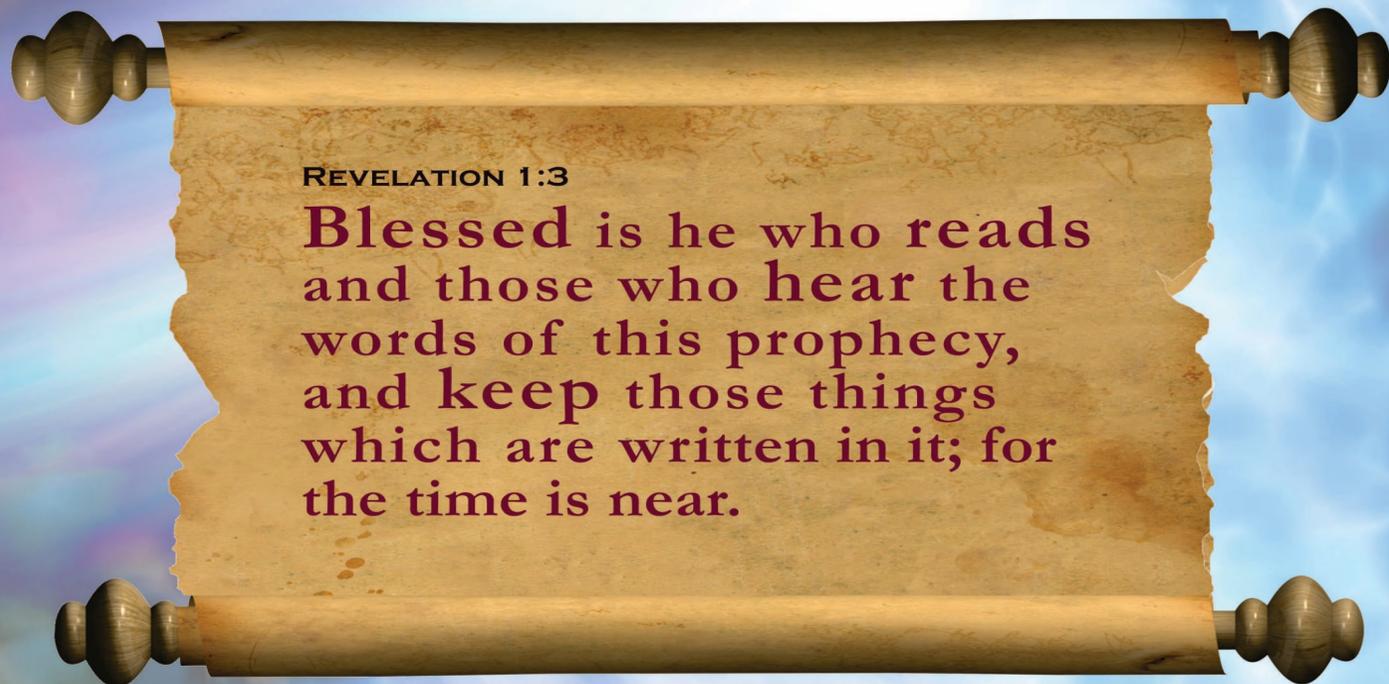




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A REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

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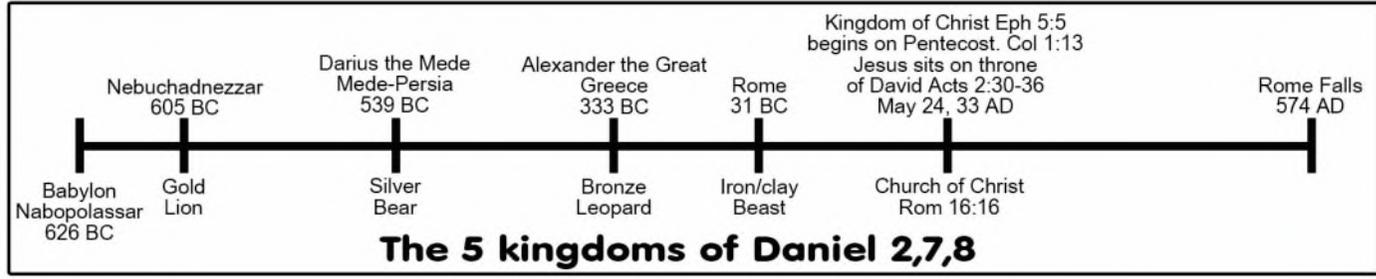
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Most bible dates are FUZZY



"No man knows the day or hour"

Second Coming

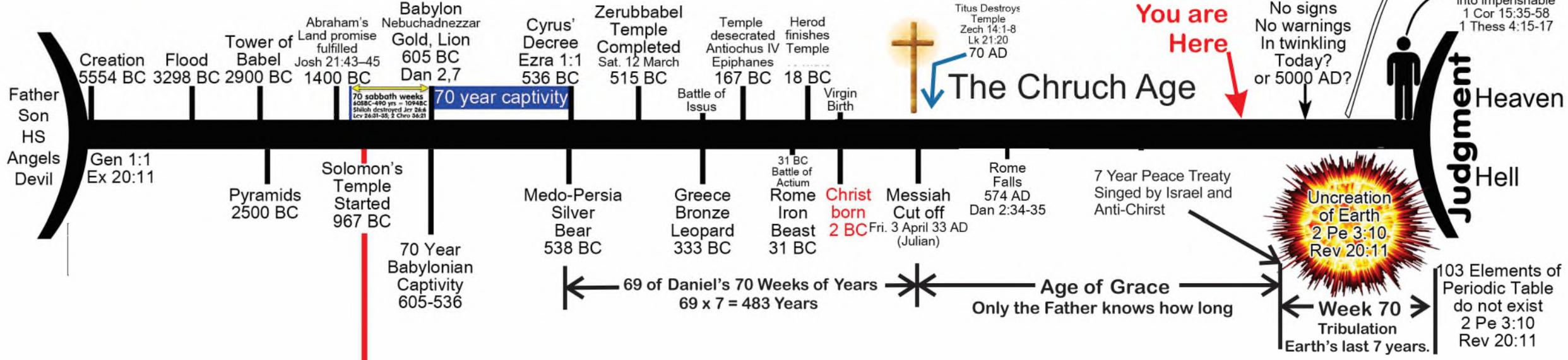
The End No signs In twinkling Today? or 5000 AD?

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

The Sower and the Seed Matt 13.1-23	The Wheat and the Tares Matt 13.24-30,36-43	The Mustard Seed Matt 13.31-32	The Leaven Matt 13.33	The Treasure Matt 13.44	The Pearl Matt 13.45-46	The Net Matt 13.47-50
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Ephesus Rev 2.1-7	Smyrna Rev 2.8-11	Pergamos Rev 2.12-17	Thyatira Rev 2.18-29	Sardis Rev 3.1-6	Philadelphia Rev 3.7-13	Laodicea Rev 3.14-22
Alexandrian School Of Thought						
First Church Age 33 - 100 AD Death of Christ 1st & 2nd Persecution	Second Church Age 100-312 AD The Caesars 2nd - 10th Persecutions	Third Church Age 312 - 590 AD The Constantinian The Political Church	Fourth Church Age 590 - 1517 AD Middle Dark Ages The Idolatrous Church Catholic Church	Fifth Church Age 1517 - 1750 AD Reformation Protestantism	Sixth Church Age 1750 - 1925 AD Missionary Movement	Seventh Church Age 1925 AD - End Apostate Church
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THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

PROPHETIC TIMELINE DANIEL 9:24-27

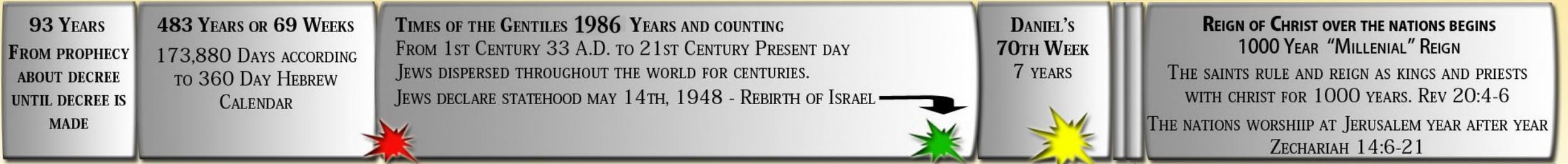
THE DECREE OF ARTAXERXES GIVEN TO EZRA TO REBUILD AND RESTORE JERUSALEM EZRA 7:8-28
SEVENTH YEAR OF ARTAXERXES
457 B.C.

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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The Things Which Are - The Seven Churches

Ephesus



Rev 2.1-7

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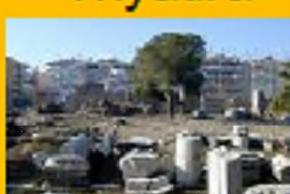
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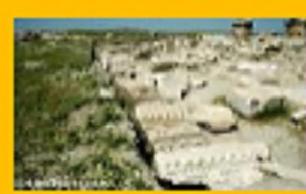
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**First
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33 - 100 AD
Death of Christ
1st & 2nd Persecution

**Second
Church Age**

100-312 AD
The Caesars
2nd - 10th
Persecutions

**Third
Church Age**

312 - 590 AD
Constantine
The Political Church

**Fourth
Church Age**

590 - 1517 AD
Middle Dark Ages
The Idolatrous Church
Catholic Church

**Fifth
Church Age**

1517 - 1750 AD
Reformation
Protestantism

**Sixth
Church Age**

1750 - 1925 AD
Missionary
Movement

**Seventh
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1925 AD - End
Apostate Church

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Definition of name	"desirable"	"myrrh" or "sweet smelling"	"elevated by marriage"	"perpetual sacrifice"	"red ones"	"brotherly love"	
Self-Description	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
What Christ Knows	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
Commendation	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	
Rebuke	Left first love	x	Ones with doctrine of Balaam	Jezebel with immorality permitted	Works imperfect	x	Lukewarm, wretched, blind, naked
Counsel	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
Warning	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
What You Have	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
Overcomers Reward	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
Other Promises	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**.

What God the Son, **Jesus**, the LORD Call Himself:

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. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ 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— ³⁸ 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^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we^[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we^[c] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ 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.