

SEVEN YEARS Truth or Fiction? TRIBULATION

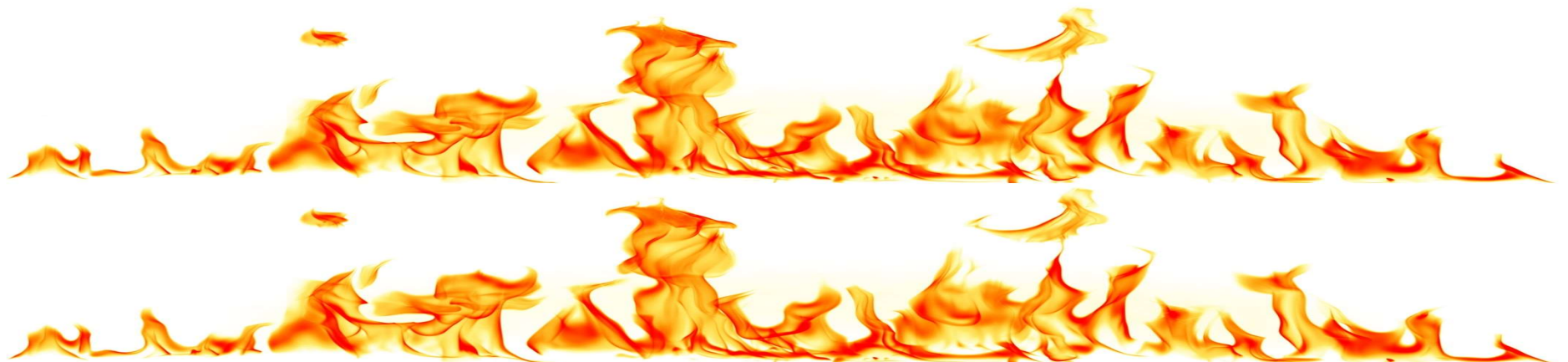




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Does **Satan** want us to
know what will happen
in the end times?



And the angel of the Lord said unto me, Thou hast beheld that the book **[BIBLE]** proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew **it contained the plainness of the gospel of the Lord**, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God:

Wherefore, these things go forth from the Jews in **purity** unto the Gentiles, according to the **truth** which is in God:

1 Nephi 3:165-175 (cont)→



And after they go forth by the hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the **foundation of a great and abominable church**, which is most abominable above all other churches;

For behold, **they have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious**;

And **also many covenants of the Lord** have they taken away;

1 Nephi 3:165-175 (cont)→



And all this have they done that they might pervert the right ways of the Lord; that they might blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the children of men:

Wherefore, thou seest that after the book hath gone forth through the hands of the great and abominable church that there are **many plain and precious things taken away from the book**, which is the book of the Lamb of God;

And after these plain and precious things were taken away, it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles:

1 Nephi 3:165-175 (cont)→



Thou seest because of the many plain and precious things which have been taken out of the book, which were plain unto the understanding of the children of men, according to the plainness which is in the Lamb of God;

Because of these things which are taken away out of the gospel of the Lamb, **an exceeding great many do stumble, yea, insomuch that Satan hath great power over them;**

1 Nephi 3:165-175

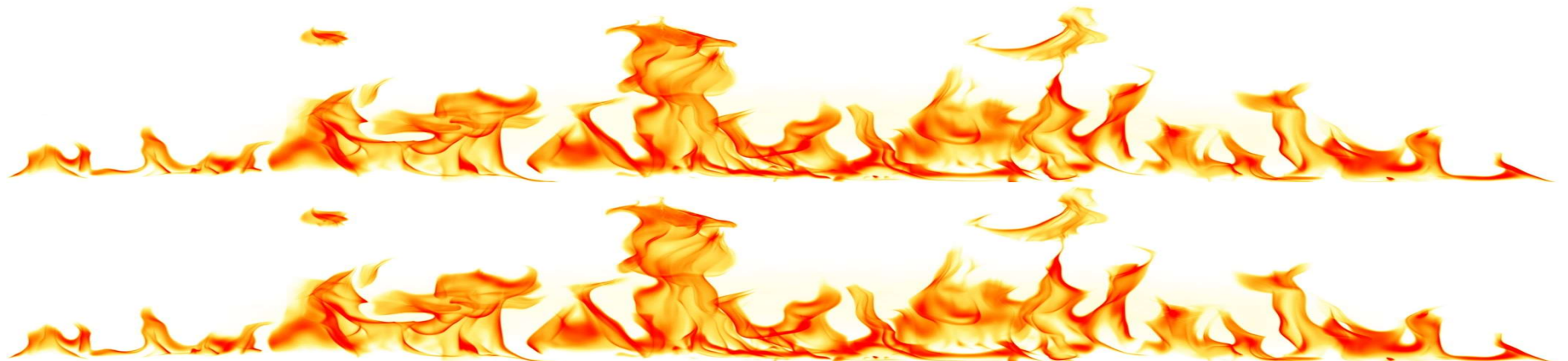


Summary of 1 Nephi 3:165-175:

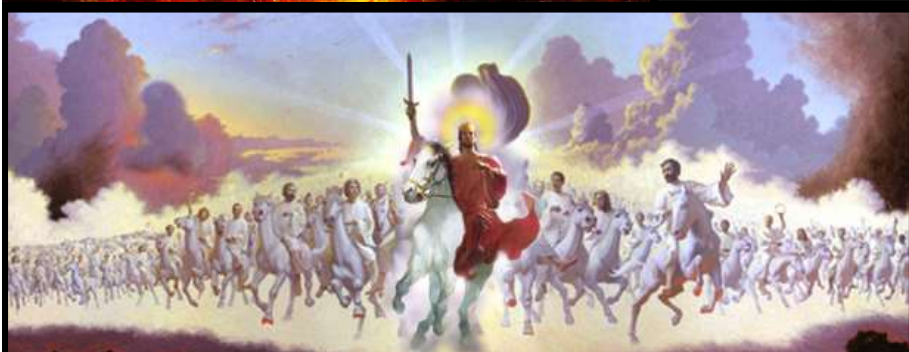
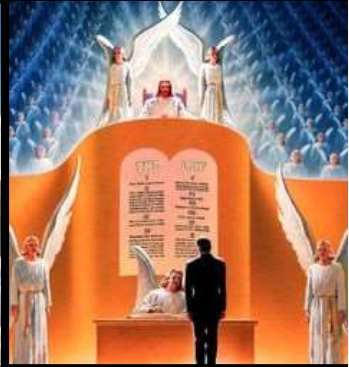
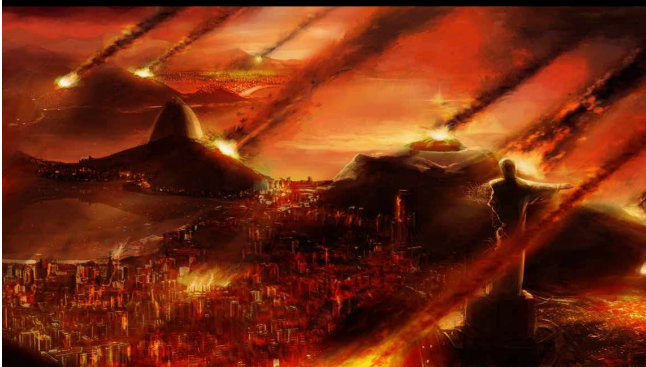
- Bible was given in purity and truth
 - Plain and precious things were taken away
- **Why?**
 - to pervert the right ways of the Lord
 - to blind our eyes
 - to harden our hearts
- **Result:**
 - an exceeding great many of people do stumble
 - Satan hath great power over people



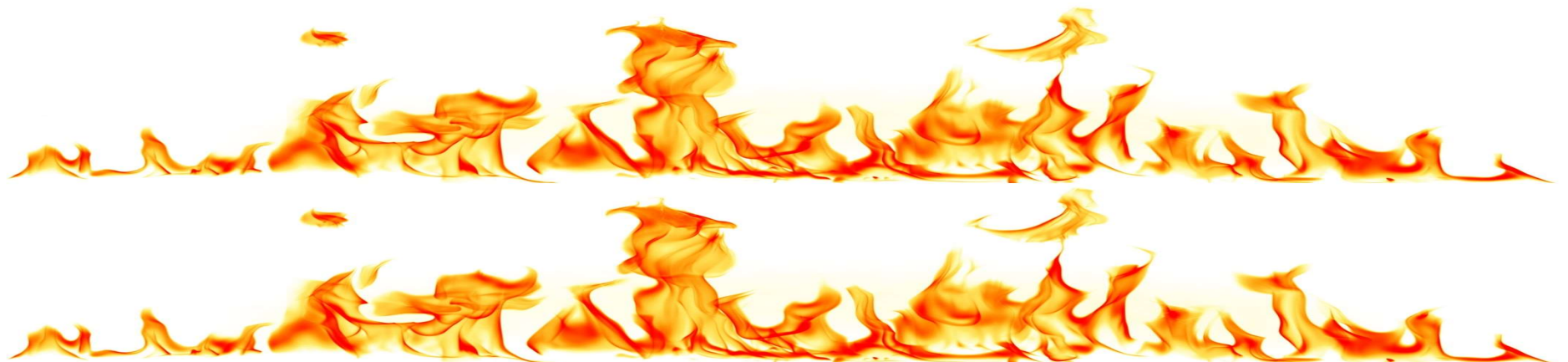
Satan wants us ignorant
of God's plan and **he**
wants to destroy us



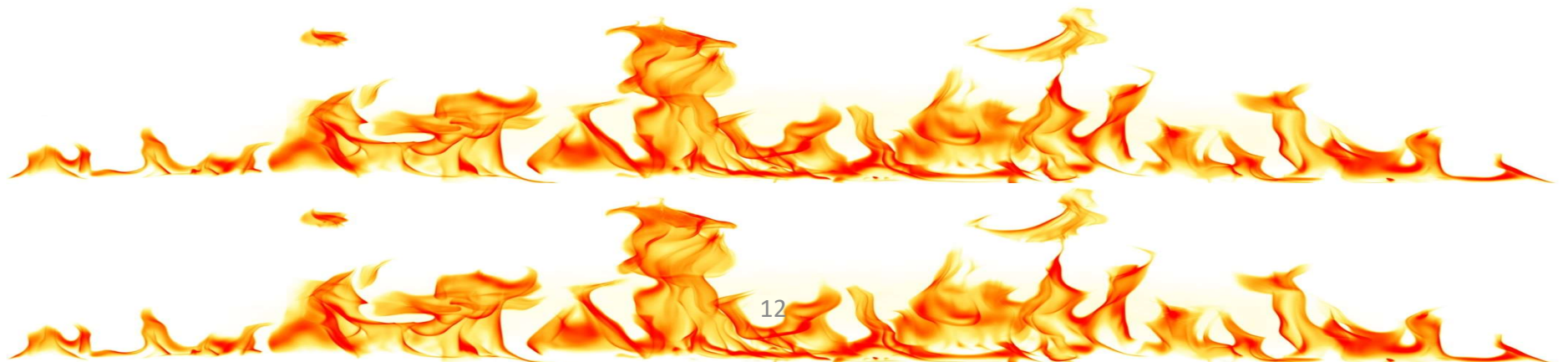
End Times



Is it possible that some things taught about the end times are **deceptions of Satan?**



How are we to know what
to believe?



Importance of Signs

And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

And whoso **treasureth up my word** shall not be deceived.

Mark 13:42-43



Importance of Signs

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, until he **revealeth the secret** unto his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

And unto you it shall be given to **know the signs** of the times, and the signs of the coming of the Son of man...

D&C 68:1f-h



Importance of Signs

And what I say unto one, I say unto all men; **Watch,** **therefore,** for ye know not at what hour Lord doth come.

But know this, **if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched,** and would not have suffered his house to have been broken up; but would have been ready.

Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

Matthew 24:49-51



Importance of Signs

1. Treasure up the WORD
2. God will reveal to prophets what is to come
3. Told to know the signs
4. We won't know the day nor the hour, but we are to know the times
5. Watch and be ready



Importance of Signs

Satan does not want us ready so:

1. He wants us to believe things that have **ALREADY happened** are yet to come
2. He wants us looking for things that **will not happen**
3. He **twists the word of God** so we don't understand God's plan

We'll see examples of all three in this class

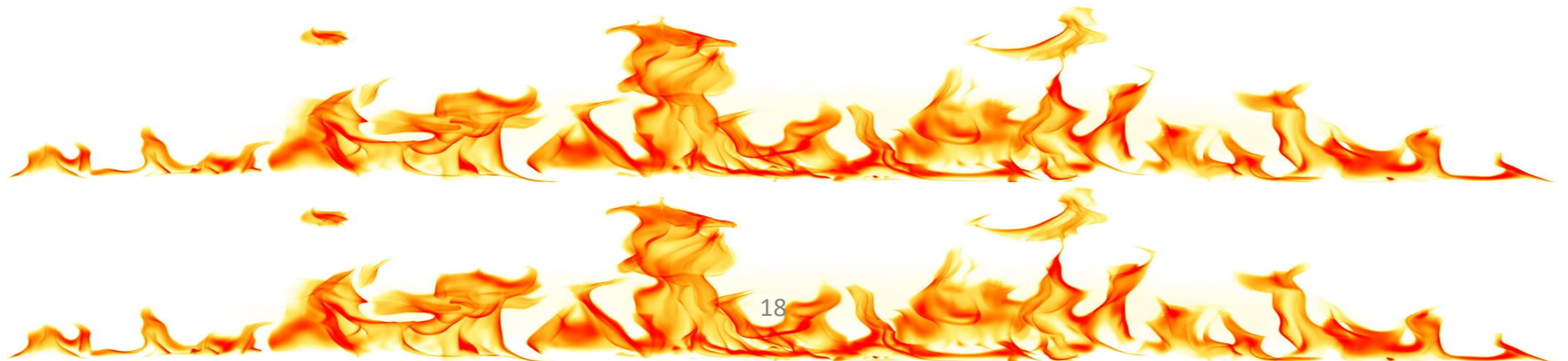


Seven Years Tribulation & End Times

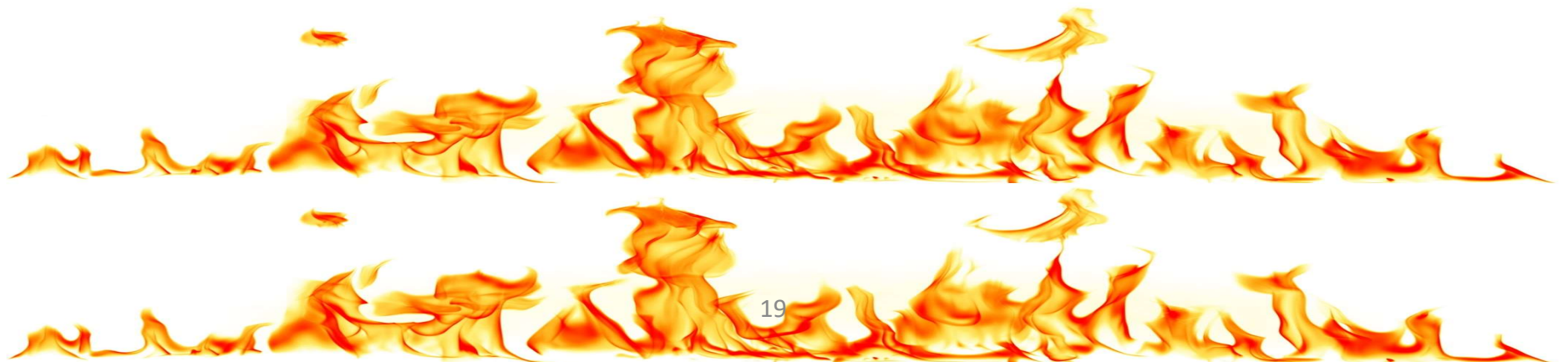
Truth or Fiction?

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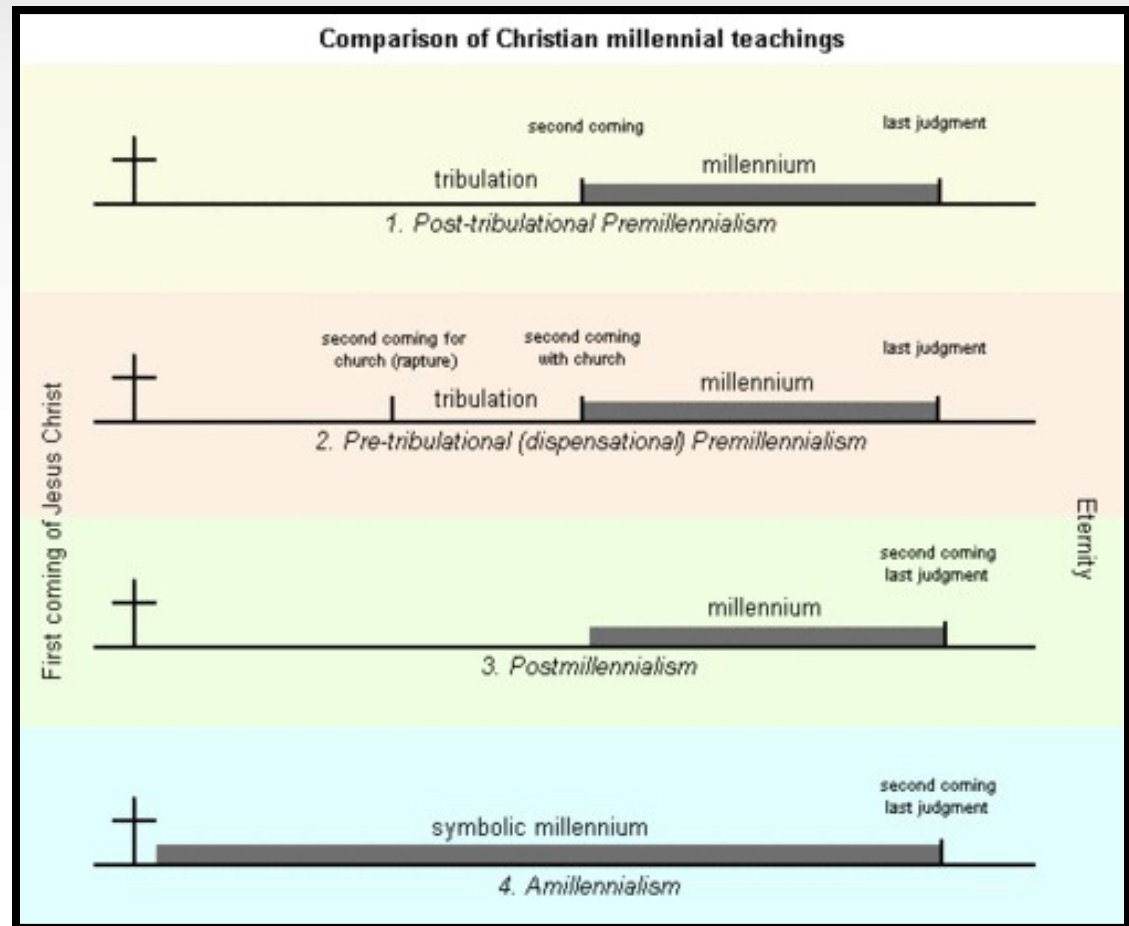


General Background



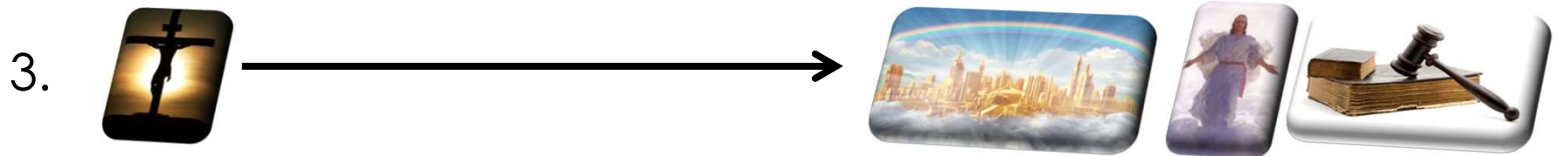
What do OTHERS believe?

1. Tribulation, Christ, Millennium, Judgment
2. Christ w/rapture, Tribulation, Christ w/church & Millennium, Judgment
3. Millennium, Christ w/Judgment
4. Symbolic Millennium, Christ w/Judgment

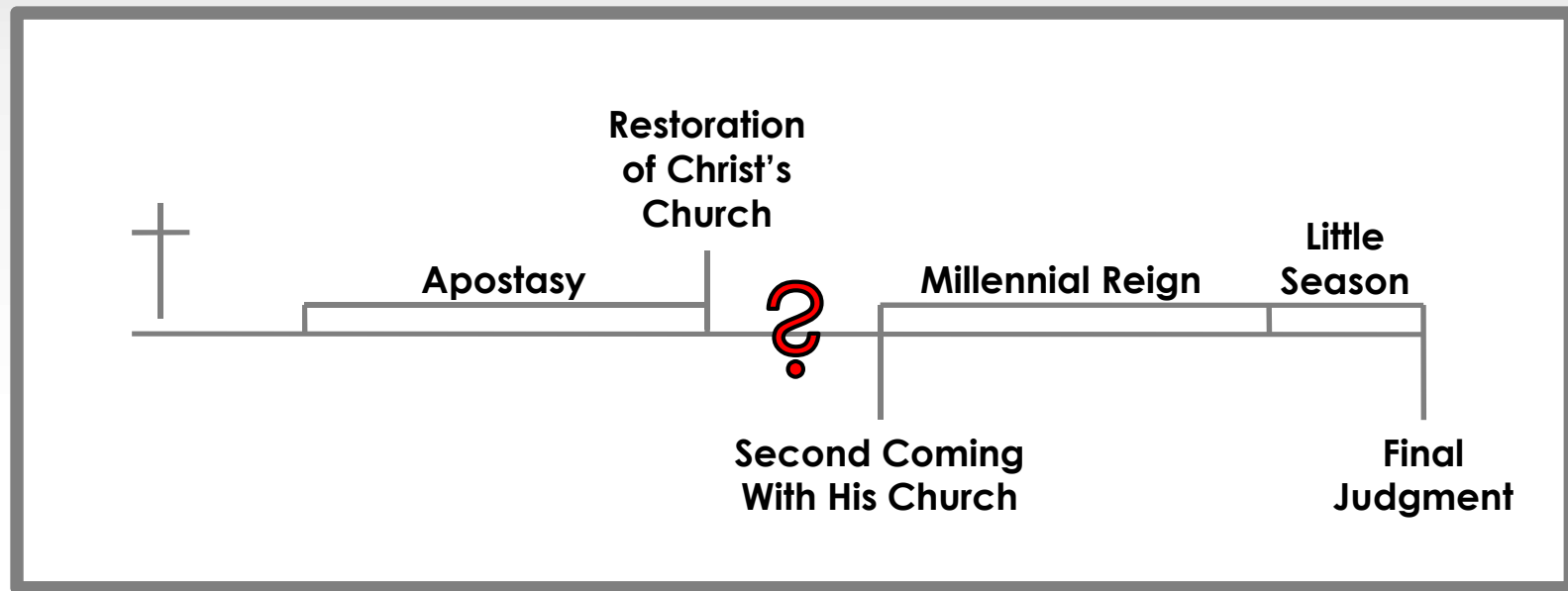


<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribulation>

What do OTHERS believe?



What do WE believe?



When do we believe tribulation will occur or has occurred?

How long will this tribulation be or how long was it?



What do WE believe?



What do WE believe?



What about 7 years tribulation?

What have we heard about 7
years tribulation?



Seven Years Tribulation Idea

The **tribulation** is a future time of world distress lasting seven years. The **Antichrist** will rule the world as a political and religious leader for the seven years. The first three and one half years will be a time of peace and prosperity. The Antichrist then puts an end to sacrifice and offering in the rebuilt temple.



Seven Years Tribulation Idea

The last half of the **seven years** is a world holocaust never matched since the beginning of time. The Christian believers will be **raptured** out either in the beginning (pre-trib), middle (mid-trib) or after the seven years (post-trib).

Armageddon, the last big war, will bring an **end to this world** as we know it. **Christ will then come** again with His raptured saints to establish a Kingdom of God on earth called the millennium.



Seven Years Tribulation Idea

Scriptures people use to support 7 Years Tribulation:

1. Daniel's vision in Daniel chapter 9
 - Prophecy of seventy weeks and things that would happen during these weeks
2. New Testament (KJV or other version)
 - Jesus' prophecies of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, His return, and horrible things that would occur
3. The Book of Revelation
 - Talks about beasts, false prophets, calamities



What do OTHERS believe?



Foundation of the concept of 7 years tribulation

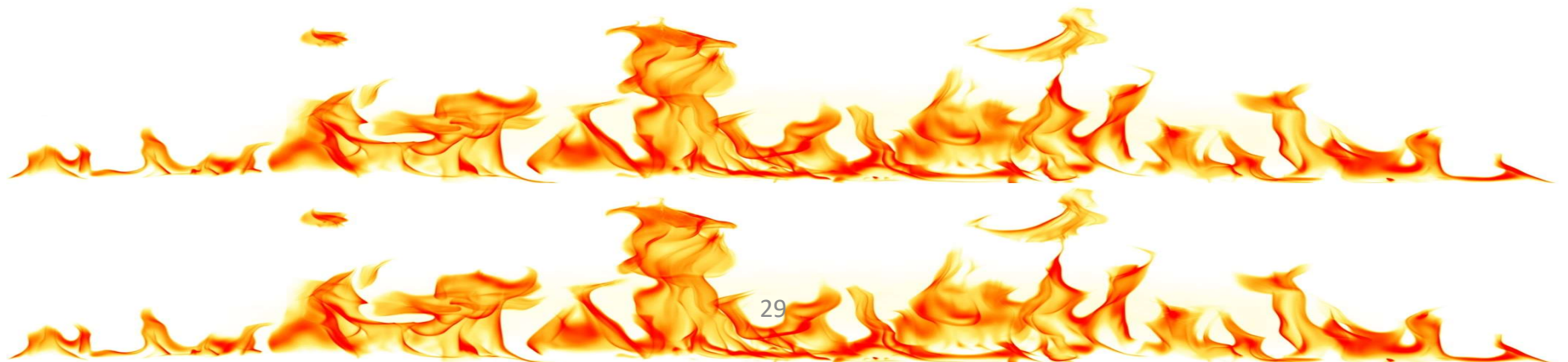
Daniel's 70
Weeks

Matt. 24
Mark 13
Luke 21

Revelation
1,260
days/years



Restoration Gospel Is Critical to Understanding



Restored Gospel Is Critical

Ye are **not sent forth to be taught, but to teach** the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my Spirit; and **ye are to be taught from on high.**

D&C 43:4b-c



Restored Gospel Is Critical

POINTS OF REFERENCE

Instructions:

1. Look for the tree
2. Turn left and go 50 paces
3. Then go right 25 paces
4. Now left again for 100 paces

What is your point of reference?



Restored Gospel Is Critical

What kind of tree?

Would any tree work?



Restored Gospel Is Critical

Points of Reference Definition:

Benjamin Definition: Point in time, an event, or object which is used to measure or align other events or objects

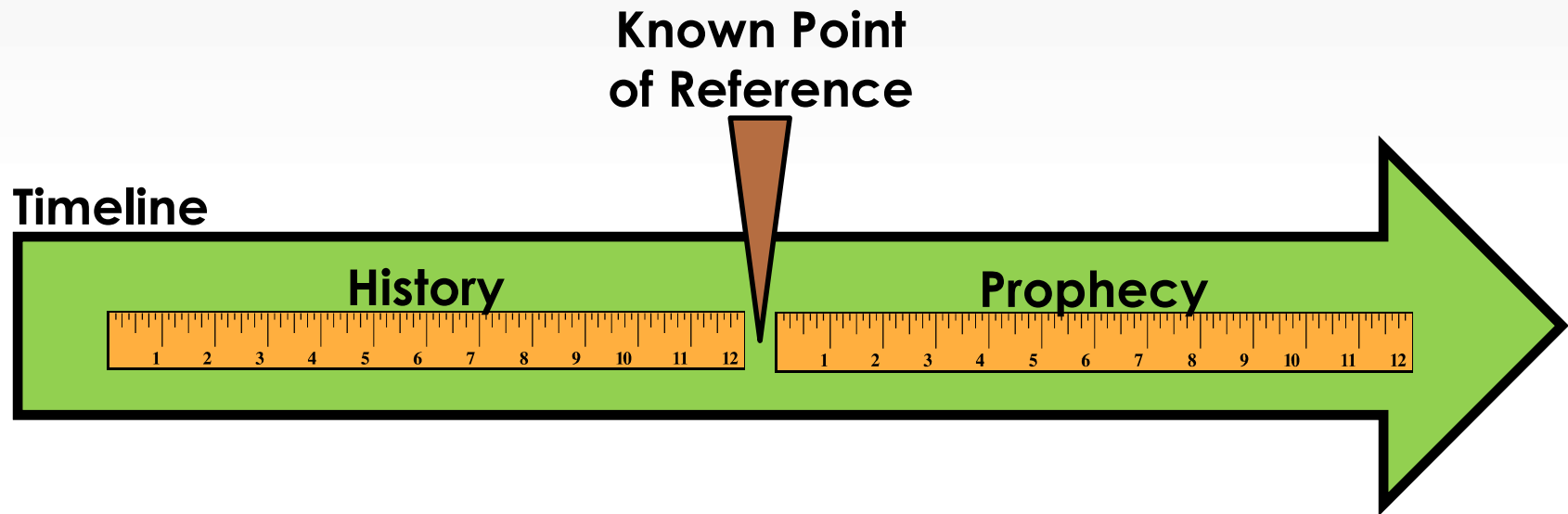
Dictionary: point of reference - an indicator that orients you...

- benchmark - a surveyor's mark on a permanent object of predetermined position and elevation used as a reference point
- landmark - a mark showing the boundary of a piece of land
- target, mark - a reference point to shoot at; "his arrow hit the mark"
- indicator - a signal for attracting attention



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Illustration of Reference Point:



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Example:

Book of Mormon Prophecy of Christ's Birth and destruction at his death:

Therefore there shall be one day and a night, and a day,
as if it were one day, and there were no night; and this shall
be unto you for a sign; for ye shall know of the rising of the
sun, and also of its setting;

Helaman 5:57

What is our point of reference here?



Restored Gospel Is Critical

Sources of references points for prophecy and revelation:

1. Old & New Testaments
2. Historical records
3. Book of Mormon
4. Doctrine & Covenants
5. Church history & records
6. Personal revelation from God



Restored Gospel Is Critical

Old & New Testaments	Historical Records	Book of Mormon	Doctrines & Covenants	Church History Records	Personal Revelation
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Can we **FULLY** understand **with only a PORTION** of the **knowledge?**

Sources of our REFERENCE POINTS to understand prophecy

Restored Gospel Is Critical



Restored Gospel Is Critical

1. **Inspired Version** is absolutely needed to understand end-time concepts
 - Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 is dramatically different in the KJV from the IV
2. **Falling away and restoration of the gospel** give us reference points for scriptures that others use for the idea of 7 years tribulation
 - See Book of Revelation covering 1,260 years or the 42 months (will touch on later)



Restored Gospel Is Critical

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; **for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**

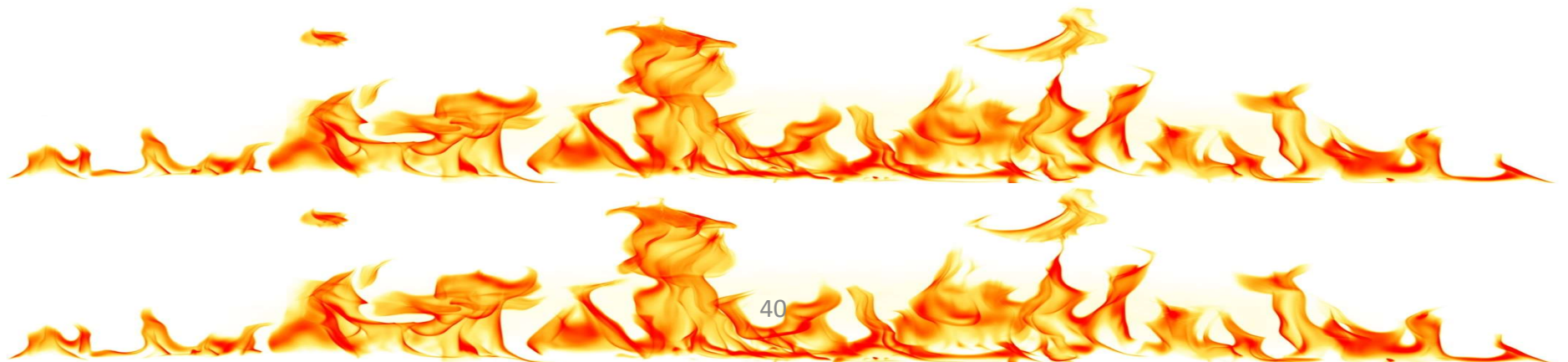
For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? **even so the things of God knoweth no man, except he has the Spirit of God...**

But the **natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit** of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned.**

1 Corinthians 2:10-14



Numbers



Numbers

After the number of days in which he searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Numbers 14:34



Numbers

And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days; I have appointed thee **each day for a year.**

Ezekiel 4:6



Numbers

Day is 1 year

Week has 7 days

Month has 30 days

Year has 360 days

Time is 1 year

Score is 20 units



Numbers

Daniel 9 refers to 70 weeks
= 70 weeks X 7 days/week
= 490 days
= **490 years**

Revelation 13:5 refers to 42 months
= 30 days/month X 42 months
= 1,260 days
= **1,260 years**



Numbers

Revelation 12:14 refers to a time, times,
and half a time (1 time = 1 year)
= 1 year + 2 years + $\frac{1}{2}$ year
= $3\frac{1}{2}$ years
= 360 years + 720 years + 180 years
= **1,260 years**

Revelation 12:5 states that this same
period is **1,260 years**



Parts of this Class:

1. Daniel's Vision of 70 Weeks
2. Christ's Prophecy of His Return
3. The Book of Revelation
4. Other Notes

CONCLUSION – Truth or Fiction?

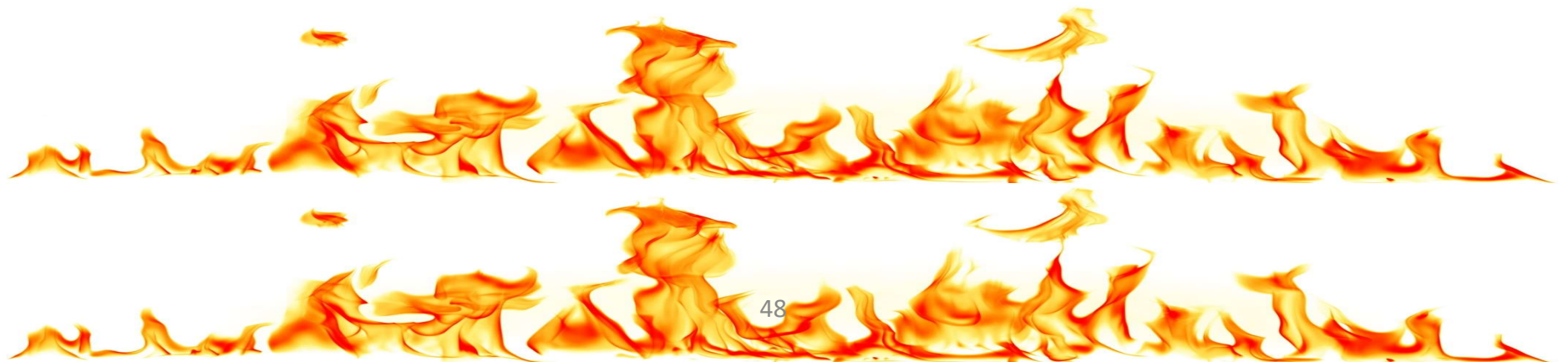
5. "THE" anti-Christ
6. Destruction of the wicked



SEVEN YEARS TRIBULATION



Daniel's 70 Weeks





Daniel's 70 Weeks

Daniel 9:16-27

- Prophecy over Jerusalem
 - To rebuild
 - How much time until Messiah
 - Prophecies what the Messiah will do
 - Desolation to come upon Jerusalem (Jews)



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Plan for the Daniel 9 part of the class:

1. Read entire passage
2. Go through it verse by verse
3. Hit other points of certain verses



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Daniel 9:16-27

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name; for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

(Cont. →)

Daniel's 70 Weeks

Daniel 9:16-27 (cont.)

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God; for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. (Cont. →)



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Daniel 9:16-27 (cont.)

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. (Cont. →)



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Daniel 9:16-27 (cont.)

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (Cont. →)



Daniel's 70 Weeks

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Daniel's 70 Weeks

What was Daniel praying about in chapter 9?

VERY important to understand the context of his prayer.

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**city Jerusalem, thy
holy mountain**

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NUMBERS:

70 weeks = 7 days X 70 weeks = 490 days = 490 years



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NUMBERS:

Seven weeks + Threescore and two weeks
= 7 (rebuild) + 60 + 2 weeks (until Messiah)
= 69 weeks = 483 years



Daniel's 70 Weeks

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determinable.

Summary:

Jesus shall be cut off after:

7 weeks (to build) from verse 25 +

62 weeks from verse 26 = 69 weeks or 483 years



Daniel's 70 Weeks

27 And **he** shall **confirm the covenant with many for one week**; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determination shall be poured upon the desolate.

NUMBERS:

7 weeks to rebuild + 62 weeks to Christ + 1 of covenant
= 70 weeks are determined upon the holy city



Daniel's 70 Weeks

SUMMARY OF NUMBERS:

7 weeks (rebuild)

+ 62 weeks (until Messiah)

+ 1 week (he will confirm his covenant)

= 70 weeks = 490 years

Determined upon whom?

JERUSALEM



Daniel's 70 Weeks

7 "Weeks" (49 Years)	62 "Weeks" (434 Years)	1 "Week" (7 Years)
Building Jerusalem	Waiting	
1 st		69 th 70 th

Last 1 "Week"	
3 ½ Years	3 ½ Years
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"He will be cut off in the midst of week"	



Daniel's 70 Weeks

When do the 70 weeks start?

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Point of Reference



Daniel's 70 Weeks

1st Decree

And he (Ezra) came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the **seventh year of the king**...Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the **priest...I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.**

Ezra 7:6–26

The **seventh** year of king Artaxerxes is known to be 457 B.C.



Daniel's 70 Weeks

2nd Decree

And it came to pass in the...twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king...I (Nehemiah) said unto the king, If it please the king...that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchers, that I may build it...and the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me...

Then I told them (the people of Jerusalem)...the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build.

Nehemiah 2:1–20

The twentieth year of king Artaxerxes would then be 444 B.C.



Daniel's 70 Weeks

When do the 70 weeks start?

They started sometime around 457 B.C. to 444 B.C.

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~457 B.C. + 483 years (62+7x7) = 26-31 A.D.



Daniel's 70 Weeks

What is **commonly**
believed?



Daniel's 70 Weeks

What is **commonly** believed:

- After the 7 + 62 weeks is when Christ died or was “cut off”
- After that comes a prince of the people, **“THE” anti-Christ**

And he (**“THE” anti-Christ**) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week, he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27



Daniel's 70 Weeks

What is **commonly** believed:

- This one week for a covenant is the time of tribulation
- This one week of tribulation was put on hold until the last days

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Building Jerusalem	Waiting	Yet to come
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THE GAP THEORY
They say there is a full 2,000 years between the 69th and the 70th weeks.



Daniel's 70 Weeks

GAP Theory

First 69 Weeks

**2,000
YEARS**

Daniel's 70 Week Vision

Has prophecy ever worked like this before?



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Now lets try to
understand what the
scriptures say



Daniel's 70 Weeks

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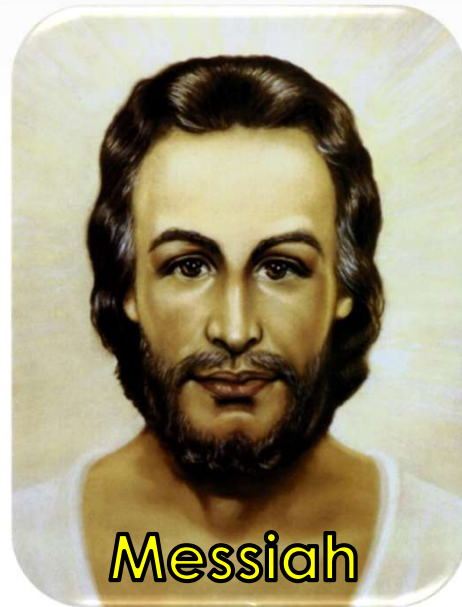


Daniel's 70 Weeks

And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the **prince** that shall ...And he shall...

Daniel 9:26-27

Two
people
discussed
here:



a prince

Who is
the he ?



Daniel's 70 Weeks

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Daniel's 70 Weeks

Two things Daniel prophesied that **Christ**, the **Messiah** would accomplish:

1. Confirm the covenant
2. Cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Now this mediator was not a mediator of the **new covenant**; but there is one mediator of the **new covenant**, who is Christ, as it is written in the law concerning the promises made to Abraham and his seed...

Galatians 3:20

And for this cause he is the mediator of the **new covenant**, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9:15



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Jesus when he had cried again with a loud voice, saying, Father, **it is finished**, thy will is done, yielded up the ghost. And behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom**; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Matthew 27:54-55



Daniel's 70 Weeks

I am the light and the life of the world. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. And **ye shall offer up unto me no more the shedding of blood; yea, your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be done away, for I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings;** and ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

3 Nephi 4:48-49



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and **to make reconciliation for iniquity**, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

Daniel 9:24

This is speaking of Christ and what HE would accomplish.

JESUS came to fulfill the law, to set men free from sin, to reconcile men to God, to bring about everlasting righteousness through the atonement, or his death on the cross, to fulfill the prophecies.



Daniel's 70 Weeks

For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish; but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but **that the world through him might be saved.**

He who believeth on him is not condemned; but he who believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on **the name of the Only Begotten Son of God, which before preached by the mouth of the holy prophets; for they testified of me.**

John 3:16-18



Daniel's 70 Weeks

What is the timeline for

Christ and this
prophecy?



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Remember the proclamations? Ezra and Nehemiah



Daniel's 70 Weeks

When did Jesus die?	A.D. 31
How long did he live?	34 years
How long did he preach?	3½ years
So when did he start his ministry?	A.D. 27-28

****Remember Jesus was to be cut off in the midst of the week****

Last 1 "Week"	
3½ Years	3½ Years
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"He will be cut off in the midst of week"	

Math Check:

457 B.C.
Less 490
= A.D. 33



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Last 3½ years

- Jesus' ministry was to the Jews
- After Christ died, the disciples preached mostly to the Jews (Acts chapters 1-8)
- In A.D. 34, the Sanhedrin stoned Stephen (Acts chapter 7)
- Acts 9-10 we see shift to teaching Gentiles
- Thus approximately 3½ years after the crucifixion—and at the end of the 70-week prophecy given for the Jewish people—the gospel shifted to the Gentiles



Daniel's 70 Weeks

What was to happen to
the **Jews** after **rejecting**
Christ and his church?

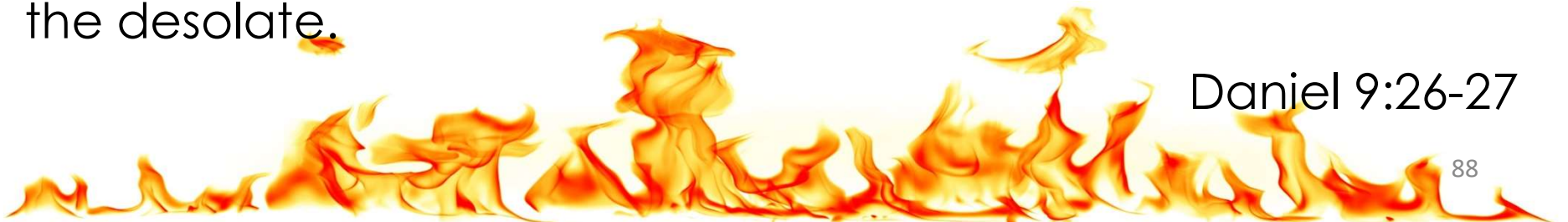


Daniel's 70 Weeks

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that shall come shall **destroy the city and the sanctuary**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the **end of the war desolations** are determinable.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the **overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determination shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:26-27



Daniel's 70 Weeks

When ye therefore, shall **see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem**, then ye shall stand in the holy place (**Whoso readeth let him understand.**)

Then let them who are in Judea, flee into the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop, flee, and not return to take anything out of his house. Neither let him who is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Matthew 24:12-18, 22 (IV) (Cont.)→



Daniel's 70 Weeks

And woe unto them that are with child, and unto them that give suck in those days! Therefore, pray ye the Lord, that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day.

For then, **in those days, shall be great tribulations on the Jews, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem**; such as was not before sent upon Israel, of God, since the beginning of their kingdom until this time; no, **nor ever shall be sent again upon Israel**.

Matthew 24:12-18, 22 (IV) (Cont)→



Daniel's 70 Weeks

And again, after the tribulation of those days which shall come upon Jerusalem if any man shall say unto you Lo! here is Christ, or there; believe him not,

Matthew 24:12-18, 22 (IV)

**This tribulation is not when Christ will return.
This tribulation was upon the Jews.**



Daniel's 70 Weeks

In A.D.66 when Cestius came against the city, but unaccountably withdrew, the Christians discerned in this the sign foretold by Christ, and fled while 1,100,000 Jews are said to have been killed in the terrible siege in A.D. 70. (The attack of the Roman warrior Titus occurred in A.D. 70 killing the 1,100,000 Jews)

Eusebius, Church History, book 3, chap. 5



Daniel's 70 Weeks

Titus' father previously lead the army, but returned to Rome to lead a revolt and become Emperor of Rome leaving Titus in charge of the army

- Thus, Titus was a **prince**
- The siege destroyed the temple (unintentionally however)



Daniel's 70 Weeks

How long is this desolation to last?

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Daniel 9:27

Definition of consummation: complete or finalized



Daniel's 70 Weeks

How long is this desolation to last?

All things which have befallen them, **are only the beginning of the sorrows** which shall come upon them...

Matthew 24:19

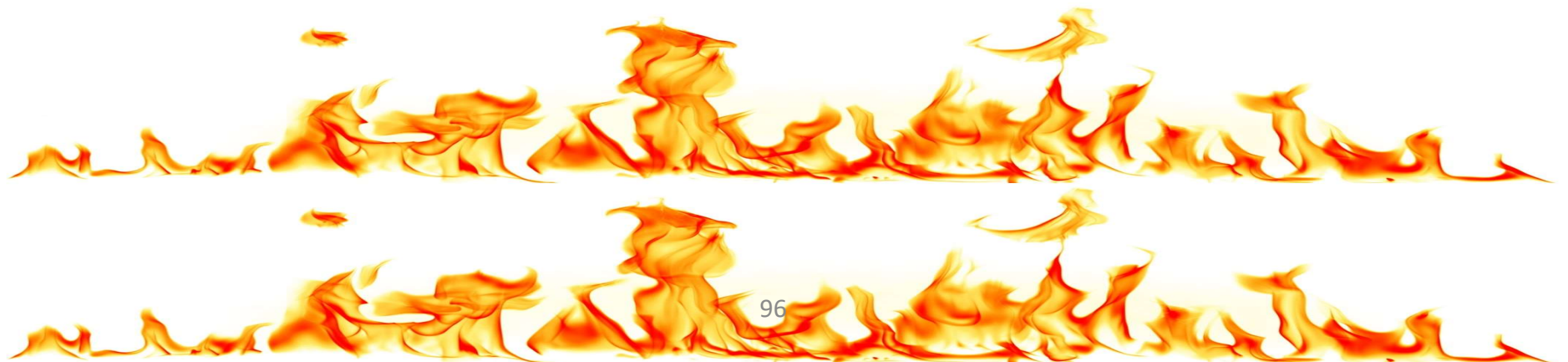
The children of Israel have seen sorrows since the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

- Holocaust
- Persecution in Spain
- Other examples?

When will this desolation be lifted?



Daniel's 70 Weeks Conclusion



Daniel's 70 Weeks Conclusion

ALL 70 weeks from Daniel's vision have been concluded with Christ and the destruction that came after he died.

Thus, there is **NOT** 1 week of the 70 weeks left to be fulfilled in the end-times.



Daniel's 70 Weeks Conclusion

Daniel's vision of the 70 weeks
determined upon Jerusalem was

COMPLETED!!!



Daniel's 70 Weeks Conclusion

- Most Bible scholars would agree that Daniel's 70 weeks were completed if they only looked at Daniel
- Confusion comes in with Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 *(Next part of class)*



Any final discussion?



What do OTHERS believe?



Foundation of the concept of 7 years tribulation

Prophecy
didn't fit world
view =
Incorrect
Understanding

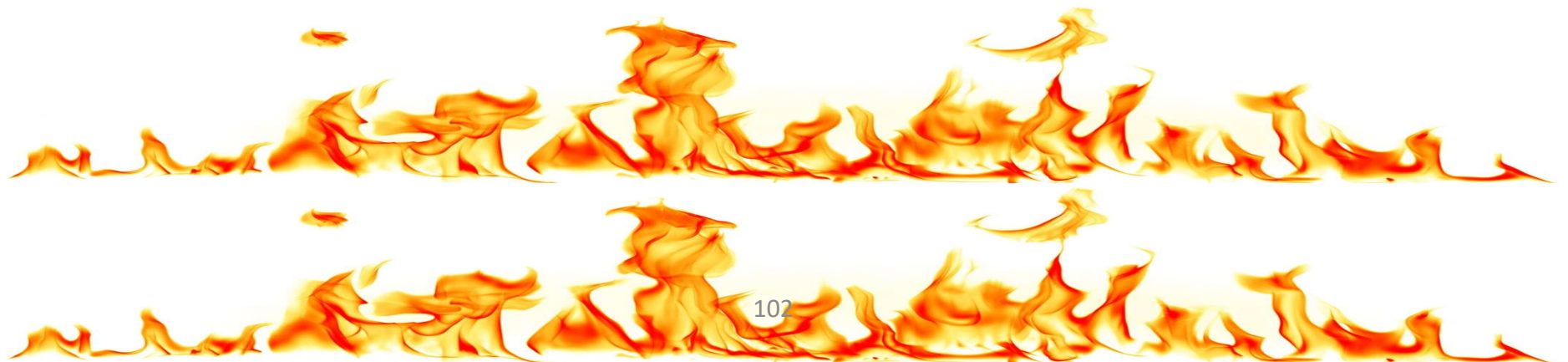
Matt. 24,
Mark 13,
Luke 21

Revelation
1,260
days/years



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

(Matthew 24, Mark 13 & Luke 21)





Christ's Prophecy of His Return

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be which thou hast said concerning the destruction of the temple, and the Jews;** and **what is the sign of thy coming;** and of **the end of the world?** (or the destruction of the wicked, which is the end of the world.)

Matthew 24:4



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Joseph Smith was reading Matthew and was confused about what was to happen in the end times.



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

God's answer to Joseph concerning Christ's prophecy of His return (Matthew 24):

And now, behold, I say unto you, It shall not be given unto you to know any further concerning this chapter, **until the New Testament be translated, and in it all these things shall be made known; wherefore I give unto you that you may now translate it, that ye may be prepared for the things to come**; for verily I say unto you, that great things await you;

D&C 45:11a-b



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

And verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should **hasten to translate my Scriptures**, and to obtain a knowledge of history, and of countries, and of kingdoms, of laws of God and man, **and all this for the salvation of Zion**. Amen.

D&C 90:12



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Why did God say the
Inspired Version is important?

1. Understanding of prophecy shall be made known
2. That we may be prepared for that which is to come
3. For the salvation of Zion



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Three questions asked by the disciples:

(Recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 & Luke 21)

1. **When shall your prophecy come to pass of the destruction of Jerusalem and temple?**
2. **What are the signs of thy return?**
3. What are the signs of the end of the world (or destruction of the wicked)?
 - See class on the "Destruction of the Wicked"



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Timeline of Christ's Prophecy (IV vrs KJV)

Significant events described in prophecy by Christ

Inspired Version

King James Version

Olden Times	1. Persecution of disciples
	2. Daniel's abomination
	3. Destruction of Jerusalem
	4. False Christs
End Times	5. Gathering of the elect
	6. Signs of Christ's return
	7. Christ's return

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Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Question 1: Destruction of Jerusalem (IV)

When ye therefore, shall see the **abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel** the prophet, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, then ye shall stand in the holy place...let them who are in Judea, flee...woe unto them that are with child...pray ye the Lord, that your flight not be in the winter...in those days, shall be **great tribulations on the Jews, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem**...All things which have befallen them, are only the beginning of the sorrows which shall come upon them. For all I have told you must come to pass. **But the end is not yet.** Excerpts from Matthew 24:12-25(IV)



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Question 1: Destruction of Jerusalem (IV)

Notes:

- As a sign, they were to look to Daniel's vision and the abomination that brings desolation for when Jerusalem was to be destroyed
- Great destruction was to come upon whom?
 - **Jerusalem and the Jews**
- This was just to be the beginning of their sorrows
- Was this a sign of the end?
 - **NO**



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Question 1: Destruction of Jerusalem (KJV)

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; **then shall the end come**. When ye therefore, shall see the **abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel** the prophet, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, then ye shall stand in the holy place...let them who are...in Judaea, flee...woe unto them that are with child...pray ye the Lord, that your flight not be in the winter...**For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning...** Excerpts from Matthew 24:13-21 (KJV)



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Question 1: Destruction of Jerusalem (KJV)

Notes:

- Was this passage from the KJV a sign of the end times?
 - **Sure looks like it!!!**
- This passage starts with talking about the end times and then goes straight into Daniel's abomination that bring desolation
- Who was the destruction to come upon?
 - **It's not explicit like the IV**



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

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Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Remember the GAP Theory

(Daniel's 70 Weeks)

First 69 Weeks

2,000
YEARS

Daniel's 70 Week Vision

The KJV says that Daniel's abomination that makes desolate is to take place in the end.

Inspired Version CLARIFIES!!!



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

7 Years Tribulation Idea

KJV Matthew says Daniel's desolation is in the end



Now must creatively explain Daniel's 70 week vision



Misunderstanding Matthew leads to errors in Daniel



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Remember the question:

How long will this desolation
upon Jerusalem last?



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

How long is the desolation on Jerusalem to last?

And now I show unto you a parable. Behold, wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered from the four quarters of the earth.

And again shall the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, be fulfilled.

Verily I say unto you, this generation, in which these things shall be shown forth, shall not pass away until all I have told you shall be fulfilled [*concerning Christ's return*].

Matthew 24: 28,33,35(IV)



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

How long is the desolation on Jerusalem to last?

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword [*inhabitants of Jerusalem*], 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.

...Master, tell us concerning thy coming. And he answered them, and said, in the generation in which the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled, there shall be signs...

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh.

Luke 21:23,24,25,27(IV)



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

How long is the desolation on Jerusalem to last?

1. Matthew 24 says when the eagles [elect] are gathered, this is a sign of the end times and when the desolation of Jerusalem is lifted
2. Luke says that Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled

When the gathering back to Jerusalem starts, this is a sign of Christ's return and the end of the desolation spoken of by Daniel



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Has the gathering in
Jerusalem started and is
Jerusalem no longer trodden
down of the Gentiles?

See Class on "Luke 21 & the Times of the Gentiles"



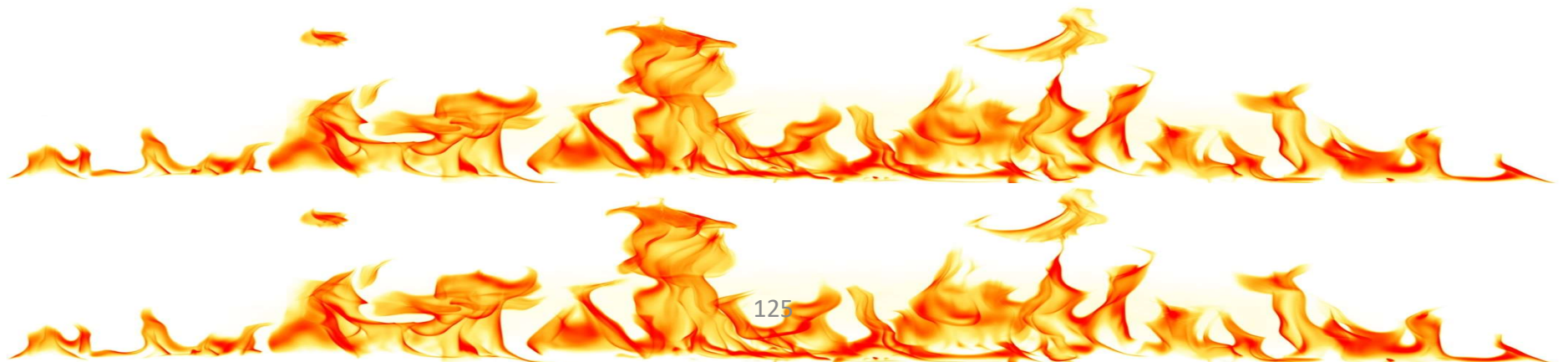
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Christ's Prophecy of His Return Conclusion



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

Inspired Version makes the timeline of Christ's prophecy clear

The desolation of Daniel started with the destruction of Jerusalem and is finished with the gathering of the elect



Christ's Prophecy of His Return

The destruction of Jerusalem is

NOT TO HAPPEN

IN THE END TIMES!!!



Any final discussion?



What do OTHERS believe?



Foundation of the concept of 7 years tribulation

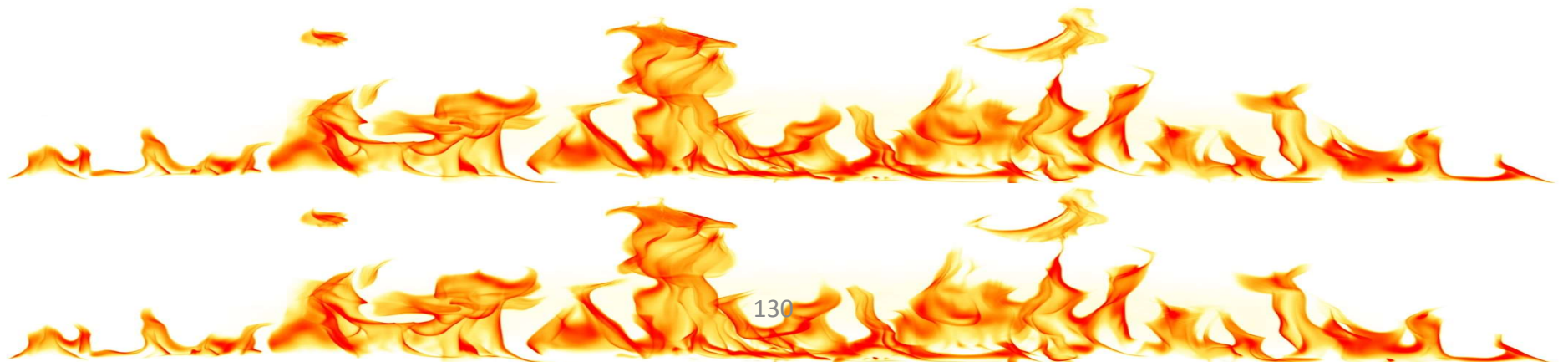
Prophecy didn't fit world view = Incorrect Understanding

Plain & Precious Taken Away = Incorrect Understanding

Revelation
1,260
days/years



The Book of
Revelation
and its association with Daniel





Revelation

Ether, speaking to people in the last days:

Come unto me, O ye Gentiles, and I will shew unto you the greater things, the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief.

Come unto me, O ye house of Israel, and it shall be made manifest unto you how great things the Father hath laid up for you, from the foundation of the world; and it hath not come unto you, because of unbelief.

Behold, when ye shall rend that vail of unbelief which doth cause you to remain in your awful state of wickedness and hardness of heart, and blindness of mind,

Ether 1:109-114 (cont.)→



Revelation

←(cont.) then shall the **great and marvelous things which have been hid up from the foundation of the world from you;**

Yea, **when ye shall call upon the Father in my name, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit,** then shall ye know that the Father hath remembered the covenant which he made unto your fathers, O house of Israel;

And then shall my revelations which I have caused to be written by my servant John, be unfolded in the eyes of all the people.

Ether 1:109-113



Revelation

Period of 1,260 days/years, 3½ years and also 42 months

The book of Revelation says the following things will occur during this period of time:

- Church to be removed from the earth
- Beast to rise to power
- False prophet to rise
- Cannot trade, buy or sell without the mark of the beast
- Dragon to war against the saints
- Great blasphemies against God

**Are these end-time events OR
related to some other time?**

Revelation

What **scriptures** in the book of Revelation do others use to support end-time seven years tribulation?



Revelation

Key Revelation scriptures:

1. Chapter 12 – Woman and the Beast
2. Chapter 13 – Beast in power



Revelation

Key figures of Revelation scriptures:

1. The **woman** = the church
2. The **man-child** = the kingdom of God
3. The **dragon** = the devil
4. The **beast** = earthly kingdoms that are given power by the devil



Revelation

And after these things I heard another voice saying, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, yea, and they who dwell upon the islands of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

For when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man-child.

Therefore, to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might flee into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourish for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:12–14



Revelation

And there was given unto him [the beast] a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and **power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.**

Revelation 13:5

Therefore, the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:17



Revelation

And the dragon prevailed not against Michael, neither the child, nor the woman which was the church of God, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ.

Revelation 12:7

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore years (**KJV = days**).

Revelation 12:5



Revelation

Numbers

Day is 1 year

Week has 7 days

Month has 30 days

Year has 360 days

Time is 1 year

Score is 20 units



Revelation

Daniel 9 refers to 70 weeks

= 7 + 62 + 1 = 70 weeks

= last week was in two 3 1/2 year parts

= last week of "The Antichrist" or
what THE CHRIST would do?

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

Revelation 13:5 refers to 42 months

= 30 days/month X 42 months

= 1,260 days

= 1,260 years

Prophecy of Apostasy and Restoration



Revelation

Revelation 12:14 refers to a time, times, and half a time (1 time = 1 year)

= 1 year

= 3½ years

= 360 days

= 1,260 years

Prophecy of

Apostasy and

Restoration

Revelation 12:5 (IV) states that this same period is 1,260 years

Prophecy of Apostasy

and Restoration

Revelation

Judgment Upon Jerusalem:

- Daniel 9 – 70 weeks

Time of the Apostasy:

- Revelation 13:5 – 42 months = 1,260 years
- Revelation 12:14 – time, times, $\frac{1}{2}$ time = 1,260 years
- Revelation 12:5 – 1,260 years



Revelation

What do **others** believe to support end-time seven years tribulation?



Revelation: What others believe

KJV in Matthew indicates Daniel's desolation is in the end times



Last 1 "Week"	
3 ½ Years	3 ½ Years
Anti-Christ rises to power in time of peace	Last 3 ½ years are full of tribulation and horror

Revelation 13:5 refers to 42 months
= 3½ years

Revelation 12:14 time, times, and half a time
= 3½ years

Revelation 12:5 1,260 years
= 3½ years



Revelation: What others believe

7 Years Tribulation Idea (Connection with Revelation)

KJV Matthew says Daniel's desolation is in the end



Creatively explain Daniel's 70 week vision



Take last week of Daniel's vision to mean THE anti-Christ



Take 3½ years from Revelation and apply to end times

INCORRECT ASSOCIATION OF SCRIPTURE



Revelation

KEY POINTS TO ADDRESS (next few slides):

1. Use KJV timeline of Christ's prophecy of events
2. Interpret Daniel's last week to be in the end of time
3. Inconsistently interpret prophecy: literal years and prophetic years
4. Believe in 7 literal years of tribulation with 3½ years being the 42 months of apostasy from Revelation
5. Believe that this beast is "THE" anti-Christ **

**** Must also believe that the mark of the beast, rule the nations, destroying of the temple, etc. will all occur in the end times**



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

1) Use KJV timeline of Christ's prophecy of events:

- The Inspired Version clarifies the timeline to where the prophecy of abomination that makes desolate by Daniel is **NOT** in the end times
- The Inspired Version clarifies when the desolation to be finished
- The Inspired Version clarifies which signs indicate the destruction of Jerusalem and which signs indicate the end times and Christ's return



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

2) Daniel 9: Interpret Daniel's last week to be in the end of time:

- Daniel's last week in his 70 week vision was the period when Christ taught the people at Jerusalem and was a judgment upon Jerusalem
- When the Jews crucified him, this started the period of abomination that makes desolate



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

2) Daniel 9: Interpret Daniel's last week to be in the end of time (cont.):

- This desolation began with the complete destruction of Jerusalem and such a desolation that the people of Israel even ate their children and each other. Jerusalem and the temple were completely destroyed in A.D. 70 by the Romans – no stone left on top of another
- In order to believe in the seven years tribulation using Daniel's last week, you must believe that there was a "gap" of 2,000 between the 69th and the 70th weeks



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

3) Inconsistently interpret prophecy: literal years and prophetic years:

- "...I have appointed thee each day for a year."
Ezekiel 4:6
- Daniel 9 is interpreted as a day is a prophetic year, but then the Book of Revelation is interpreted as literal days
 - So why do you interpret these 42 months, which is 3½ years, to be a literal 3½ years?

To make it work with their ideas



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

4) Believe in 7 literal years of tribulation with 3½ years being the 42 months of apostasy from Revelation:

- Combine the three errors:
 - A) the “gap” theory, and
 - B) the misinterpretation of a prophetic year, and
 - C) THE “anti-Christ”



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

4) Believe in 7 literal years of tribulation with 3½ years being the 42 months of apostasy from Revelation (cont.):

- Revelation's 1,260 years, 42 months, or 3½ years refers to the period of the apostasy
- King James version says 1,260 days while the Inspired Version says 1,260 years – clearing up the confusion to what time period is being referred
- The apostasy was when power was given to the beast

Foundational Restoration Beliefs



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

5) Revelation 12:5: Believe that this beast is “THE” anti-Christ:

- This anti-Christ figure refers to people who teach against Christ, who would arise all throughout time, and that there was never referred to in the scriptures that there would be one powerful “THE” anti-Christ.
- We will discuss this more in later slides

THERE IS NOT “THE ANTI-CHRIST”



Revelation

KEY POINTS:

5) Revelation 12:5: Believe that this beast or the false prophet is “THE” anti-Christ (cont.):

- In Daniel’s last week, other people misinterpret the last verse to be that reference to “he” is “THE” anti-Christ would do those things, which are the things that Christ himself did. This is an abomination before God to attribute the things of God to the devil
- Also, the beast had 10 horns, if “THE” anti-Christ united the nations now, there would have to be around 30 horns, because Europe is no longer ruled by only 10 kingdoms



Revelation

What has **OUR**
church taught?



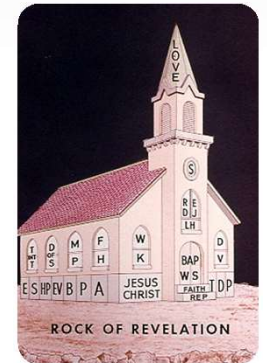
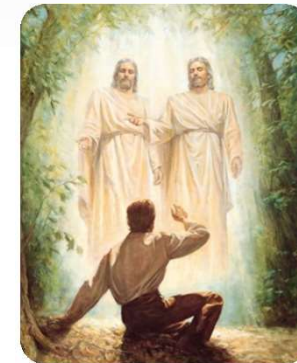
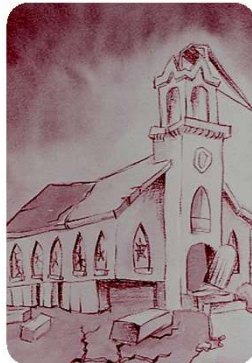
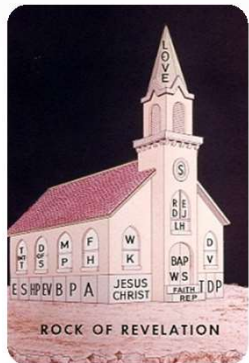
Revelation

What has **our church** taught?

570 A.D.

Period of 1,260 years

1830 A.D.



Revelation

What our church has taught:

- The woman in this vision is the church of God. She fled into the wilderness because of the persecutions of the beast
- This ushered in a period of 1,260 years where the church was not on the earth
- The dragon, which is Satan, gained power over the earthly kingdoms and gave power to the beast
- The woman, or church, was later restored by Jesus Christ himself through Joseph Smith



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

- The beast's heads and horns with crowns represented the nations in power around 570 A.D.
- The little horn was Rome/Italy, the one that was wounded was brought back to life by the Bishop of Rome
 - meaning the government power was destroyed and the ecclesiastical power took over and brought Rome back to life
- In 570 A.D., the Bishop of Rome became the ecclesiastical and civil authority over the Roman government



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

- The church was changed and true believers were persecuted and killed – resulting in a complete apostasy
- Thus, there was a falling away from true belief in God, which is why the woman (the church) fled into the wilderness
- This is the start of the timing when the beast was given power and when the mark of the beast would be instituted



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

“...and power was given unto him (the beast) to continue forty and two months...”

Revelation 13:5

The woman fled into the wilderness, “...where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time...”

Revelation 12:14

This is the period of the Apostasy



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

And there appeared a great sign in heaven, in the likeness of things on the earth; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

And the woman being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God and his throne.

Revelation 12:1-5 (cont.)→



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

And there appeared another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman which was delivered, ready to devour her child after it was born.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore years.

Revelation 12:1-5



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

- From 570 A.D., the church fell away from the earth and brought about the falling away where there was great famine for spiritual food and where the voice of God was not heard on the earth (*for more on the falling away, see the Go Ye and Teach lesson on the Apostasy*)
- Add 1,260 years (42 months which is also a time, times, and half a time) to 570 A.D. and you get 1830 A.D.

**In 1830, the woman/church returned,
or was restored, to the earth**



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

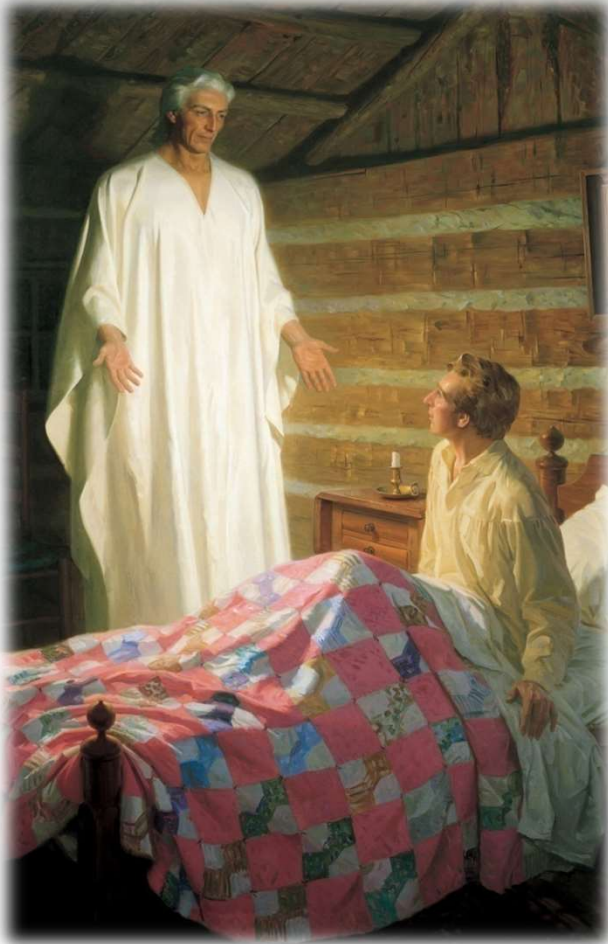
And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come, and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Revelation 14:6-7



Revelation



What our church has taught (cont.):

He said there was a book deposited, written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the **fullness of the everlasting gospel was contained in it**, as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants.

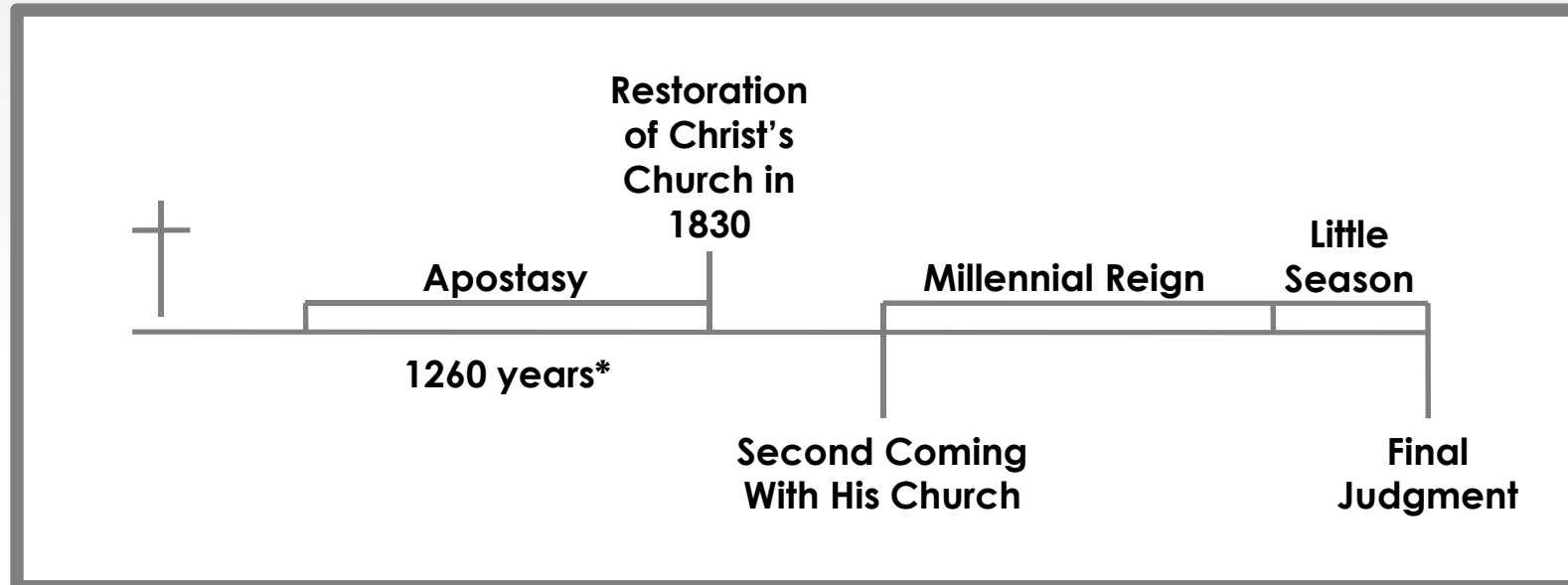
Joseph Smith and His Progenitors

– by Lucy Mack Smith (p. 84)



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):



* the period of the beast's power and how long the church was in the wilderness

For more on the Restoration of Christ's church, see "Go Ye and Teach" slides.



Revelation

What our church has taught (cont.):

- Thus, in 1830, the woman came back to the earth, which means the church was brought back to the earth
- The 3½ years of Revelation refer to the period when the church was gone and the beast had power and **not something that is to happen in the end times**

Once again, this is an attempt to deceive people; to take an important scripture and twist it into untruths



Any final discussion?



What do OTHERS believe?

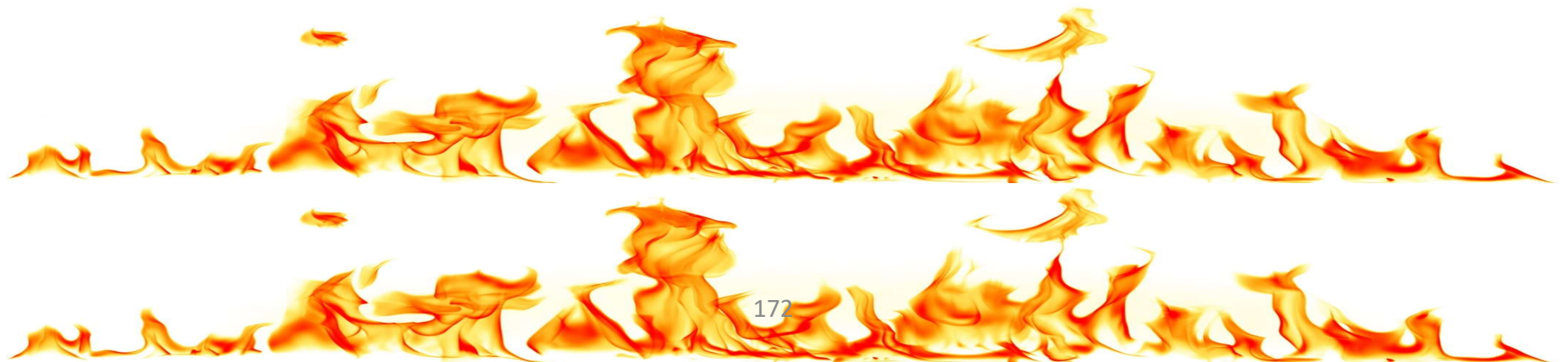


Foundation of the concept of 7 years tribulation

When using the Inspired Version of scripture, there appears to be NO scriptural foundation for Seven Years Tribulation

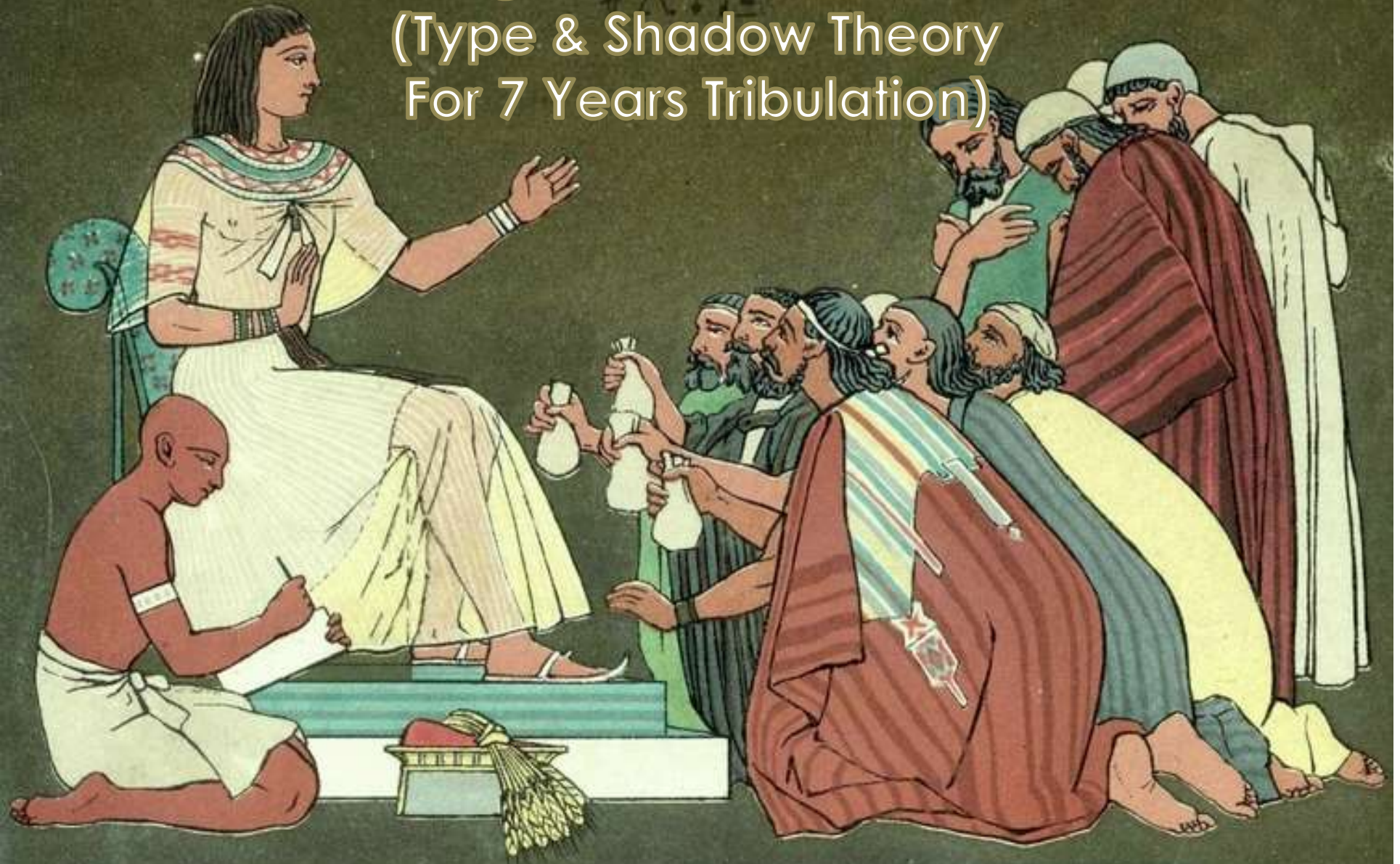


Other Notes



Joseph of Egypt 7 Years of Famine

(Type & Shadow Theory
For 7 Years Tribulation)



Other Notes

Joseph of Egypt Seven Years Tribulation Theory:

Some who uphold the “seven year tribulation” theory get this belief from the “seven years of tribulation” that Joseph told the Pharaoh of Egypt they were going to have.

This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh; What God is about to do he shows unto Pharaoh. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt; And there shall arise after them seven years of famine;

Genesis 41:28-30

People believe this is a type and a shadow of things to come to pass in the end times



Other Notes

Let's look at scriptures about the times near Christ's return:

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. You are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness. **Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2



Other Notes

Other scriptures attest the fact that the Lord will “suddenly” come when people least expect it:

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; **and the Lord whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.**

Malachi 3:1



Other Notes

But as it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be also at the coming of the Son of Man. For it shall be with them as it was in the days which were before the flood; for until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

- they were **eating and drinking**,
- **marrying and giving in marriage**, and
- **knew not until the flood** came and **took them all away**;

so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matthew 24:44-45 & Mark 13:48-49

In the **selfsame day** they entered the ark and all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened... Genesis 8:36-41



Other Notes

And as it was in the days of Noe; so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. **Likewise also as it was in the days of**

Lot;

- they did **eat**,

- they **sold**,

- they **drank**,

- they **planted**,

- they **bought**,

- they **built**;

But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Luke 17:26-30



Other Notes

Parallel to days of Lot and Noah
indicates Jesus' return will be:

sudden and provides

physical signs and

spiritual signs

of the end times



Other Notes

2 Peter 2: Paul lists the conditions of the people in the end times that are like the people in the days of Lot and Noah

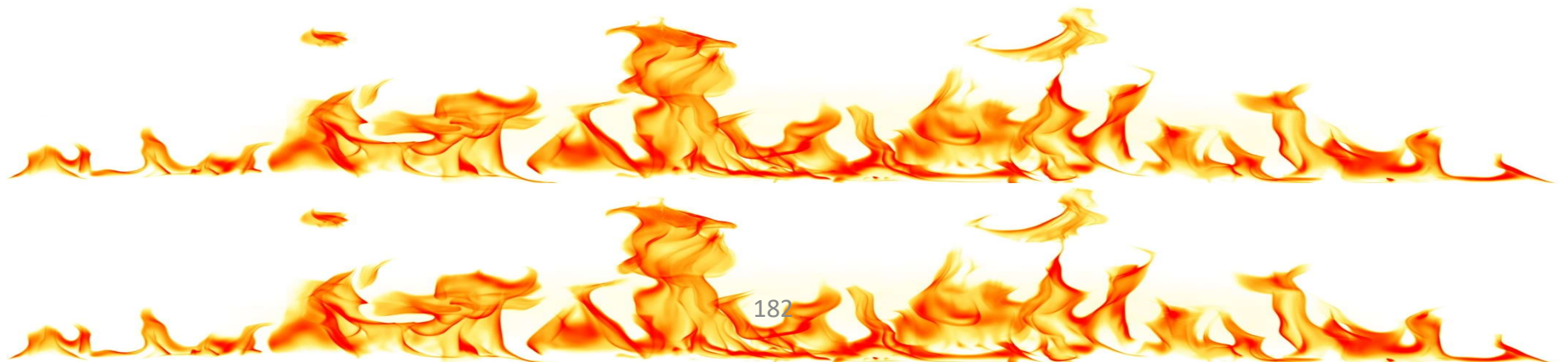
- False prophets and teachers
- Destructive
- False doctrines
- Deny God & Jesus
- Immoral ways
- Speak evil of truth
- Teachers profit from telling fables
- Lawless conduct, rioting
- Follow lusts of the flesh
- Despise God's authority
- Bold and arrogant
- Disrespect and insult things above
- Deceitful
- Adulterers
- Cannot cease from sin
- Beguiling unstable souls
- Use immorality and bodily lusts to trap those trying to change
- Servants of corruption who promise liberty, but give bondage

Other Notes

I don't believe using the seven years of famine in Egypt event as a type and shadow of seven years tribulation has enough scriptural support.



Conclusion



Conclusion

In order to believe the 7 years tribulation:

1. Believe there is a 2,000 year gap between weeks 69 and 70 in Daniel chapter 9
2. Attribute the things that Christ will accomplish in Daniel's vision to the devil
3. Ignore that the 70 weeks were determined upon Jerusalem and not the whole world
4. Use the timeline of Christ's prophecy of His own return from the KJV instead of the Inspired Version



Conclusion

In order to believe the 7 years tribulation:

5. Incorrectly associate the Book of Revelation's "time, times and half a time" to the end times and ignore the Restoration of the Church of Christ
6. Believe in THE "anti-Christ" which is not found in scripture (*we will discuss next*)
7. In Daniel believe a day = a year in prophecy, but in Revelation 12 & 13 believe that a day = a day



Conclusion

In order to believe the 7 years tribulation:

8. Disregard the Inspired Version
9. Ignore the Restoration of God's Church and the Everlasting Gospel



Conclusion

End result, too many theories not founded in scripture.

****We cannot believe in the Restoration and also believe in the theory of seven years tribulation****

Truth or Fiction?

You either believe Revelation 12 & 13 refers to the apostasy where the **church left the earth and was restored** after 1,260 years in 1830A.D. **OR** you believe this same scripture refers to the period of **“THE anti-Christ”**



Any final discussion?



**“THE” anti-
Truth or Fiction?
Christ**





“THE” anti-Christ

anti-

a prefix meaning:

- “against,”
- “opposite of,”
- “antiparticle of,”
- used in the formation of compound words (anticline);
- used freely in combination with elements of any origin
 - antibody; antifreeze; antiknock; antilock



“THE” anti-Christ

Do the scriptures ever say “THE” anti-Christ, referring to one being doing many things?

RLDS scriptures search:

Key word: “antichrist” = 7 results

- I John 2:18
- I John 2:22
- I John 4:3
- II John 1:Intro
- II John 1:7
- Alma 16:7
- Alma 16:13

Key word: “anti-Christ” = 0 results



“THE” anti-Christ

RLDS scriptures search:

Key word: “false Christ” = 3 results

- Matthew 24:23
- Mark 13:25
- Words of Mormon 1:23

Key word: “false Messiah” = 1 results

- II Nephi 11:33

Key word: “the false prophet” = 3 results

- Revelation 16:13
- Revelation 19:20
- Revelation 20:10



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (7): key word “antiChrist”:

1. I John 2:18 – ...as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists...
2. I John 2:22 – Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
3. I John 4:3 – And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now it is already in the world.
4. II John 1:Intro – ***not scripture***



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (7): key word “antiChrist” (cont.):

5. II John 1:7 – For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
6. Alma 16:7 – But it came to pass in the latter end of the seventeenth year, there came a man into the land of Zarahemla; and he was antichrist, for he began to preach unto the people against the prophecies which had been spoken by the prophets concerning the coming of Christ.
7. Alma 16:13 – And this antichrist, whose name was Korihor (and the law could have no hold upon him,) began to preach unto the people, that there should be no Christ.



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (3): key word “false Christ”:

1. Matthew 24:22-23 – And again, after the tribulation of those days which shall come upon Jerusalem if any man shall say unto you Lo! here is Christ, or there; believe him not, For in those days, there shall also arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if possible, they shall deceive the very elect, who are the elect according to the covenant.
 - Inspired Version clarifies that this is talking about the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and **NOT** about the time when Christ will return



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (3): key word “false Christ” (cont.):

2. Mark 13:25 – For in those days there shall also arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch, that if possible, they shall deceive the very elect, who are the elect according to the covenant.
3. Words of Mormon 1:23 – And it came to pass that after there had been false Christs, and their mouths had been shut, and they punished according to their crimes;...



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (1): key word “false Messiah”:

1. II Nephi 11:28-35 – And the Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state. Wherefore, he will proceed to do a marvelous work, and a wonder among the children of men. Wherefore, he shall bring forth his words unto them, which words shall judge them at the last day; For they shall be given them for the purpose of convincing them of the true Messiah, who was rejected by them; (continued)...



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (1): key word “false Messiah” (cont.):

1. II Nephi 11:28-35 – (continued) ...And unto the convincing of them that they need not look forward anymore for a Messiah to come, **For there should not any come, save it should be a false Messiah**, which should deceive the people: For there is save one Messiah spoken of by the prophets, and that Messiah is he who should be rejected of the Jews. For according to the words of the prophets, **the Messiah cometh in six hundred years from the time that my father left Jerusalem;**



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (3): key word “the false prophet”:

1. Revelation 16:13 – And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
2. Revelation 19:20 – And the beast was taken, and with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (3): key word “the false prophet” (cont.):

3. Revelation 20:10 – And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Notes:

The false prophet was in power during the mark of the beast. This happened and was during the apostasy of 1,260 years

Thus, “the false prophet” is **NOT** someone who is yet to come



“THE” anti-Christ

Antichrist (common attachment):

Antichrist against Christ, or an opposition Christ, a rival Christ. The word is used only by the apostle John. Referring to false teachers, he says (1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7), "Even now are there many antichrists."

1. This name has been applied to the "little horn" of the "king of fierce countenance" (Dan. 7:24, 25; 8:23-25).
2. It has been applied also to the "false Christs" spoken of by our Lord (Matt. 24:5, 23, 24).
3. To the "**man of sin**" described by Paul (2 Thess. 2:3, 4, 8-10).
4. And to the "beast from the sea" (Rev. 13:1; 17:1-18).

Easton's 1897 Bible Dictionary



“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (1): key word “man of sin”:

II Thessalonians 2:1-10 – Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled by letter, except ye receive it from us; neither by spirit, nor by word, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means; for **there shall come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God...And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming... (continued)

“THE” anti-Christ

Search results (1): key word “man of sin” (cont.):

II Thessalonians 2:1-10 – (continued) ...Yea, the Lord, even Jesus, whose coming is not until after there cometh a falling away, by the working of Satan with all power, and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved...

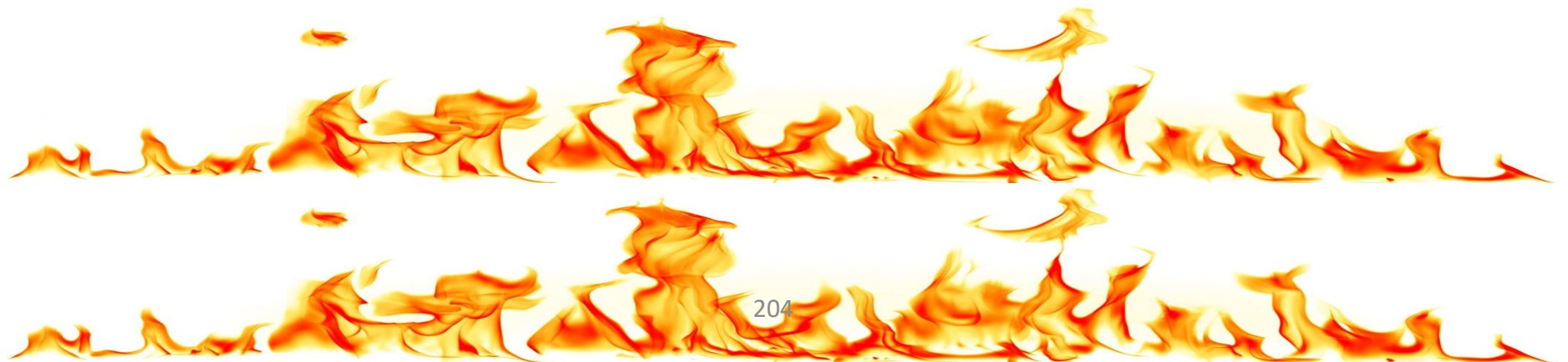
Notes:

“Man of sin” is revealed in the falling away or apostasy which is during the 1,260 years

Thus, “the man of sin” is **NOT** someone who is yet to come.



Conclusion



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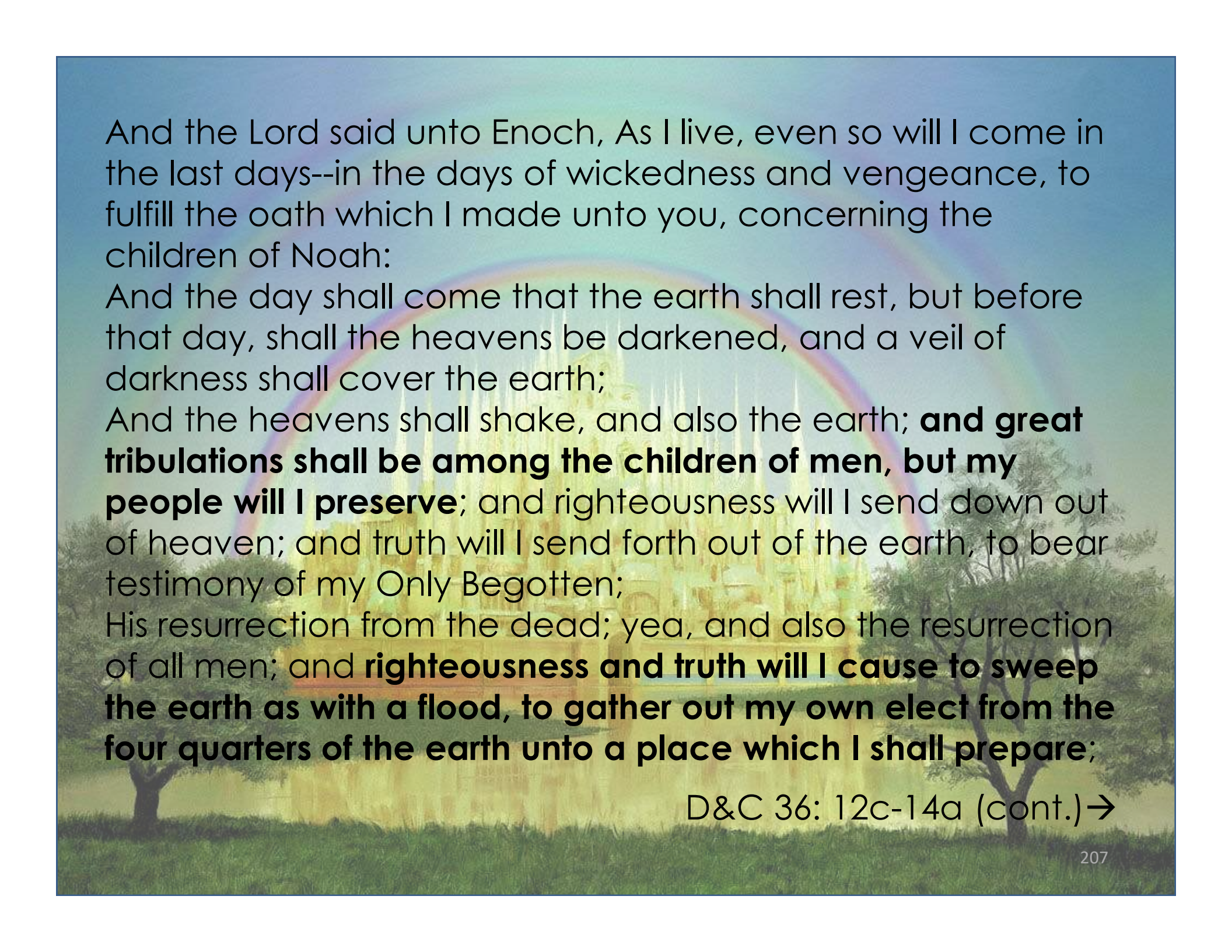
- Many references in scripture refer to the “spirit of antichrist” and not “THE anti-Christ”
- The beast, “the false prophet”, and “the man of sin” are all descriptions of people/entities/things that **were** during the apostasy
- **We do expect** antichrists to arise, as prophesied, but scriptures don't prophesy of one to rise and rule during the end times.

Truth or Fiction?



Any final discussion?





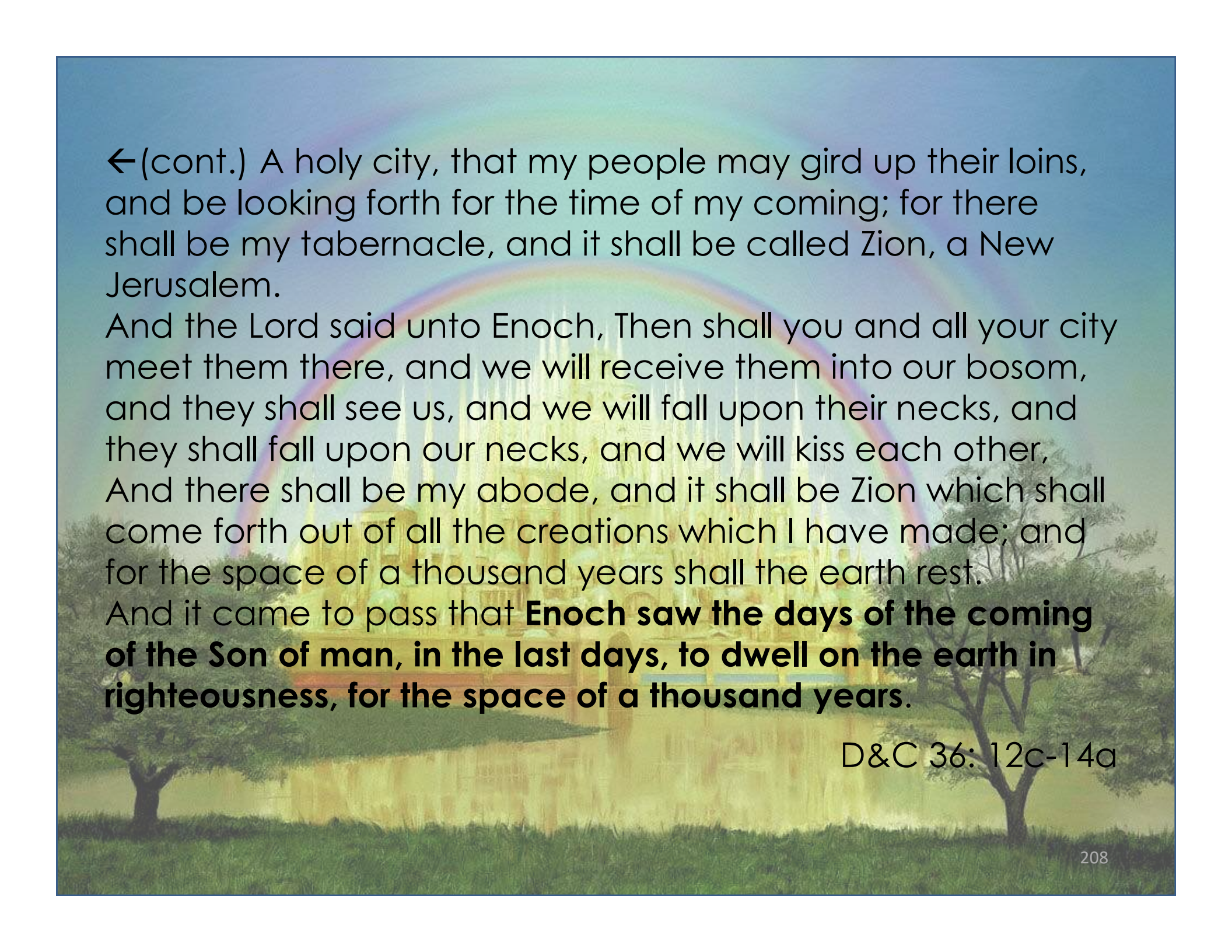
And the Lord said unto Enoch, As I live, even so will I come in the last days--in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfill the oath which I made unto you, concerning the children of Noah:

And the day shall come that the earth shall rest, but before that day, shall the heavens be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth;

And the heavens shall shake, and also the earth; **and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, but my people will I preserve**; and righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of my Only Begotten;

His resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; and **righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out my own elect from the four quarters of the earth unto a place which I shall prepare**;

D&C 36: 12c-14a (cont.)→




←(cont.) A holy city, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.

And the Lord said unto Enoch, Then shall you and all your city meet them there, and we will receive them into our bosom, and they shall see us, and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other, And there shall be my abode, and it shall be Zion which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a thousand years shall the earth rest.

And it came to pass that **Enoch saw the days of the coming of the Son of man, in the last days, to dwell on the earth in righteousness, for the space of a thousand years.**

D&C 36: 12c-14a



And they shall see the Son of man
coming in the clouds of heaven, with
power and great glory.

And whoso **treasureth up my**
word shall not be deceived.

Mark 13:42-43

The End

