

Thursology 85: The Pre-Trib Explains the Mysterious “Gap” Between Daniel’s 69th & 70th “Weeks” (Rapture #8)

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--Strength #5: The Pre-Trib view squares _____ with the mysterious “_____” between Daniel’s 69th and 70th groups of _____ years

--Daniel 9:24-27: “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin...to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, 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, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

--A review of the meaning of this passage:

- A “week” is a “heptad”...which is a group of _____ years
- Daniel’s “people” are the people of _____
- The “holy city” is _____
- Messiah being cut off was the _____ of Christ
- The “people of the prince who is to come” are the _____ who destroyed the Temple in _____ AD...and the City in _____ AD
- The “prince who is to come” is the _____ who will establish the _____ Roman Empire
- The 69 groups of 7 years (483) perfectly _____...do the day...the time interval from the issuing of the decree to restore _____...until the day of Messiah’s Triumphant Entry on _____ Sunday...Nisan 10, AD 32
- The 70th “week” is the _____...which begins with Antichrist’s _____ that promises 7 years of _____...and allows Israel to _____ in the Jerusalem Temple

--In the _____ of the seven years...Antichrist will _____ the Treaty..._____ the offerings and sacrifices...and _____ the Temple

--At the _____ of the 7 years...the Abominator...the Antichrist...will be _____

--The consummating event...completing the 70th "seven"...that will "finish the transgression...make an end of sin...bring in everlasting righteousness...seal up vision and prophecy and...anoint the most holy place...is the _____ Coming of Christ...when He _____ to the Holy of Holies in the restored _____... and begins His Millennial _____ in Jerusalem

--The parts of this prophecy that *HAVE BEEN* fulfilled:

--Fulfillment #1: The decree to restore Jerusalem in 445 BC

--Fulfillment #2: The 69 sevens were completed...on Nisan 10, AD 32...when Messiah the Prince rode into Jerusalem to the triumphant hosannas of Israel

--Fulfillment #3: Messiah was "cut off"...on the Cross...on Nisan 14, AD 32

--Fulfillment #4: The destruction of the Temple...by General Titus of Rome...in 70 AD

--Fulfillment #5: The destruction of "the city"...by Rome...in 135 AD

--The many parts of this prophecy that are *YET TO BE* fulfilled:

--Future Fulfillment #1: The rebuilding of the TEMPLE

--Future Fulfillment #2: The restoration of the offerings and daily SACRIFICES

--Future Fulfillment #3: The emergence of Renewed ROME...and the "New World ORDER"

--Future Fulfillment #4: The emergence of the ANTICHRIST

--Future Fulfillment #5: The TREATY to PROTECT Israel

--Future Fulfillment #6: The BREAKING of the Treaty...after 3½ years

--Future Fulfillment #7: The DESECRATION of the Temple by the Antichrist

--Future Fulfillment #8: Messiah's RETURN to the Holy of Holies...in the restored TEMPLE...to begin His Millennial REIGN in Jerusalem...which will finally bring about the Great Fulfillment...that will "finish the transgression...make an end of sin...bring in everlasting righteousness...and seal up vision and prophecy

--Key Concept #1: The 70TH seven is explicitly the last seven years for _____ people..._____...and their holy city..._____

--Dan 8:24: "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city..."

--Key Concept #2: _____ of the events of the first 69 sevens have been perfectly _____ in Israel's history

--Key Concept #3: The events of the 70TH seven couldn't possibly have been _____ by historians and archeologists...and thus..._____ of these prophecies have been fulfilled

--Key Concept #4: For _____ years...the _____ Age has unfolded during the "Mysterious _____"...between the 69th and 70th sevens

--Key Concept #5: According to the Pre-Trib View...there's no plausible way that the prophecies to _____ people...that will be fulfilled during the 7-year _____...could possibly be prophecies about the _____

--The Pre-Trib view's explanation of how Daniel's prophecy fits perfectly with their Rapture timing: The only thing that needs to happen for the 70TH seven to commence...is for The Church to be _____...completing the "Mysterious _____"...and clearing the way for God to fulfill the rest of _____ Daniel 9 prophecies...during the _____

--Application #1: The Church is the current _____...but **never forget**...the Church _____ the _____!!!

--Key Concept #1: Christians essentially always read the _____ Testament...through the eyes the _____ Testament...and find it almost impossible to think... "_____ the Church thoughts"!!!

--Key Concept #2: Christ was saving people _____ the Church came along...and He'll still be saving people..._____ the Church...is _____!!!

--If the church is gone during the Tribulation...who's preaching the Gospel???

--The 144,000 _____, the two mysterious _____, and the _____ who preaches to _____ tribe, people, nation, and tongue!!!

--If the Church is gone...who will be saved???

--The _____ of people who refuse to take the _____

--Rev 7:9, 13-14: After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes...Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation..."

--Rev 13:7, 11-12, 14-17: It was also given to (the beast) to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him...Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth...And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast...And he deceives those who dwell on the earth...telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast...And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all...to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark...

--Rev 20:4: Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

--**Application #2:** Don't be _____...because...not only was the Church not the _____ plan...it wasn't even the _____ 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..."

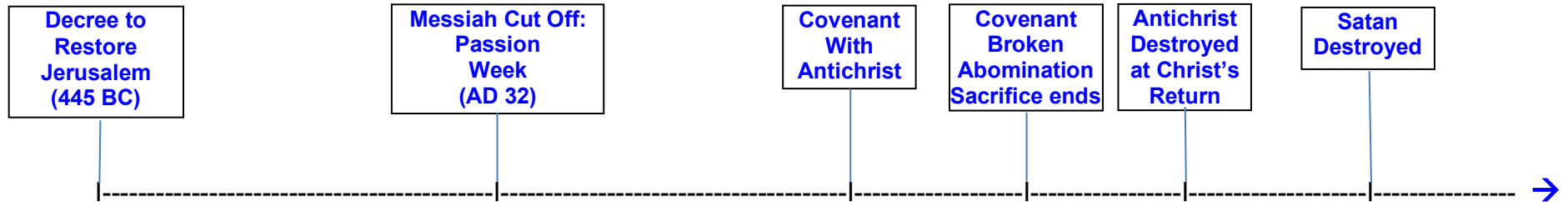
--A specific Pre-Trib precept: All that stands in the way of the _____ 7 years _____ for Israel...is for the Church to be _____ out of the world

--**Application #3:** Since the Church isn't the _____...don't wait for the Church to _____ those around you...to the _____

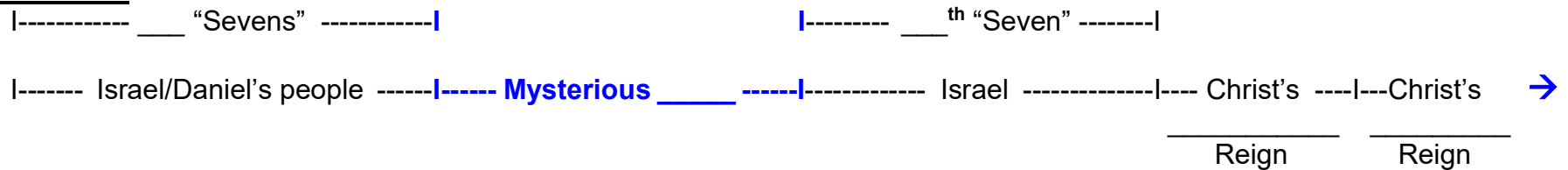
--A Barna Survey Fact: Only one in a _____ American believers...ever _____ another _____ to Christ

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

(From the Pre-Trib Rapture perspective)



Daniel's "Clock"



Revelation Chapters

_____ & _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Salvation Covenant

--- _____ -----|----- **The _____ Age** -----|----- _____ -----|----- New -----|

(Ends with the _____-Trib Rapture)

Covenant

Timeline

_____ yrs -----|----- **"No one _____"** -----|----- _____ yrs -----|----- _____ yrs -----|

Thursology 84: Pre-Trib Rapture: In Revelation...the Church is MISSING...But ISRAEL is EVERYWHERE!!! (Rapture #7)

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--Chapter 1: Establishes Christ's awesome **SOVEREIGNTY**...and that He's coming **QUICKLY**!!!

--Chapters 2-3 (excerpts): "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... To the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... To the angel of the church in Laodicea write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'."

--The theme: Chs 2 & 3 are all about The **CHURCH**...written to seven specific local **CHURCHES**...and they give a prophetic outline of the **CHURCH** Age

--4:1-2: After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

--Chapter 4 gives a picture of the **PRE**-Trib Rapture

--Rev. 5:1-4: "I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it..."

--Having been **CAUGHT** up into **HEAVEN** to be with Christ in Ch 4...Ch 5 now gives a picture of the Judgment of **BELIEVERS**

--6:1-2: Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

--In chapter 6: The Tribulation **BEGINS** with the appearance of the **FAKE** "messiah"...who comes with a **FAKE** peace...to "save" **ISRAEL**

--Chs 6-18 (excerpts): And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed...

--Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months...

--And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...and she was with child...And she gave birth to a son...who is to rule all the nations...Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days...

--And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time...And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman...But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

--Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads...And they sang a new song before the throne...and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.

--And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast...And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God...

--And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits...which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty...And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

--Key Concept #1: The Scripture frequently refers to **ISRAEL** (and Mary...who was a direct descendant of King David) giving birth to The Christ...but never even **HINTS** at the **CHURCH** giving birth to Him

--Key Concept #2: The Church is always pictured as the **BRIDE** of Christ...that was **ESTABLISHED** by Christ

--A summary of chapters 6-18: A striking and complete **ABSENCE** of the Church...and a repeated, pervasive **PROMINENCE** of Israel

--Ch 19: Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints....Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"...And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war... And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations...And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet...these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

--What happens in chapter 19: Christ returns WITH the SAINTS from Heaven...to the Valley of Megiddo...in ISRAEL...fulfilling God's many promises to save the CHOSEN Nation!!!

--A summary of the appearances of the Church in the Revelation:

--How many times does the word "church" appear in chapters 2 & 3?

SEVEN

--How many times does the word "churches" appear in chapters 2 & 3?

EIGHT

--How many times do the words "church" or "churches" appear in all of the rest of Revelation? → Not ONCE!!!

--The final appearance of The Church in Revelation: In chapter 19...AFTER the Tribulation is over...the BRIDE comes FROM Heaven...WITH Christ...to join Him in CONQUERING the Antichrist and his armies at Armageddon

--The Pre-Trib advocates' contention about the Book of Revelation: It's difficult to IMAGINE how the biblical text could make it any CLEARER...that the sequence of the major events of the Last Days points to a PRE-Trib Rapture.

--The Sequence: →

--John introduces Jesus' prophecy of His RETURN (Ch 1)

--The CHURCH Age runs its course in chapters 2 & 3...it comes to COMPLETION...and believers are CAUGHT up to be with Christ in Ch 4

--After the CHURCH is gone...the Tribulation BEGINS with Israel's Peace Treaty (Ch 6)

--The next seven years is about Antichrist's world DOMINATION...and his attempt to destroy ISRAEL (Chs 6-18)

--The Church isn't mentioned AGAIN until the Tribulation is OVER...and this means that the Church does not live THROUGH the Tribulation

--The Tribulation ENDS after seven years...when Christ returns from Heaven...with the SAINTS...and saves ISRAEL from annihilation at Armageddon (Ch 19)

--Dave Hunt:

--"The Book of Revelation is a clear description of the Pre-Trib Rapture timing. Chapters 2 and 3 are all about the church! Then, at the end of chapter 3, the Church Age comes to completion...just in time for John (a member of the Church) to hear a loud voice, and a trumpet, and then to be caught up into heaven in chapter 4. This is followed by John, representing the Church, standing before the Judgment Seat of Christ as he is purified...made perfectly holy...by the Blood of the Lamb in chapter 5. And then the Church vanishes from the Book...not to be heard from again, until Christ comes (in chapter 19) with His holy ones...to defeat Antichrist and win the Battle of Armageddon. So, the Pre-Trib chronology in Revelation is natural, simple, and flows directly out of the Scripture...without any manipulation and without laying any other system over the biblical text.

--**Application**: Do you love God's **CHOSEN** People **ISRAEL**...like **God** loves them???

--Gen 12:1-3: Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

--An obvious question: If I actually **BELIEVE** God's promise...how can **I** bless God's **CHOSEN** People...in a **TANGIBLE** way???