

THE REVELATION OF

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

A WALK THRU THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Matthew 24:5-6

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7. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8. "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. 9. "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

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The Olivet Discourse

Matthew 24-25 (Mark 13; Luke 21)



Matthew Chapters 24-25 does not relate to the church.

The focus during the end time is focused on the nation of Israel and Jerusalem.

The questions were concerning Messiah's return (2nd Coming) and earthly kingdom.

- The church is not present in any sense in chapters 24 and 25. The disciples' questions related to Jerusalem, Israel, and the Lord's second coming in glory to establish His kingdom.
- (1) When will the temple be destroyed and not one stone left on another? (vv. 2-3)
- (2) What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the Age? (v. 3)

These were two distinct questions; one taking place during the lifetime of the hearers and the other at the end of the age.

Matthew 23:38, "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!" Occurred in A.D. 70,

- 63 BC Roman general Pompey captured Jerusalem
- 66 AD the First Jewish Revolt
- In response, the Roman emperor Nero sent the general Vespasian to meet the Jewish forces,
- 69 AD Vespasian was proclaimed emperor.
- 70 AD, April, about the time of Passover, the Roman general Titus besieged Jerusalem.

Josephus, a Jew who had commanded rebel forces but then defected to the Roman cause, attempted to negotiate a settlement, but, because he was not trusted by the Romans and was despised by the rebels, the talks went nowhere.

The Romans encircled the city with a wall to cut off supplies to the city completely and thereby drive the Jews to starvation.

70 AD, August, the Romans had breached the final defenses and massacred much of the remaining population.

They also destroyed the Second Temple.

The Western Wall, the only existing trace of the Second Temple, remains a site of prayer and pilgrimage.

The loss of the Temple for a second time is still mourned by Jews during the fast of Tisha be-Av.

Rome celebrated the fall of Jerusalem by erecting the triumphal Arch of Titus.

The First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587–586 BCE, and the Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE.

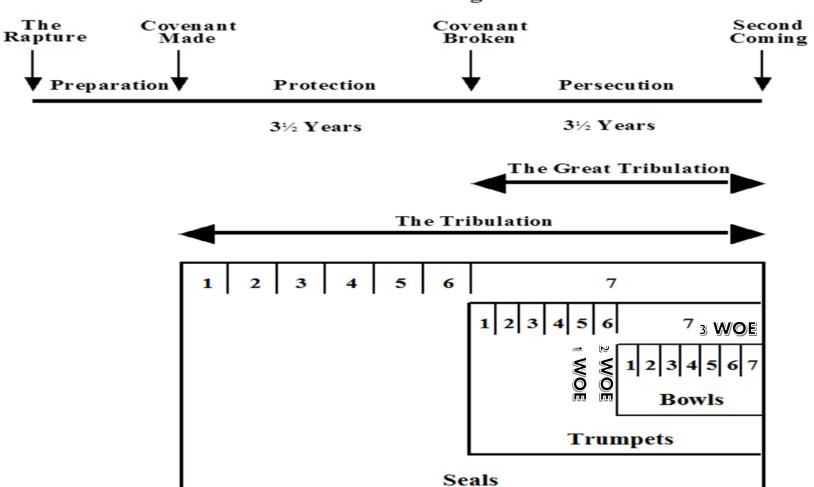
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Matthew 24:4–8 Jesus described the first half of the seven-year period preceding His second coming.

That period is called the Seventieth Week of Daniel (Dan. 9:27).



The Tribulation Judgments



Three things will be characteristic of this period.



1. False Christs (Matt. 24:4-5)

4. And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 5. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.



Correlation – Revelation 6:1-2

1. Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2. I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

2. Wars and rumors of wars (Matt. 24:6)

"You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end."



Correlation – Revelation 6:3-4

3. When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." 4. And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

2. Wars and rumors of wars (Matt. 24:7a)

The second seal in Revelation 6 is warfare. In Matthew 24:7 Jesus stated, "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."

Jesus predicts great warfare on a global scale. LESUS

3. Famines and earthquakes (Matt. 24:7b)

Nature will cry out. Jesus stated, "and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes."



Correlation – Revelation 6:5–6

5. When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6. And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

The third seal is famine; the fourth and fifth seals are death and martyrdom [Rev. 6:7–11] and earthquakes (Matt. 24:7b; cf. Rev. 6:12–14; the sixth seal is an earthquake).



When you see these things, note that Jesus said they are the beginning of birth pangs.

Matthew 24:8

"But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."



Mark 13:8

"For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

As a pregnant woman's birth pangs indicate that her child will soon be born, so these universal conflicts and catastrophes will send a message that Christ return is near.



Matthew 24:9-14 (Mark 13:9-13. Luke 21:12-19)

Jesus began verse 9 with a time word, "Then".

"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name."

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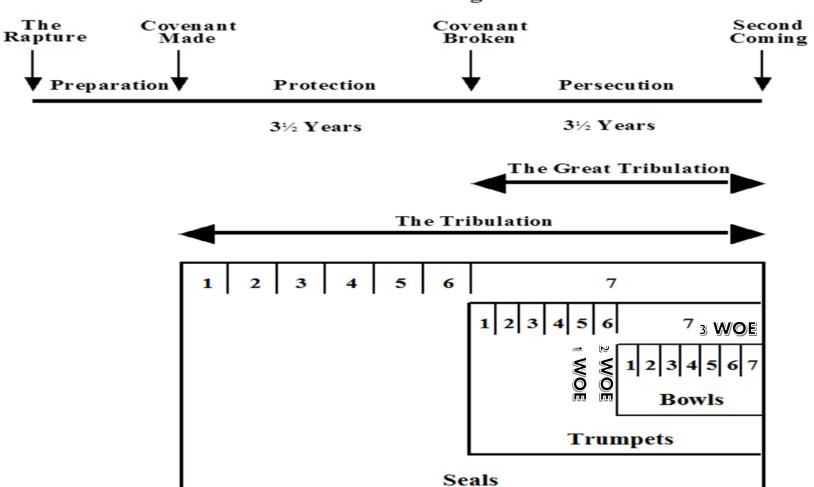
At the middle of the seven-year tribulation preceding Christ's second coming, Israel will experience great distress.



Antichrist will have risen to power as the world leader; he will make a peace treaty with Israel at the beginning of the seventieth week and break his agreement at the midpoint (Dan. 9:27).



The Tribulation Judgments



Dan. 9:27

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One-week = 7 Years

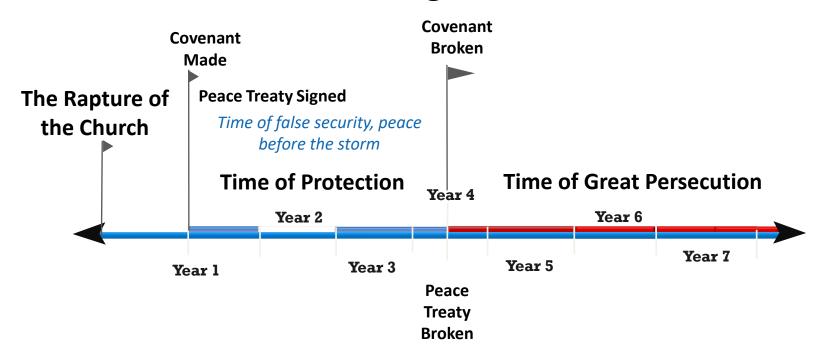
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"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering;

Middle of one-week = 3 ½ Years

"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

The Tribulation Judgments



He will bring great persecution on Israel (Dan. 7:25)



Daniel 7:25

'He will speak out against the Most High

Revelation 13:6

And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

Daniel 7:25

'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One,

Daniel 7:21

"I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them

Daniel 7:25

'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.



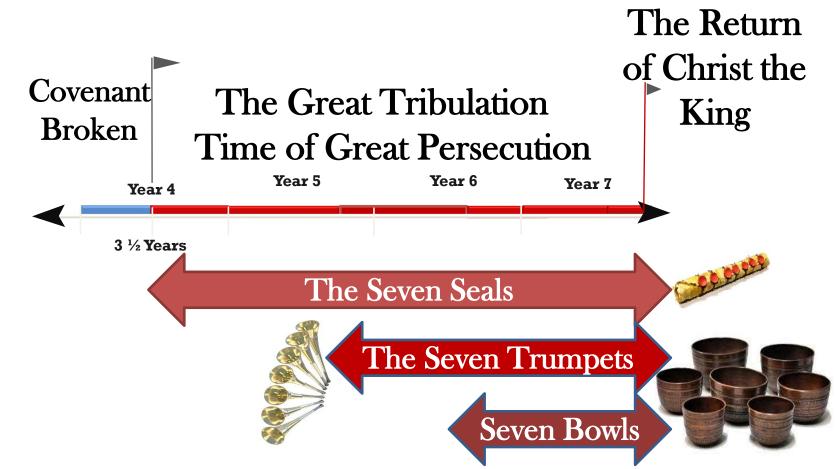
I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

Revelation 12:14

But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

A time, times, and half a time refer to the three and one-half years of the Great Tribulation, with "a time" meaning one year, "times" two years, and "half a time" six months. This equals the 1,260 days in Revelation 12:6 and the 42 months in Revelation 11:2; 13:5.

The Tribulation Judgments



He will bring great persecution on Israel (Dan. 7:25) and even establish his own center of worship in the temple in Jerusalem (2 Thes. 2:3-4).



3. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4. who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

Matthew 24:10-11 10. "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11. "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.



Revelation 13:11-12

11. Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. 12. He exercises all the authority of the first beast bin his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

Revelation 13:13-14

13. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform din the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 13:15

And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Matthew 24:12-14

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