

THE HISTORY OF THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO JESUS
THE ABOMINATION & THE TRIBULATION
Matthew 24:15-25

**Jesus Warned Of A Great Tribulation
Triggered By A Desecration Of The Temple**

The Triggering Event: The Desecration Of The Temple

Matthew 24:15 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand —

The Great Tribulation

Matthew 24:16 - then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. ¹⁸Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. ¹⁹How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

²¹For then there will be great distress (*tribulation*), unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. ²²If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

²³At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. ²⁵See, I have told you ahead of time.

Daniel 9:20-27

The Seventy “Weeks”

Daniel Confessed Israel’s Sin And Interceded For Jerusalem

(9:20)

Daniel 9:20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill —

God Dispatched The Angel Gabriel To Reveal The Timeline Of History

(9:21-23)

Daniel 9:21—while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. ²³ As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

God Decreed That The Messianic Kingdom Will Be Established After a Period of 490 Years

(9:24)

Daniel 9:24 “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

Timeline Phase One After 49 Years Jerusalem Will Be Rebuilt

(9:25)

Daniel 9:25 “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

Timeline Phase Two After 483 Years . . .

(9:25-26)

- The Messiah Will Come
- The Messiah Will Die
- Jerusalem Will Again Be Destroyed
- War and Desolations Will Wreak Havoc Up To The End of History

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Timeline Phase Three The Seven Years of The Antichrist

(9:26b - 27)

Daniel 9:26b The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.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 at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

Timeline Phase Four The Kingdom of The Messiah

(9:27)

Daniel 9:27b 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 at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, **until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.**”

Summary Of The Timeline

In Daniel 9, God tells the prophet He has scheduled to bring an end to sin and inaugurate the Kingdom of righteousness after a period of 490 years.

The timeline will begin when a decree is issued to rebuild Jerusalem

444 B.C. Artaxerxes issues the decree

After 49 years the city will be rebuilt and defensible

395 B.C. Jerusalem is defensible right on schedule!

After 483 years the Messiah will be put to death

AD 33. Palm Sunday. Jesus enters Jerusalem fulfilling the prophecy of 483 years to the day!

When the religious leaders of Israel reject Jesus as Messiah, Jesus explains Daniel's prophecy and teaches His disciples to expect a long period of wars and natural disasters before the final seven years will take place.

Daniel 9, 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13 teach that the final seven years will be triggered when the Antichrist enthrones himself as god in the Temple in Jerusalem

Jesus is put to death

AD 33. Right on schedule, Jesus is executed after the 483 years.

The Final Seven Years are still future

AD 2012 and counting . . .

The Antichrist will covenant to protect Israel for seven years

At the midpoint he will enthrone himself as God, triggering extreme persecution of God's people.

Jesus will return before the end of the seven years, rapturing the church and destroying the Antichrist.

Discussion Guide

According to the Mayan's the end of the world is scheduled for December 21. If you really knew the world was coming to an end, how would you spend the last few days?

Consult the Scripture texts and the Summary of the Timeline of events.

- What do you notice about the accuracy of Daniel's predictions?
- What do you notice about the accuracy of Jesus' predictions concerning current history?
- What effect does the accuracy of these events have on your faith in the Word of God?
- Why the, do we still struggle to trust God?
- What can we do about it?

Regarding the future:

- According to Jesus, what will be the signal that the final seven years has begun?
- What will the world be like after that event?
- What does Jesus urge his followers to do?
- Why will He shorten the timeline?
- Who are the elect?

If we are the generation who will live through the final seven years . . .

- How will strengthening our faith help us?
- How will strengthening our hope help us?
- How will strengthening our love for one another help us?
- How do we do these things?