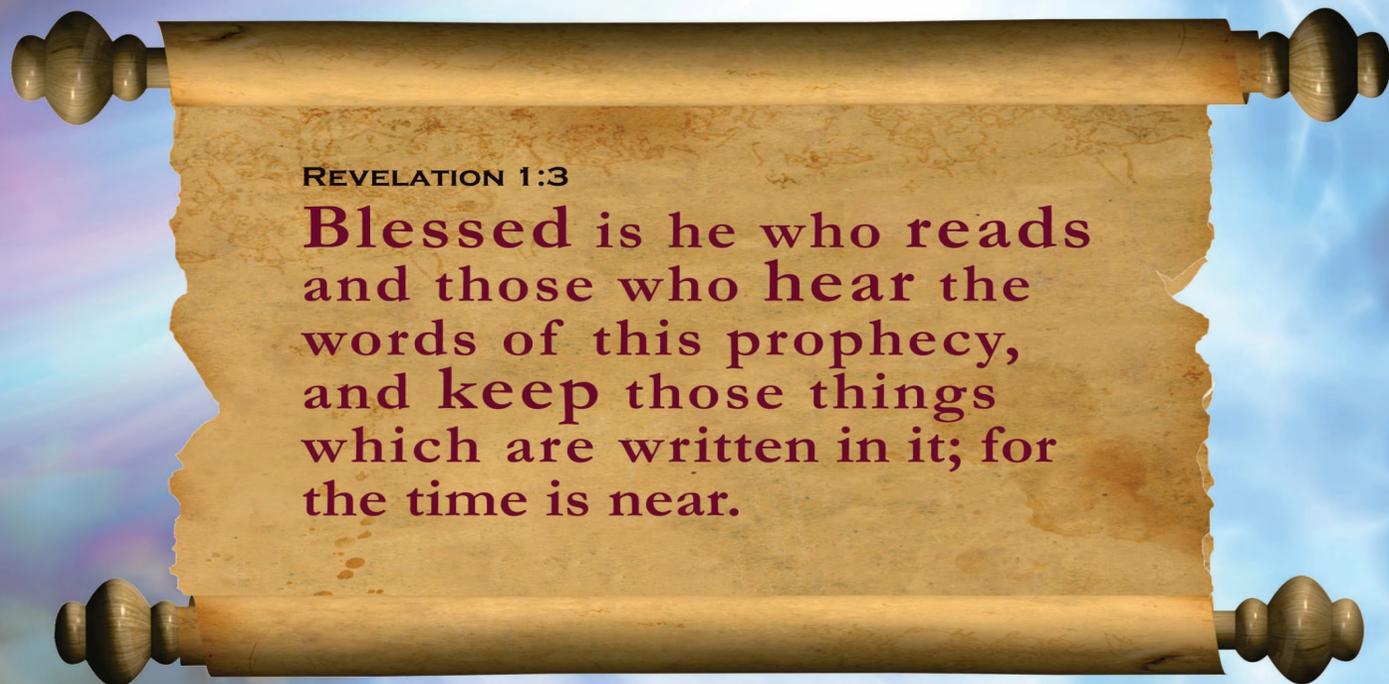




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*God has a Promised Blessing*



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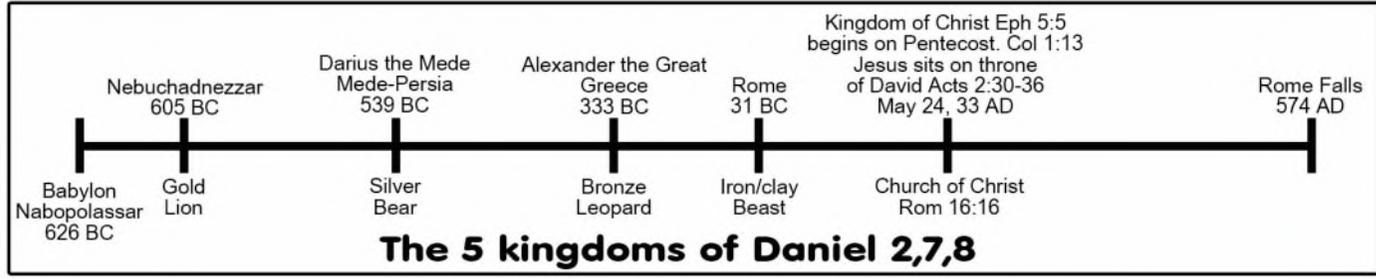
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**Second Coming**

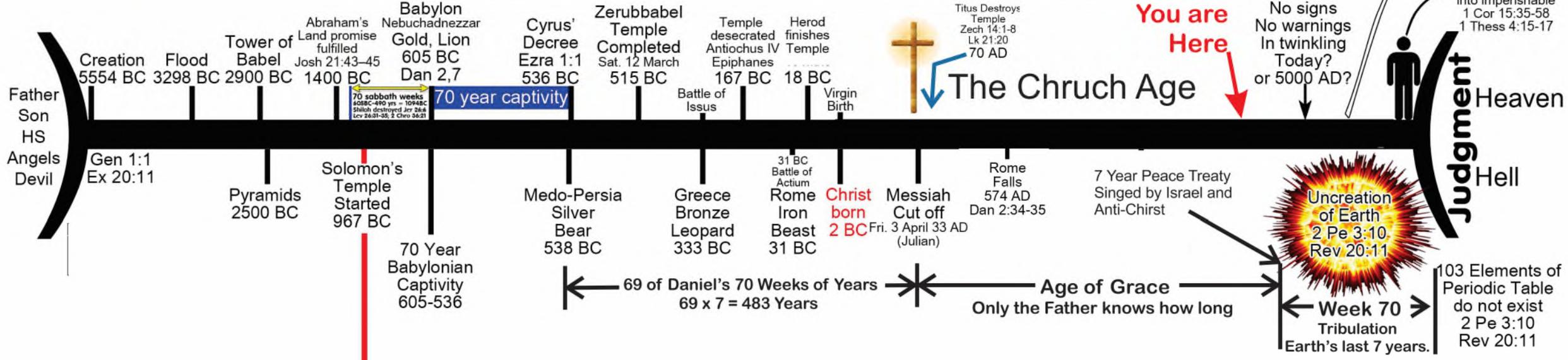
The End No signs In twinkling Today? or 5000 AD?

**Resurrection of saved and lost**

Dan 12:2-3; 1 Cor 15:23-27 Mt 25:46; Jn 5:28-29

All dead raised imperishable Jn 5:28

All living changed into imperishable 1 Cor 15:51-58 1 Thess 4:15-17



**Physical Temple 967 BC of Solomon**

**1000 years**

Start of Physical Temple to start of Spiritual Temple (967 BC - AD 33= Literally 999, no zero)

**33 AD**

## The Church Age

Correlation With The Kingdom Parables - Prophecies Of The Church Age

<b>The Sower and the Seed</b> Matt 13.1-23	<b>The Wheat and the Tares</b> Matt 13.24-30,36-43	<b>The Mustard Seed</b> Matt 13.31-32	<b>The Leaven</b> Matt 13.33	<b>The Treasure</b> Matt 13.44	<b>The Pearl</b> Matt 13.45-46	<b>The Net</b> Matt 13.47-50
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<b>First Church Age</b> 33 - 100 AD Death of Christ 1st & 2nd Persecution	<b>Second Church Age</b> 100-312 AD The Caesars 2nd - 10th Persecutions	<b>Third Church Age</b> 312 - 590 AD The Constantinian The Political Church	<b>Fourth Church Age</b> 590 - 1517 AD Middle Dark Ages The Idolatrous Church Catholic Church	<b>Fifth Church Age</b> 1517 - 1750 AD Reformation Protestantism	<b>Sixth Church Age</b> 1750 - 1925 AD Missionary Movement	<b>Seventh Church Age</b> 1925 AD - End Apostate Church
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# THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

## PROPHETIC TIMELINE DANIEL 9:24-27

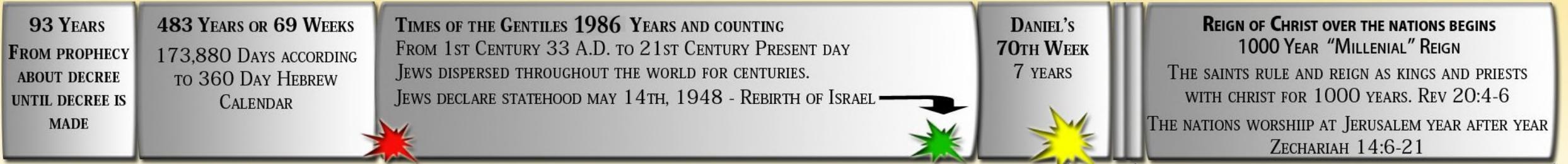
THE DECREE OF ARTAXERXES GIVEN TO EZRA TO REBUILD AND RESTORE JERUSALEM EZRA 7:8-28 SEVENTH YEAR OF ARTAXERXES 457 B.C.

MESSIAH CUT OFF JESUS CRUCIFIED DAN 9:26 APRIL 3RD, 33 A.D.

THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS MATT 24:21, REV 12:17 ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION DAN 9:27 MATT 24:15

FINAL BOWLS OF WRATH ADD 30 DAYS 1290 DAYS TOTAL DAN 12:11

SATAN CHAINED FOR 1000 YEARS REV 20:2



550 B.C. FIRST YEAR OF DARIUS THE MEDE  
 THE ANGEL GABRIEL TELLS DANIEL ABOUT THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY DAN 9:1, DAN 9:24

70 A.D. ROME DESTROYS JEWISH TEMPLE FULFILLS PROPHECY MATT 24:1 LUKE 21:5

APPROXIMATE TIME OF RAPTURE JESUS COMES FOR THE SAINTS MATT 24:31, LUKE 21:27-28 1 THESS 4:15-17, REV 14:16 LUKE 17:34-35

45 DAYS KINGDOM RESTORATION 1335 DAYS DAN 12:12

SATAN LOOSED AFTER 1000 YEARS GATHERS THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH -GOG AND MAGOG- TO MAKE WAR AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE REV 20:2, 7-10

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**First  
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33 - 100 AD  
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The Caesars  
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312 - 590 AD  
Constantine  
The Political Church

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The Idolatrous Church  
Catholic Church

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Reformation  
Protestantism

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Missionary  
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<b>Definition of name</b>	"desirable"	"myrrh" or "sweet smelling"	"elevated by marriage"	"perpetual sacrifice"	"red ones"	"brotherly love"	
<b>Self-Description</b>	Holds 7 stars, walks among 7 lampstands	First and Last, Died and came to life	The One with two-edged sword	Eyes of fire, feet like brass; searches minds	Holds 7 spirits and 7 stars	Holy, true, holds keys, opens and shuts	Amen, true witness, Beginning of creation
<b>What Christ Knows</b>	hard work, perseverance, no toleration of evil, discernment	Works, trials, poverty; blasphemy of false Jews	Works, living where Satan's throne is	More works, love, service, faith, patience	You are dead	You have an open door	Neither cold nor hot
<b>Commendation</b>	Tested false prophets, perseverance	poverty—yet you are rich	City of Satan, faith in spite of martyrdom,	(above)	Have few names undefiled	Kept command to persevere	
<b>Rebuke</b>	Left first love	x	Ones with doctrine of Balaam	Jezebel with immorality permitted	Works imperfect	x	Lukewarm, wretched, blind, naked
<b>Counsel</b>	Remember, repent, do first works	Do not fear suffering	Repent	Hold fast till I come	Watch, strengthen remainder	Hold fast, preserve crown	Buy gold, clothes, eye ointment
<b>Warning</b>	Lampstand will be removed	x	Will fight with sword of mouth	Jezebel into sickbed, children killed	I will come as thief if you do not watch	x	I will spit you out; rebuke and punishment
<b>What You Have</b>	My hatred for Nicolaitans	Tribulation coming	Also have ones with Nicolaitans doctrine	Rest do not have false doctrine, not Satanic depths	A name as alive, but dead (and see above)	A little strength, My word and name	Not what you think you have
<b>Overcomers Reward</b>	Eat from tree of life	Not hurt by second death	Hidden manna, white stone	Power over nations; morning star	Clothed in white, name in book, confessed	Made pillar, inscribed with new name	Sit on my throne
<b>Other Promises</b>	x	Eternal life to ones faithful to death	x	Rest are given no other burden	Undefiled ones will walk in white	Submission of false Jews; Kept from hour of trial	Eat with those who open door

## What God the Father, **Yahweh**, the LORD Call Himself:

Isaiah 41:4 "Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, **Yahweh**, the Lord—**with the first of them and with the last**—I am he."

Isaiah 44:6 "This is what the **Yahweh**, Lord says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: **I am the first and I am the last**; apart from me there is no God.

Isaiah 48:12 "Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; **I am the first and I am the last**.

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Revelation 2:8 "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is **the First and the Last**, who died and came to life again.

Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, **the First and the Last**, the Beginning and the End.

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### Afflictions & Poverty

1. In 195 BC Smyrna became a center of Rome and then Caesar worship with the construction of Temple “Dia Roma” or “God Rome.”
2. There were temples in Smyrna to Zeus, Aphrodite, Hermes, and dozens of other gods. Even Homer!
3. By John’s day, every citizen had to burn incense and worship Caesar as God in Temple Dia Roma and get a certificate.
4. No certificate = no civil rights
5. Large Jewish community hated and persecuted Christians just like they did Paul and other in Acts. Slandered (blasphemed) Christians to Romans for
  - Cannibalism, because they drank the blood and ate the flesh of Jesus at the Lord’s table
  - Home wrecking, because one saved could divide a family
  - Atheism, because they refused to worship Caesar.
  - Rebellion because they would not follow the law of worship.
6. This resulted in persecution, loss of property & rights, extreme poverty, torture and execution.  
It is said that Christians were first fed to lions in Smyrna.

Hebrews 11:35 ... There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

## **I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.**

1. They were genetically Jewish, but they were NOT Jews with circumcised hearts. They were more satanic than the pagans.
2. Though Domitian was currently emperor, he followed Nero who had a Jewish (male) lover and a Jewish confidant that incited him against Christians, and he was first to martyr Christians.
3. Domitian's reign strengthened the alliance with Roman Jews (Not Jerusalem Jews) to stamp out Christians.
4. In about 146 AD, 50 years after John, Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna was famously martyred in the Smyrna theater, after Jews incited crowd to shout for execution of the "Atheist." Probably under Caesar Hadrian.

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# The church is purged, purified and sanctified by suffering and persecution.

## Romans 5

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### *Peace and Hope*

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.