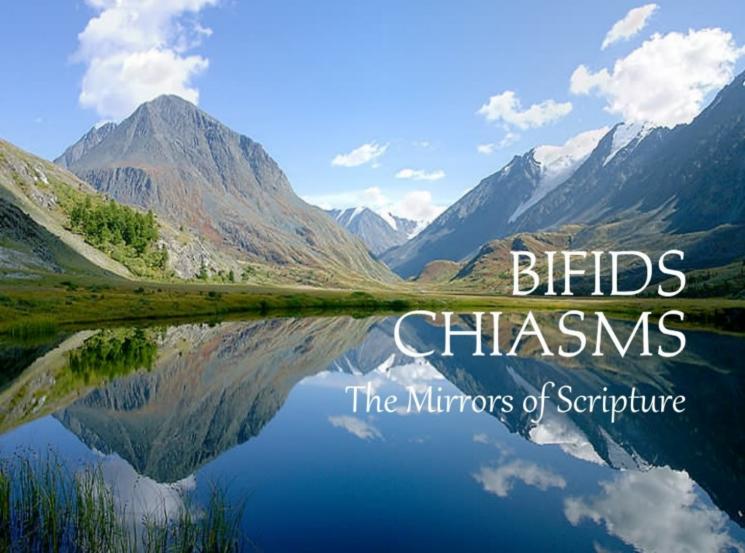
From Daniel's "time" prophecies, we already know "time, times and half a time" to be 2500 years, but this prophecy is in the New Testament so this is about the dispersed tribes of Israel during the Christian era!



Daniel is an O.T. prophet. He was to the Jews and to the nations that would control the Holy Land during the "time of the Gentiles." Revelation is primarily to the church, it was penned by the Apostle John, the prophet to the Church.

But from context, Rev 12:14 is about the dispersed tribes of Israel during the Christian Era (Rev 7:1-9, 14:1-5). The language of Rev 12:14, "might fly into the wilderness," pins us to the major deportation of the Northern Kingdom rather than the fall of Samaria 722BC. That major deportation took place in 724BC, two years before the city fell.

Additional verses for Study: Hos 1:10-11; Hos 2:14-16, Hos 2:19-20, Hos 2:23; Hos 3:5; Hos 7:8, Hos 9:13-17, Hos 11:8-10



Webster's Dictionary says:

Bifid: An object or document separated into two equal or almost equal parts or lobes.

Why the concept is important.

Major prophesies in the Bible are Bifidic.

Bifidic books are repetitive in nature. Isaiah is not 14 different subjects, but seven subjects repeated.

BIFID IN ISAIAH **

1ST HALF		2ND HALF
CHAPTERS	CONTENTS	CHAPTERS
1-5	Ruin and Restoration	34-35
6-8	Biographical Information	36-40
9-12	Blessings and Judgments	41-45
13-23	About Gentile Nations	46-48
24-27	Redemption and Deliverance	49-55
28-31	Ethics and Sermons	56-59
32-33	Restoration of Israel	60-66

If Daniel & Revelation are bifidic, they are repetitive!

^{**} Packer Tenny White's Bible Dictionary

PROVING DANIEL'S BIFID

Daniel's prophecies were written in two languages.

Daniel 2:4 "Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, 'O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream"

Daniel 2:4 through 7:28 was written in Chaldee, the court language of the Babylonians.

Daniel 8 through 12 were written in Hebrew, the language of the Jews.

Why?

Daniel is in two languages because it has two audiences.

Chaldee

Chapters 2-7

In a Gentile language because those chapters are to and about the Gentile empires *and their descendants* who would rule in Holy Land during "The time of the Gentiles."

Hebrew

Chapters 8-12

Daniel 8-12 are in Hebrew because they are to and about the future of God's chosen people during the time their land was under Gentile control during "The time of the Gentiles."

Both Daniel 2-7 and 8-12 are about a time of Gentile rule of the Holy Land so Daniel is bifidic and repetitive!

Luke 21:24 "And they *(the Jews)* 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."

And the time of the Gentiles was over on June 6, 1967.

So When Are We Prophetically?

The time of Gentile control of Jerusalem ended on June 6th, 1967 so "The time of the Gentiles" is over!

Daniel 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro *(through the book)*, and knowledge shall be increased."

The only epochal "time" in Scripture following
"The Time of the Gentiles"
is Daniel's "Time of the End," so right now,
we are in the time of the end!

But there's another Hebrew poetic form employed in the prophetic books.

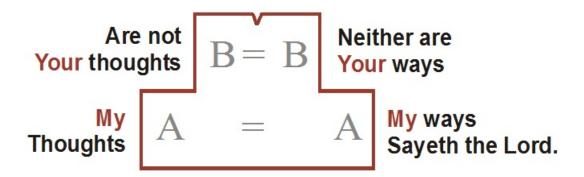
THE CHIASM

The chiasm is a poetic stepladder and the chiasm is *repetitive* in nature!

The concepts in the ascending two or three steps are repeated in the descending two or three steps.

A Two-Step Chiasm in the Old Testament

Isaiah 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD."



THREE-STEP CHIASMS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 5:3-5	A B C	Who had his dwelling among the tombs ; and no man could bind him , no, not with chains :
	C B A	he had been bound with chains , neither could any man tame him . And always he was in the tombs
Acts 17:24-25	A B C	God that made the world and all things therein, He is Lord of heaven and earth, Dwelleth not in temples made with hands ;
	C B A	Neither is worshipped with men's hands, He giveth to all life, and breath, And all things.

Chiasms are repetitive in nature!

If Daniel and Revelation are chiasmic,
both books will contain prophecies that are parallel,
fulfilled at the **SAME** time!

Daniel Closed Until the End of the Christian Era

Daniel 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, *(through the book)* and knowledge shall be increased."

The above is a command, so Daniel has to do something to seal the book, which he does by verse 9.

Daniel 12:9 "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

By sovereign decree, the book of Daniel was sealed!
But Daniel couldn't modify what the Lord
had inspired him to write, so what did
Daniel do between verses 4 and 9 to seal the book?

Daniel's Chronology is the Key

(605BC) Daniel 2:1 "In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams." (Conservative dating, liberal scholars claim 604BC)

(592BC) Daniel 3:1 "Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold." (No direct archeological evidence (GAD)

(558BC) Daniel 4:1-37 Nebuchadnezzar goes insane. (We have some archeological evidence that supports this event)

(536BC) Daniel 5:30-31 "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom." (Fall of the Babylonian Empire, conservative date, liberal scholars claim 539)

(535BC) Daniel 6:1 "It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom."

God inspired Daniel to scramble his book.

Daniel's Visions ARE OUT OF Chronological Order!

Out of Chronological Order, but Why?

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- (592BC) Daniel 3:1 "Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold."
- **(558BC) Daniel 4:1-37** Nebuchadnezzar goes insane.
- Chs. 7 & 8 were actually written here ...
 - **(536BC) Daniel 5:30** "In that night was **Belshazzar** the king of the Chaldeans slain."
- Ch. 9 was actually written here . . .
 - **(535BC) Daniel 6:1** "It pleased **Darius** to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes."
- **Ch. 7 (552BC) Daniel 7:1** "In the first year of **Belshazzar** king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed."
- **Ch. 8 (549BC) Daniel 8:1** "In the third year of the reign of king **Belshazzar** a vision appeared unto me."
- **Ch. 9 (536BC) Daniel 9:1** "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."

If Daniel's prophecies had not been rearrange out of order, his chiasms would not have existed and understanding chiasms is key to understanding Revelation!

DANIEL'S FIRST CHIASM!

In Chaldee to the Gentiles

		Ркорнесу	Subject		
A B C C	ch.2 ch.3 ch.4 *ch.5	The Great Image The Fiery Furnace Nebuchadnezzar Insane Belshazzar Killed	4 Gentile Empires God's People in Tribulation Gentile Rulers Judged Gentile Rulers Judged		
B A	*ch.6 *ch.7	The Lions Den The Four Beasts	God's People in Tribulation 4 Gentile Empires		
	*chs. 7-8 Now here, but written before chapter 5. *ch.9 Now here, but written before chapter 6.				

Prophecies in chiasms are not fulfilled one after another, they are parallel in time!

CHIASMS REVEAL HIDDEN TRUTHS

- **A-A Daniel 2 and 7** Are about the Gentile empires that would control the Holy Land during the "time of the Gentiles."
- **B-B Daniel 3 and 6** Are about God's people in tribulation during the "time of the Gentiles."
- **C-C Daniel 4 and 5** Are about judgment on the Gentile rulers at the end of the "time of the Gentiles."

Central message of 1st chiasm: During "the time of the Gentiles," *Luke 21:24*, there will be four major empires (*Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and their descendants*) who will rule over over the Holy Land into the far future. Also, during that time, God's chosen people (*the Jews*) will suffer great persecution, at the end of which, God will judge the nations that made His land a desolation and made slaves of His people, *Jeremiah 30:10-11*.

DANIEL'S 2ND CHIASM

In Hebrew for the Jews

	Ргорнесу	Subject
A	ch.8 Ram and He Goat	2 Gentile Empires
В	ch.9:24-26 69 Sevens	Messiah in Gentile Times
В	ch.9:26-27 70th Seven	The Time of the Gentiles
A	ch.10-12 North & South	2 Gentile Empires

Central message of 2nd Chiasm: After the Jews return from captivity there will only be two major Gentile empires (Medo-Persia, Greece and their descendants) who will have dominion over the Holy Land into the distant future. During that time, Messiah will be born, will be killed, the temple will be destroyed and an abomination that makes that temple mount desolate will be constructed. But in the end, the enemy will lose and be destroyed.

Daniel's bifid and chiasms prove his prophecies to be parallel in time.

If Revelation is patterned like Daniel, (and the same God inspired both books)
then Revelation was not fulfilled by 70A.D. or about a "Seven-Year Great Tribulation" at the end of the Christian era.

Instead, Revelation is a series of parallel prophecies, primarily about the Christian era!

BUT CAN WE PROVE IT?

Could the Seven Churches, the Seven Seals, the Seven Trumpets and the Two Witnesses be repetitive prophecies primarily about the Christian Era?

We know the Seven Churches existed during the Apostle John's lifetime, but could the the Seals, Trumpets and Two Witnesses already be fulfilled?

Revelation is Bifidic

Chapters 2-11

Revelation 5:7 "And he (Jesus) came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne."

God the Father gives the "little book" of Revelation to Jesus, who then reads about the Seven seals, the Seven Trumpets the 144 Thousand, and the Two Witnesses.

Chapters 12-20

Revelation 10:10-11 "And I (John) took the little book out of the angel's (Jesus') hand, and ate it up; And he said unto me, thou must prophesy again." (Note the again!)

Jesus gives Revelation to John who then reads about the woman with 12 stars, the three great beasts, the Holy City and Babylon the Great.

So just like Daniel, Revelation is bifidic! The twelve prophecies in Revelation are parallel and concurrent, fulfilled **during the Christian era**! Revelation 1:19 is the key!
Revelation is a synopsis of the 6000 years
God has been dealing with man.
It is about events

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

from the time of John. the Seven Seals were opened by the Lord immediately *after* He was glorified.

The "little book" of Revelation is index to the rest of the Bible.

Its 12 visions are God the Father's repeated pictures of major events that will take place before, during and after the Christian era.

Revelation 1:19 "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter."

The following is "hast seen," i.e., before John's time.

Revelation 5:1-4 "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside (Because it has two readers, Jesus and John), sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth (before the Cross), was able to open the book, neither to look thereon." And I wept much, because no man (including the Lord Jesus) was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

... next, the things that "are" during John's time.

Revelation 5:-7 "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David (Jesus), hath prevailed (so when did Jesus prevail?) to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb (Greek: ἀρνίον, arnion, a defenseless little lambkin) as it had been slain (on the Cross), having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God (Isaiah 11:1-3) sent forth into all the earth. And he (Jesus) came and took the book out of the right hand of him (God the Father) that sat upon the throne."

... and finally "**shall be**," i.e., future to John's time.

Revelation 6:1 "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see *(the Christian era)*."

So The Seals are Opened Right After Jesus is Glorified, but what about the Seven trumpets?

Look at what Jesus said about His coming Crucifixion.

Luke 12:49-50 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!" (NKJV)

Obviously Figurative language: Jesus is referring to the fire on the brazen altar that burned the sacrificial lamb (a type of Christ) so this "baptism" is His coming crucifixion.

The Trumpets Begin to Sound.

Revelation 8:2-6 "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel (Jesus) came and stood at the altar (of the Cross), having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense (prayer), that he (Jesus) should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne (Isa 53:12, Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25). And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's (Jesus) hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

Luke's 12:49-50, "I came to send fire on the earth" parallels the above quote so both are about the Cross.

Revelation's trumpets start to sound at the beginning of the Christian era.

Revelation is Chiasmic

The 1st Chiasm

		Ргорнесу	Subject
A	ch. 2-3	The Seven Churches	The Church
В	ch. 6	The Seven Seals	Christian era trials
C	ch. 7:4-8	The 144,000	12 Tribes of Israel
C	ch. 7:9-14	A Great Multitude	The Gentile Church
В	ch. 8-9	The Seven Trumpets	Christian Era trials
A	ch. 11	The Two Witnesses	The Church

Central message of the 1st Chiasm: During the Christian Era there will be Two Witnesses to our God, seven different church periods, and seven different kinds of churches. The Jewish people and the Gentile Church are those Two Witnesses. Trials, plagues, famines, tribulation and wars will take place during this era. But those who die in Christ, both Jew and Gentile, will safely be with the Lord. At the end of this era, God will set up a kingdom that will remain forever.

Revelation's 2nd Chiasm

		Prophecy	Subject
A	ch.12	Woman with 12 Stars	Jews during this Era
B	ch.13	Leopard, Lion, Bear Beast	Satanic Kingdom
ba	ch.14	144,000 & The Gospel	All the Redeemed
C	ch.15	Song of Moses and Lamb	Jew & Gentile Redeemed
C	ch.16	Bowls of Wrath	Wrath for the Wicked
B	ch.17	Seven Headed Beast	Satanic Kingdoms
ba	ch.18	Babylon	All the Lost
A	ch.20	The Thousand Years	Gentile Church Era

Central message of the 2nd Chiasm: There will only be seven major Gentile empires (and their descendants) who will control the Holy Land during the Christian era. Those empires will be ruled by Satan. Concurrent with those visible kingdoms will be the spiritual kingdom of the Lord Jesus, in which the saints (both Jew and Gentile) will be spiritually ruling on Earth. At the end of this era, Jesus will physically return to Mount Zion to judge the wicked and reward the saints. The everlasting Kingdom of God begins immediately, Revelation 11:15.



Daniel Sealed until 1948-1967

Important because our popular end-time doctrines were devised before Daniel was opened.

Daniel 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book."

Daniel 12:9 "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

Because the book of Daniel was sovereignly sealed until the time of the end . . . all prophetic views devised out of Daniel prior to 1967 are at best imaginary and at worst, false doctrine.

Here are a couple of examples . . .

Enter the Jesuits

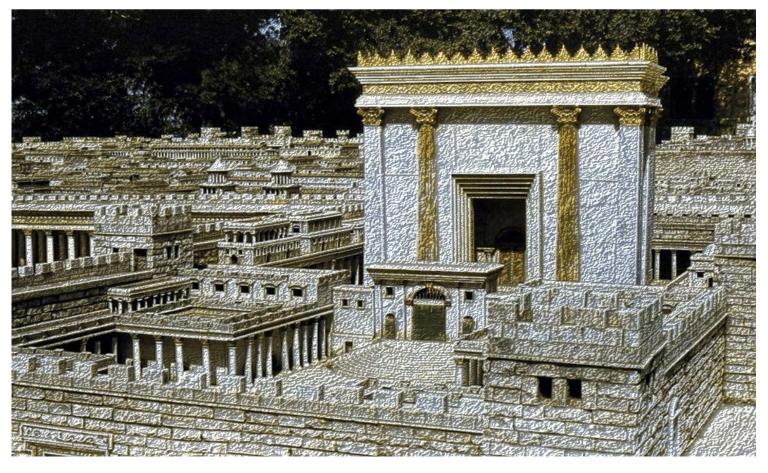
We need to understand the ORIGIN and REASON some views of Bible prophecy exist today.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, Reformation leaders were linking the Roman Catholic hierarchy to the "Whore of Babylon" of Rev 17. To stop it, Roman Catholic leaders began a counter-reformation, during which two Jesuit priests were commissioned to develop end-time doctrines that would derail the reformation and their efforts almost succeeded.

FIRST, IN 1591 A.D.: THE FUTURIST VIEW

Developed and popularized by Fr. Ribera, a Jesuit priest. His view claimed that Revelation would not be fulfilled until the end of the Christian Era. Ribera taught a rebuilt Babylon, a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, the restoration of animal sacrifices and a future Antichrist.

Sound familiar? It should, Ribera is the father of futurist (i.e., dispensational) eschatology.



A new temple in Jerusalem? That's man's doctrine, but it's no longer biblically supportable.

THEN IN 1614 A.D.: THE PRETERIST VIEW

Created by Alcazar, another Jesuit priest, for the same reason. He claimed the Olivet Discourse and the book of Revelation were fulfilled by the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD!

Preterism, as this view is called, supports "Replacement Theology" (the idea that after the Cross, God broke covenant with the physical Seed of Abraham and the Church is the only Israel in this era). Despite the evidence of their own eyes (the new nation of Israel chock full of returned Jews), this dubious view is still accepted by many evangelical churches.

Futurism and Preterism were doctrinal propaganda circulated by Jesuits to hold back the Reformation, nevertheless, both views are now accepted as sound doctrine by most major Protestant denominations.

Bible prophecy fulfilled in the holy land in 1948–1967, show Futurism and Preterism to be biblically unsupportable!

So That's How It All Began, but how did this Poisonous Mushroom grow?

1745AD, MANUEL DE LACUNZA Y DIAZ

Born in Chile, but sails to Spain to become Jesuit priest. In 1765, all Jesuits including Lacunza, are expelled from Spain because of their cruelty. Though not implicated, de Lacunza immigrates to Imola, Italy where he claims to be a converted Jew named *Rabbi Juan Josafat Ben Ezra*.

Based on the seminal work of Ribera, in 1785 de Lacunza writes "The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty." From Daniel 12:11 and 12:12, de Lacunza then theorizes a 45-day mini-tribulation to take place at the end of the Christian Era.

Manuel de Lacunza y Diaz's book is published in Spain in 1821.

Enter the Irvingites

1827AD, EDWARD IRVING

Founder of the Irvingite cult,
believes Lacunza's view
and translates his book into English.
Publishes Lacunza's ideas
in his Irvingite periodical,

"The Morning Watch"

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

1830AD, MARGARET MACDONALD

A sickly, 15 year old Scottish girl, a Christian for only a year, claims to have a "secret rapture" vision. Also said to have been in the occult, including a <u>documented</u> <u>levitation!</u>

1831AD, ROBERT NORTON

Robert Norton, an Irvingite evangelist, meets Margaret Macdonald. Norton is so enchanted by her "secret rapture" vision that he spreads her flight of fancy all over England.

Next Comes the Plymouth Brethren

1870AD, JOHN N. DARBY

John Darby, founder of the Plymouth Brethren, goes to Irvingite meetings where he learns *Ribera-Lacunza-McDonald-Irving* end-time imaginations. Darby doesn't accept Lacunza's forty-five day mini-tribulation as long enough for God's wrath to do a proper job of terrorizing the world's final generation of sinners, so Darby adds a new wrinkle to their rather dubious eschatology by theorizing Daniel's 70th week¹ to be an absolutely horrendous "Seven-Year Great Tribulation" to take place at the end of the Christian era!

¹Daniel's 70th week is carefully examined in Chapter 19 of this study.

Wow! And thus Darby invents the now world-famous

Seven-Year-Great-Tribulation!

Ta-Da! Then to make that problematic concept fit reality, Darby theorizes a "2000 year gap" between the 69th and 70th weeks.

Guess what? The whole absurd scheme was imaginary theology with absolutely no biblical support whatsoever, but knowing Irvingites to be cultish, Darby and the Plymouth Brethren hide the origin of the view, claiming it to be their own.

And that's how all the doctrinal pieces came together, but how is the enemy going to spread this dubious fabrication throughout the Western Church?

Well, armed with these new Irvingite "insights," Darby travels to the United States where he meets . . .

The Distinguished Dr. Cyrus I. Scofield.

1909AD, C.I. Scofield

Though three members of his revision committee resign because they recognize *Ribera-Lacunza-Irving-McDonald-Darby* cannot be biblically supported, Dr. C.I. Scofield accepts their "Seven Year Tribulation" hypothesis and includes it in his 1909 – and all subsequent editions – of the Scofield annotated Bible.

Scofield's group knows the true origin of the "seven-year" and "pre-tribulation" rapture views, but since Irvingites were known to be cultish, hides the knowledge from the public. The view supported anyway because of its great fund-raising capability and because it increased the sales of the Scofield annotated Bible.¹

¹ Copy of Lacunza's original work is in Oxford University Library, Oxford, UK. Documentation for the above is voluminous, three readily accessible sources are: Dave McPherson's *The Rapture Plot* or *The Great Coverup*, and Michael de Semlyen's *All Roads Lead to Rome?*

Believe it or not, It was all just a fanciful theory!

There is not a single verse anywhere in the Bible stating there will be a horrific "Seven-Year Great Tribulation" at the end of the Christian era!

Furthermore, God Declares, "I Change Not!"

721BC - Hosea began prophesying at the fall of the Northern Kingdom to tell the soon to be displaced Israelites what their long term future would be. Israel's Ten Tribes would be spread throughout the Gentile nations, but the Lord would not forget them and would save them, *Amos 9:8-9.* Through Hosea, God details what will happen to the Ten Tribes during the Christian Era.

606BC - Daniel began prophesying at the fall of the kingdom of Judah, which began "the time of the Gentiles," Luke 21:24. Daniel's ministry was to tell the Jews and the Gentile nations who held them captive, what both their futures would be while Gentile powers controlled Jerusalem (606 B.C. – 1967 A.D.). Daniel also prophesies that Messiah would be born and be killed while the Jews were dispersed and what would happen to their people during their dispersion, a time we generally recognize as the Christian Era.

95-105 A.D. So how about Revelation? Was the culminating book in the Bible positioned at the beginning of the Christian Era to just tell the Church about the first forty years of this era (as Preterists believe) or about just the last seven years of this era (as Dispensationalists believe)?

If either is true, then God changed His prophetic method from foretelling the **whole future** of an era to foretelling just tiny bits of this one.

Since "God changes not," that is most unlikely!

It appears that Revelation was penned at the beginning of this era to tell God's Two Witness (the Jewish people and the Gentile Church) what both their futures would be during this era and to warn the unsaved world of His impending judgment.



Getting Our Chronology Right

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 "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 <u>we</u> 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 <u>we</u> ever be with the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; <u>We</u> shall not all sleep, but <u>we</u> shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the <u>last</u> (*Greek:* ἑοχάτη, *eschatos, meaning final or uttermost*) trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

Same event, "we," the whole Church, are taken to be with the Lord at the **last** trumpet.

So can there be any trumpets after the "last trumpet?" Of course not, or the last trumpet wouldn't be the last! Some end-time positions
exclude the seven trumpets in Revelation,
claiming them to be "trumpets of judgment"
that sound after the "rapture" of the Church,
during a supposed Seven-Year-Great-Tribulation
that is believed to be coming at the
end of the Christian era.

If that view is correct, then God inspired a serious error in 1Corinthians 15:52.



The Last Trumpet draws a line in time! Every event in the Bible takes place either to the right or the Left of that line! Other references to that Trumpet...

1Co 15:51-52
1Th 4:16
Mat 24:31
Isa 27:13
Zec 9:14
Rev 10:6-7
Rev 11:15

THE LAST TRUMPET IS DESCRIBED

Revelation 10:6-7 "there should be time (*Greek*, χοόνος, *khron'-os*, *time*) no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound (*Greek*, $\sigma\alpha\lambda\pi\iota\zeta\omega$, "sal-pid'-zo," i.e., the sound of a trumpet) the mystery of God should be finished (*Greek*, $\tau\epsilon\lambda\dot{\epsilon}\omega$, tel-eh'-o, <u>IS finished</u>, brought to a final and complete end), as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

THE LAST TRUMPET SOUNDS

Revelation 11:15 "And the seventh angel sounded;** and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." (i.e., the eternal kingdom of God)

** There are no trumpets following the 7th trumpet of Rev 11:15, so this is indeed the **last** trumpet of all time! Why the Last Trumpet sounds here rather than later in Revelation is the subject of Chapter 09, "Bifids & Chiasms."

Remember the old Hymn?

"When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more."

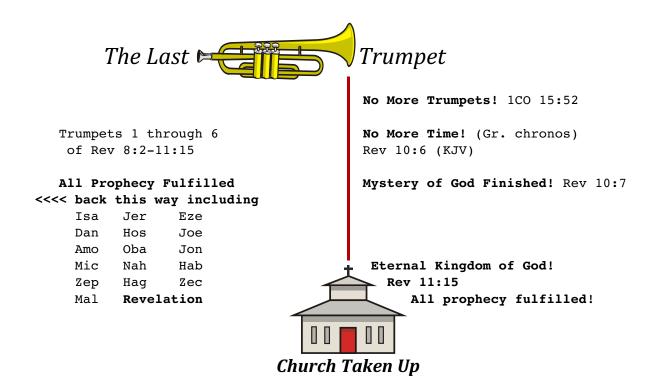
That hymn writer knew something the Church has forgotten!

Revelation 10:6 KJV, "... there should be <u>TIME</u> no longer"

The Greek word translated "time" in this verse is $\chi \varrho \acute{o} vo \varsigma$ (khron'-os), by definition . . . a space of time.

The Greek word $\chi \varrho o \nu i \zeta \omega$ (chro-nid-zo), from the same root, is by definition ... to linger, to delay, to tarry.

Modern translators incorrectly translate *chronos* "delay", but why? If God had intended Rev 10:6 to read, "no more delay," rather than "no more time," then God used the wrong Greek word to express it! The verse plainly states that time, as a natural phenomenon, ends for believers at the Last Trumpet! At that final trumpet, believers go immediately into the eternal kingdom of God, no pre-trib rapture, no millennium. When *chronos* is correctly translated, those mistaken end-time doctrines cannot be biblically supported!



1Co 15:52, Rev 10:6-7, and Rev 11:15 draw a line in time! At the Last Trumpet, time as we now understand it comes to a complete end. All things prophesied in Scripture *(referring to this present age)* must take place before the end of time.

Some End-Time Positions Rewrite Scripture

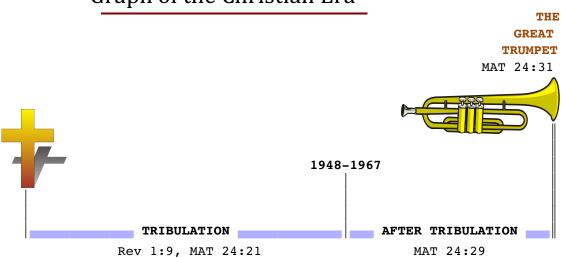
Matthew 24:21 "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

Matthew 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened (*Mal 4:2*) and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars (*Rev 1:20*) shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken."

Matthew 24:31 "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

The pre-tribulation rapture goes against Scripture because Mat 24:21 is before Mat 24:31.

Graph of the Christian Era



That **the** tribulation started in the 1st Century is provable by Rev 1:9, "I John, who also am your brother and companion in **the** (Greek, $\tau\mu$, the definite article) tribulation and in **the** ($\tau\mu$) kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ..."

The definite article, " $\tau\mu$," appears in the Greek texts in both places.

Tribulation is promised for the saints, John 16:33 and 2 Timothy 3:12 being examples. For Christians, tribulation has continued unabated throughout the Christian Era. The word for tribulation, $\theta\lambda i\psi \varsigma$, thlip'-sis, appears 37 times in the Greek New Testament manuscripts. In all but a couple, thlip'-sis is to and for God's children.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation (thlip'-sis) but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12

If we Christians aren't suffering persecution, it's because we've done nothing to deserve it!

NOTE: The lost aren't persecuted, they are "appointed unto wrath." (Greek: ὀργή, or-gay or θυμός, thoo-mos.)

Furthermore, Mat. 24:29 is Figurative.

Matthew 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"

SUN: Malachi 4:2 "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun (*Hebrew:* שמש *sheh'-mesh, i.e., the sun in the sky*) of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

STARS: Revelation 1:20 "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels (*Greek:* $\alpha\gamma\epsilon\lambda\circ\varsigma$, "ang'-el-os", a messengers) of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

MOON: The moon has no light on its own; all it can do is reflect the light of the sun. So what is the moon?

Less than 3% of Europeans still claim the faith.
Less than 5% of Americans are truly born again.

So the moon "turning to blood" and "not giving its light" is today's



