

Thursology 87: The Pre-Trib Integrates the Old and New Covenants With Daniel's Mysterious Gap (Rapture #10)

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--Key Concept: Without taking the time to deal with the _____ of Scripture related to Rapture timing...the view that you hold will either be a _____...an _____...or a mere _____ of your theological tradition!!!

--Heilsgeschichte

- Heilsgeschichte: (English) → _____ history
- Meaning: A theological view that understands _____ of history...literally _____ detail of history...to be an expression of God's _____ history
- A fundamental biblical understanding of the nature of God...and the nature of history: At His essence...God is _____...and at its essence...history is all about God _____
- Key Concept #1: "Covenant" has no true _____ in the English Language...because Covenant is actually an entire _____ of _____!!!
- Key Concept #2: Covenant is the biblical _____ of God's _____ History
- Key Concept #3: If you don't understand the biblical _____...you won't understand God's perspective of _____...or God's perspective of _____

--Understanding the Biblical Covenants:

- Two kinds of biblical covenants:
- _____ Covenants: Adamic, Noahic, New Testament
- _____ Covenants: Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic

--Key Concept: While _____ of the Covenants are Salvation Covenants...a subset of them are _____ Salvation Covenants

--Two categories of STRATEGIC Salvation Covenants:

1. The _____ Covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic)
--Genesis 12: "In you I will bless all the families of the earth"
2. The _____ Covenant

--Covenant Precept #1: The purpose of choosing _____...was to provide a _____ to take salvation to the whole world

--Covenant Precept #2: The purpose of choosing the _____...is to provide a _____ to take salvation to the whole world

--A theological foundation regarding the Covenants: The very _____ of the Strategic Salvation Covenants..._____ them from being _____ plans to save the world

--Key Concept: There is no strategic _____ of the _____ and _____ Testament Covenants

--Strength #6: The Pre-Trib View perfectly _____ the Old and New _____...providing for precise and complete fulfillment of the promises both to _____...and to the _____

--Daniel 9:24-27 (excerpts): "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people...Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and...and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary...And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week..."

--How the Pre-Trib view explains "The Gap" in Daniel's sevens: The Covenants with Israel were "placed on _____"...while the Church filled the Gap with the New Testament Covenant...but the "_____" will be released when the Church vanishes...allowing for the Jewish Covenants to _____...and to be _____

--Application: Since all of history is _____ History..._____ aspect of our life should be about _____!!!

--I Kings 10: 1-7, 10: When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the Lord, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the Lord, she was overwhelmed. She said to the king, "The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard...And she gave the king 120 talents of gold, large quantities of spices, and precious stones. Never again were so many spices brought in as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon..."

--1 Kings 10:13: King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired and asked for, besides what he had given her out of his royal bounty. Then she left and returned with her retinue to her own country.

--What did Solomon forget? The reason God gave him _____ he had...was to be used to take the message of _____...to the _____!!!

--What did the Queen of Sheba get??? She _____ with riches and gifts and cool stuff...and she _____ with riches and gifts and cool stuff!!!

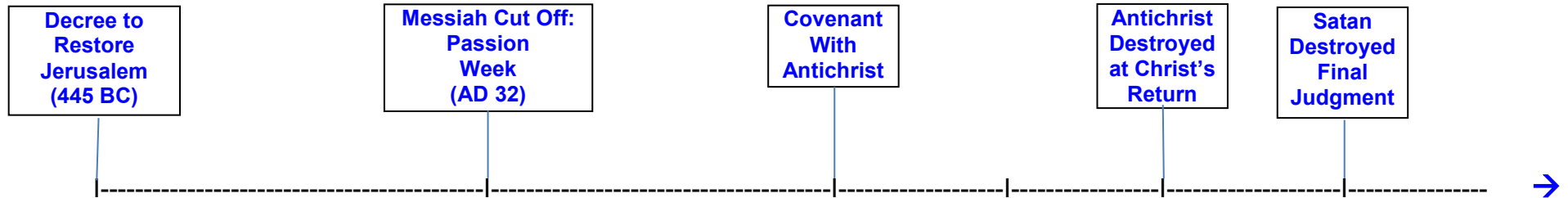
--Key Question: Am I _____ any of the positions or possessions or relationships or resources or time or opportunities that God has given me...on the _____, _____ things of this world???

--Covenant is an entire CATEGORY of THOUGHT...Covenant is a way of thinking...it's an entire construct of reality. → Covenant...is a way of life!!!

--Key Question: When _____ history is finally written...will it be a "Heilsgeschichte"...a _____ history...or will it be a history that's all about..._____???

A timeline of the Jewish Covenants...and the New Testament Covenant

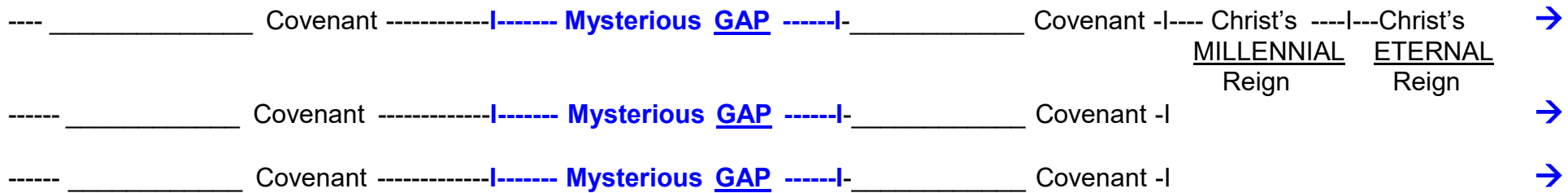
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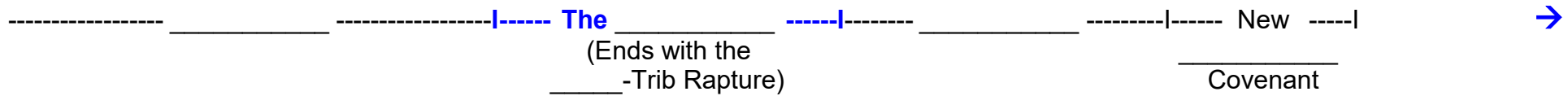
Daniel's "Clock"

|----- 69 "Sevens" -----| |----- 70th "Seven" -----|

Jewish Covenants

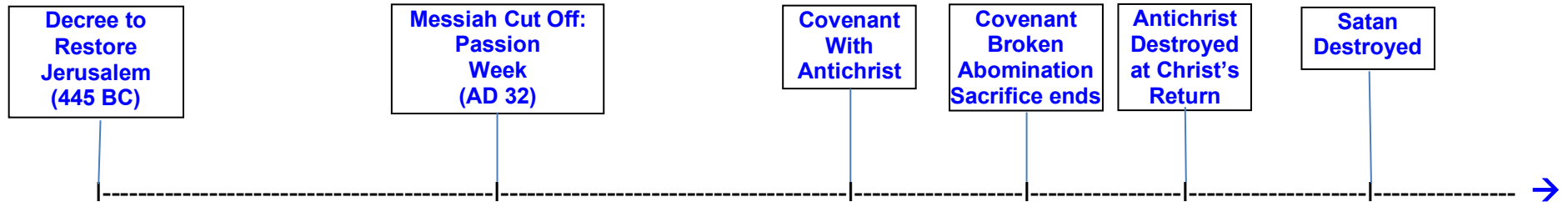


Salvation Covenant: God's People _____ placed in the world

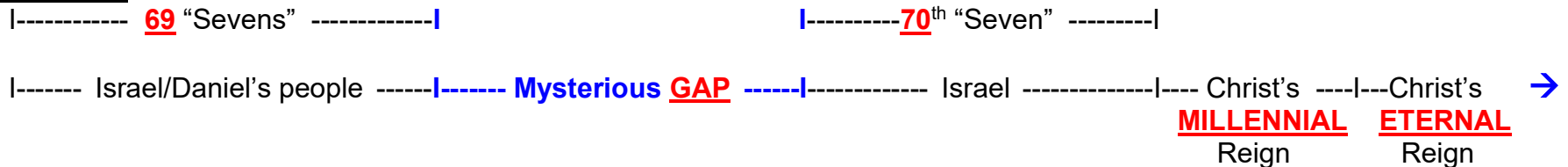


Daniel's "Weeks": The Mysterious Gap Between the 69th & 70th Sevens

(From the Pre-Trib Rapture perspective)



Daniel's "Clock"



Revelation Chapters



Salvation Covenant



Duration



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--Application #2: Don't be AROGANT...because...not only was the Church not the ONLY plan...it wasn't even the ORIGINAL plan!!!

--Romans 11:1-2, 11, 13-14, 17, 25-26: "I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham...God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew...But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous...But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles...if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them...But...some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree...For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved..."

--Five Olive Tree Facts:

- Olive Tree Fact #1:** The Olive Tree represents ISRAEL...and the ORIGINAL salvation plan
- Olive Tree Fact #2:** Some of the "native" BRANCHES were BROKEN off...for their UN-belief
- Olive Tree Fact #3:** The Gentiles have been GRAFTED into the ORIGINAL plan...and currently make up more than 99.8% of the followers of Messiah globally
- Olive Tree Fact #4:** Despite all of the years of Israel's REJECTION of God...God has not REJECTED the Olive Tree
- Olive Tree Fact #5:** A day is coming when the "FULLNESS" of the Gentiles will be complete...Israel's hearts will be CHANGED...and all Israel will be SAVED

--A biblical blind-spot of the Church: Because the "GRAFTED-in plan" has been THE plan for so long...most of the BRANCHES...have forgotten that God will fulfill the ORIGINAL plan

--What!!! To the Jew FIRST???

- Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for SALVATION to everyone who believes, to the JEW first and also to the GREEK
- Romans 2:9-10: There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the JEW first and also of the GREEK, but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the JEW first and also to the GREEK

--Matt 15:21-28: Jesus...withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

--A Fundamental Messianic Truth: It was **THROUGH** Israel...and **TO** Israel...that the Savior of the **WORLD** had to come!!! →

--The resolution of Jesus' apparent rudeness to the Canaanite woman: The reason Jesus was so **FOCUSED** on Israel was because...the only way for the **WORLD** to be saved...was for **ISRAEL'S** Savior to show up...for **ISRAEL**!!!

--Key Concept: The reason Jesus showed up "**EXCLUSIVELY**" for **ISRAEL**...was so He could UN-EXCLUSIVELY save the **WHOLE** world!!!

--Matt 27:37: And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

--Key Concept: The only Savior of the **WORLD**...is the King of the **JEWS**!!!

--John 4:19: The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."

--An explicit teaching directly from Jesus: **SALVATION** is from the **JEWS**

--Four Crazy Biblical "**Church Truths**"

--Crazy Truth #1: The Old Testament says **NOTHING** specifically about the **CHURCH**!!!

--Crazy Truth #2: There are passages in the Old Testament that...in **RETROSPECT**...apply to the Church...but none of these **REQUIRE** the Church for their **FULFILLMENT**!!!

--Crazy Truth #3: The **NEW** Covenant...is not the same as the **CHURCH**!!!

--Crazy Truth #4: The New Covenant **COULD** have been fulfilled...**WITHOUT** the Church!!!

--But isn't the Old Covenant **OBSOLETE**???

--A common understanding in the church: "God moved **ON** from His Covenants with **ISRAEL** because...when Christ came...they were rendered **OBSOLETE**."

--Heb 8:6-7, 13: But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second...When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

--Wait a minute!!! God Didn't Need the Church???

--Key Concept #1: There were many Old Testament prophecies that have been fulfilled by the Church...that **COULD** have been fulfilled...indeed **SHOULD** have been fulfilled...by **ISRAEL**

--Hosea 1:10; 2:23: Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and in the place where it is said to them, "You are not My people," it will be said to them, "You are the sons of the living God..." "I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, and I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, 'You are my God!'"

--Key Concept #2: Just because there are **GENTILES** who have joined God's salvation plan as part of the **CHURCH**...this by no means can be taken to mean that Israel **COULDN'T** accept God's salvation plan!!!

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--What Daniel 9 does NOT say: That Israel couldn't have **ACCEPTED** their Messiah...or that they couldn't have moved **DIRECTLY** from the 69th...into the 70th seven

--Key Concept #3: While the Church **HAS** filled the Gap between Israel's 69th and 70th sevens...there's absolutely nothing in Daniel's prophecy that **REQUIRES** that there had to **BE** a Gap between them

--Two necessary concepts that set up the application:

--A biblical truth that's almost impossible to comprehend: For 20 centuries...the Church has been considered a **GIVEN** by Christians...but the Church is actually a biblical **MYSTERY**...and could not have been **FORESEEN** in the Old Testament!!!

--Definition: A biblical "mystery" is an event or concept that **APPEARS** in the New Testament...and is **CONSISTENT** with the Old Testament...but was not **ANTICIPATED** by the Old Testament

--A well-accepted biblical "mystery": The **RAPTURE**

--Why is it a mystery? → While there are hints at this kind of event with Enoch and Elijah...no one could have ever **ANTICIPATED** that "...we will **ALL** be **CHANGED**..."

--Another biblical mystery: The **CHURCH**!!!

--An astonishing...history-changing event...that COULD have happened in Israel...when the Messiah came: While Daniel's **PROVISION** for a Gap between "weeks" 69 and 70 is clear...nothing in the prophecy **PREVENTED** Israel from transitioning **DIRECTLY** into the 70th seven

--Application: The fact that everything in the Old Testament could have been **FULFILLED** by Israel...and did not **REQUIRE** the Church to come along...has profound implications for human **DESTINY**!!!

--Key Concept #1: The 70th seven could have begun **IMMEDIATELY** after Messiah was "cut off"...**IF** Israel had **ACCEPTED** Him

--Key Concept #2: All Israel **COULD** have showed up at **PENTECOST**!!!

--Key Concept #3: Instead of three **THOUSAND**...there could have been three **MILLION** from Israel who were **SAVED** that day!!!

--An obvious set of questions: Why did God not **FORETELL** something as *momentous* as the **CHURCH** in the Old Testament...and...why didn't the Prophets **PREDICT** the New Program of **GENTILE** believers making up the **BODY** of Christ???!!!

--A gigantic doctrinal foundation: *Why???* Because...if the Old Testament had foretold the **CHURCH**...then Israel was **PREDESTINED** to **FAIL!!!**

--A sad and common theme experienced by many people: Other people...maybe even some of whom should have **LOVED** you **MOST**...have said...in one way or another..."You're **DESTINED** to **FAIL!!!**"