

## Rethinking the Rapture Lesson 2

**1 Thessalonians 4:16–17** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

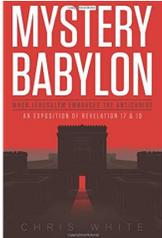
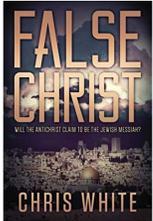
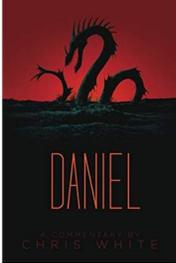


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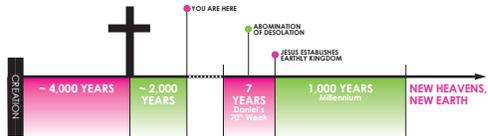


**Pre-trib is not in the bible.**

**Christians will not be prepared if they are not raptured out of here.**

**Pre trib teaching is a sacred cow and nobody wants to back track what they have taught all their life.**

**THE SIMILARITIES**



**What are the seventy weeks of Daniel?" GotQuestions**  
The "seventy weeks" prophecy is one of the most significant and detailed Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. It is found in Daniel 9. The chapter begins with Daniel praying for Israel, acknowledging the nation's sins against God and asking for God's mercy. As Daniel prayed, the angel Gabriel appeared to him and gave him a vision of Israel's future.

In verse 24, Gabriel says, "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city." Almost all commentators agree that the seventy "sevens" should be understood as seventy "weeks" of years, in other words, a period of 490 years. These verses provide a sort of "clock" that gives an idea of when the Messiah would come and some of the events that would accompany His appearance.

Gabriel said the prophetic clock would start at the time that a decree was issued to rebuild Jerusalem. From the date of that decree to the time of the Messiah would be 483 years. We know from history that the command to "restore and rebuild Jerusalem" was given by King Artaxerxes of Persia c. 445 B.C. (see Nehemiah 2:1-8).

The first unit of 49 years (seven "sevens") covers the time that it took to rebuild Jerusalem, "with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble" (Daniel 9:25). This rebuilding is chronicled in the book of Nehemiah.

Using the Jewish custom of a 360-day year, 483 years after 445 B.C. places us at A.D. 30, which would coincide with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9). The prophecy in Daniel 9 specifies that after the completion of the 483 years, "the Anointed One will be cut off" (verse 26). This was fulfilled when Jesus was crucified.

Daniel 9:26 continues with a prediction that, after the

**Messiah is killed, “the people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.” This was fulfilled with the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.**

**The “ruler who will come” is a reference to the Antichrist.**

**Of the 70 “sevens,” 69 have been fulfilled in history. This leaves one more “seven” yet to be fulfilled. Most scholars believe that we are now living in a huge gap between the 69th week and the 70th week. The prophetic clock has been paused, as it were.**

**The final “seven” of Daniel is what we usually call the tribulation period.**

### **Daniel 9:27**

**27 “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.”**



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**Question:** *Please explain all this business about animal sacrifices in the Temple. Are you really planning to re-initiate this at some point?*

**Answer:** Cain and Abel made vegetable and animal sacrifices. Noah made animal sacrifices. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—all highly enlightened people—made animal sacrifices. And the Torah prescribes a whole slew of sacrifices to be made in

the Tabernacle in the desert, and then later in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. And guess what? In our prayers, for the past 2,000 years, we've been asking for G-d to let us rebuild that Temple so that we can start doing those sacrifices

Haaretz - Israel News Thursday, August 30, 2018.

## Temple Mount Activists Plan Passover Sacrifice Near Western Wall

The ceremony has been conducted annually for the past 15 years, but it began as a semi-underground event in which an animal was sacrificed a few days before Passover.

Activists for rebuilding the Temple on the Temple Mount will hold their annual event reenacting the Passover sacrifice at the Davidson Center, the archeological park next to the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem.

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### **Revelation 5:1-7**

**1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.**

**2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"**

**3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.**

**4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.**

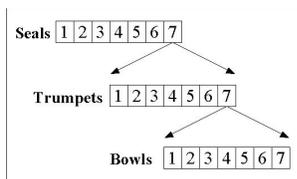
**5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."**

**6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.**

**7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.**

### **Revelation 12:12**

**12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."**



***yom*<sup>1</sup> has three *literal* meanings - a 12-hour period of time (sunrise to sunset), a 24-hour period of time from sunset**

**to sunset (the Hebrew day), and an indefinite period of time**

**Zephaniah 1:18**

**18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.**

**Revelation 6:16–17 (NKJV)**

**16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!**

**17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"**

**2 Peter 3:10–12**

**10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**

**11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,**

**12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?**

**Isaiah 13:9–10**

**9 See, the day of the LORD is coming —a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger— to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.**

**10 The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.**



### **Joel 2:31**

**31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.**

### **Matthew 24:29**

**29 "Immediately after the distress of those days " `the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'**

### **Mark 13:24**

**24 "But in those days, following that distress, " `the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;**

**Matt:24:21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.**

**22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**

**29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

**Revelation 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

**Matt 24:16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.**

**17 "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.**

**18 "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.**

**19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!**

**20 "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.**



**Matt. 24:22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**

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### **Revelation 6:12–13**

**12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,  
13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.**

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**Matthew 24:15** “Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

**Daniel 9:27**

**27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”**



*In 167 B.C. a Greek ruler by the name of Antiochus Epiphanies set up an altar to Zeus over the altar of burnt offerings in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. He also sacrificed a pig on the altar in the Temple in Jerusalem. This event is known as the abomination of desolation.*

*In Matthew 24:15, Jesus was speaking some 200 years after the abomination of desolation described above had already occurred. So, Jesus must have been prophesying that some time in the future*

*another abomination of desolation would occur in a Jewish temple in Jerusalem.*



**May 30, 2017 Rabbi Richman, director of the International Department of The Temple Institute, says he is committed to rebuilding Jerusalem's Temple Mount.**

**Israeli Brigade Commander Col. Motta Gur captured the Temple Mount in 1967. After the capture, he announced: "The Temple Mount is in our hands! The Temple Mount is in our hands!"**

**Retaking the temple was important to the Jewish world because the site was where King Solomon built the first Jewish temple. When that temple was destroyed, a second temple was built, only to later fall in 70 AD to the Romans.**

**Recapturing the site meant the Jews could have their long-awaited third temple.**

**"It would be hard, I think, not to see what's happened in the past 50 years as a tremendous – not just fulfillment of prophecy – but a tremendous jump start, a tremendous fast forward," Richman said. "It's more than prophetic. It's like a kiss from Heaven. It's like a divine kiss. It's like an intimate brush with the reality of God's compassion and love. He keeps His promises."**

**The Institute is already working on blueprints for the new temple.**

**"Today there's a lobby in the Knesset (Israel's parliament) of how many members of Knesset that are constantly speaking about Jewish rights to pray on the Temple Mount," Richman said. "There are members of Knesset that actually talk about the rebuilding the Holy Temple. Do you realize that 20 years ago these people wouldn't have been given a moment on prime time television to say these things. They would have been laughed out."**

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**Revelation 13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.**

**Revelation 13:14 Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.**

**Revelation 13:2-3**

**2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.**

**3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.**

**Daniel 9:27**

**27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.**



**Matt 24:5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.**

**6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.**

**7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.**

**8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.**

## **FIRST SEAL**

**Revelation 6:1-2**

**1 I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!"**

**2 I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.**

## **Matthew 24:5**

**5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.**

## **SECOND SEAL**

**Revelation 6:3–4**

**3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"**

**4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.**

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**Matthew 24:6–7**

**6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.**

## **THIRD SEAL**

**Revelation 6:5–6**

**5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.**

**6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"**

**Matthew 24:7**

**7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.**

## **FOURTH SEAL**

**Rev 6:7 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"**

**8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to**

**kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.**

**Matthew 24:7**

**7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.**



## **5<sup>th</sup> Seal**

**Revelation 6:9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.**

**10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"**

**11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.**

**Matt 24:22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**

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## **Daniel 11:31–35**

**31 And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.**

**32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.**

**33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.**

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### **Zephaniah 1:14–18**

**14 “The great day of the LORD is near— near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there.**

**15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness,**

**16 a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.**

**17 I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth.**

**18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.”**



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**13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.**

**14 The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.**

**15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.**

**16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!**

**17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”**

### **Zephaniah 1:14–15**

**14 The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.**

**15 That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness**

## **Matthew 24:29–31**

**29 “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**



**30 “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.**

**31 “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**

**<sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.**

**1 Corinthians 15: 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

## **Revelation 7**

**1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.**

**2 Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea:**

**9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.**

**10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."**

**11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"**

**13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"**

**14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

**15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.**

**16 Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.**

**17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**



## **2 Thessalonians 1:6–10 (NKJV)**

**6** since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,  
**7** and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,  
**8** in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**9** These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,  
**10** when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

## **2 Thessalonians 2**

**1** Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,  
**2** not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

**3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first,**

**Matt 24:9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.**

**10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,**

**2 Thess 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first,**

**and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**

**Matthew 24:3–31**

**3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"**

**4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.**

**5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.**

**6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

**7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.**

**8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

**9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.**

**10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.**

**11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

**12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.**

**13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

**14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**

**15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),**

**16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.**

**17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.**

**18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.**

**19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!**

**20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.**

**21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

**22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.**

**23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.**

**24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**

**25 See, I have told you beforehand.**

**26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.**

**27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

**28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.**

**29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

**30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

**31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**