

## The Reason For The Book Of Revelation

The Seventieth Week  
Daniel 9:20-27

### Daniel's Love For God's Word

- "In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans — 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.--Dan 9:1-2
- Jeremiah25:8-14

### Mark 13:1-4

"Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" 2 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

### Four disciples came to Jesus asking about his second coming

- His answer is found in:
- Matthew 24 & 25
- Mark 13 & 14
- Luke 21 & 22
- The Highlighted passage: Matthew 24:15

### Matthew 24:15

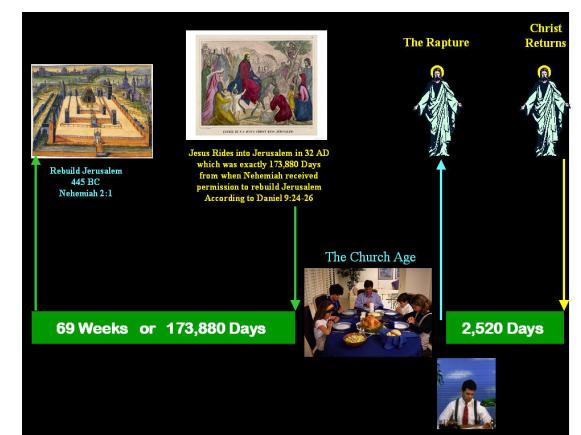
"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand)...."

### Week

- The Hebrew word "Shabuim" means a 7 year period similar to the English word "decade" which is a 10 year period. (See Gen. 29:26-28)
- "Shabuwa" is the Hebrew word for a 7 day period which would be the English word "week"
- Seventy sets of seven years, or 490 years

### The Seventy Weeks Are Divided Into Three Parts

- Seven weeks - 49 years, until Jerusalem and its walls are rebuilt
- 69 weeks (7 plus 62), 483 years from the decree, until Messiah the Prince appears
- A final 70th week to complete the prophecy is contained in the Book of Revelation



## Six Things Listed Yet To Be Fulfilled

- To finish transgression
- To put an end to sin
- To atone for wickedness
- To bring everlasting righteousness
- To seal up vision and prophecy
- To anoint the most holy
- Focus of prophecy is on "Your people and Your holy city" Dan 9:24, is not about the Gentile world.

## Daniel 9:25

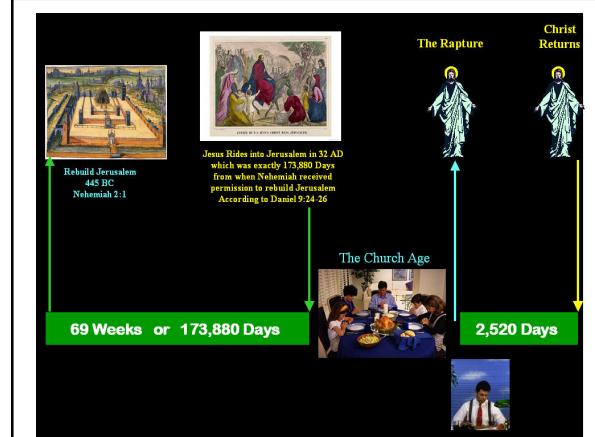
- 25 "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem
- Verse 25 gives us a precise prediction of the coming Messiah from "the command to restore and build Jerusalem."
- Remember: at the time of this prophecy Jerusalem was desolated

## The Jewish People Return Home

- 537 B.C. --- Zerubbabel with 42,360 Jews and 7,337 servants and 200 singers a total of 49,897 return as decreed by Cyrus with a focus to rebuild the Temple, (Ezra 1:2-3)
- 478 B.C. --Esther becomes Queen of Persia
- 458 B.C.--Ezra with 1754 males not counting women and children
- 445 B.C. Nehemiah, as governor, went to build the wall and fortify the city as decreed by Artaxerxes Longimanus--(Neh. Chapter 2)

Spring						Summer					
<i>Nisan</i> 1	<i>Iyyar</i> 2	<i>Sivan</i> 3	<i>Tammuz</i> 4	<i>Av</i> 5	<i>Eliy</i> 6	<i>Nisan</i> 1	<i>Iyyar</i> 2	<i>Sivan</i> 3	<i>Tammuz</i> 4	<i>Av</i> 5	<i>Eliy</i> 6
Mar/Apr	Apr/May	May/Jun	Jun/Jul	Jul/Aug	Aug/Sept	נִסְן	אִיָּר	סִיוּן	תָּמִימֹן	אָב	אֵלִיָּהוּ
<b>Pesach (15)</b> Matzah (16-22) Bikurim (18) HaSheah (27)	Ha'atsmaut (5) HaZikaron (14) Lag B'Omer (18) Yerushalayim (28)	Shavu'ot (6)	Fast of Tammuz (17)			Tisha B'Av (9) Tu B'Av (15)			Selichot repentance		
Fall						Winter					
<i>Tishri</i> 7	<i>Cheshvan</i> 8	<i>Kislev</i> 9	<i>Tevet</i> 10	<i>Shevat</i> 11	<i>Adar</i> 12/13	תִּשְׁ�ֵרִי	חֶשְׁוֹן	כֶּסֶל	שְׁבָתִי	שְׁבָתִי	אֲדָר
Sept/Oct	Oct/Nov	Nov/Dec	Dec/Jan	Jan/Feb	Feb/Mar	רֹosh Hashanah (1) Fast Gedolah (3) Yom Kippur (10) <b>Sukkot (15-22)</b> Simchat Torah (22)		Chanukah (25) to Tevet (4)	Asarah B'Tevet (10)	Tu B'Shevat (15) Fast Ester (13) Purim (14)	Adar II leap year

- Nehemiah 2:1-5, says that it was in the month of Nisan (March and April on our calendar)
- The year was 445 B.C. when Artaxerxes issued the decree to rebuild Jerusalem
- With the calculations given in Daniel 9:25:  $69 \times 7 = 483$  years or 173,880 days.
- 32 AD the year Jesus rides into Jerusalem



### Triumphal Entry Of Jesus

- Luke 19:29-39
- Jesus deliberately arranges to fulfill Zech 9:9
- Depending on which calculations are used it always comes out to be during Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem
- It is the first day Jesus allowed his followers to call him "King" —Luke 19:38

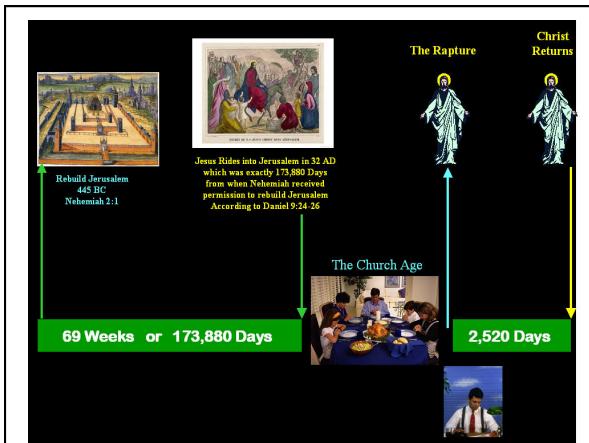
### Jesus Held The Jews Accountable To Recognize This Day.

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." -- Luke 19:41-44

- The date of Jesus' triumphal entry was the 10th of Nisan, prior to the Passover
- The Passover Feast is to this day celebrated on the 14th of Nisan
- Tiberius was appointed Caesar in 14 AD
- According to Luke 3:1, it was in the 15th year of Tiberius' reign that Jesus began His earthly ministry
- $14\text{ AD} + 15\text{ years} = 29\text{ AD}$  is when Jesus began His earthly ministry
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- John chapter 2:13, records the first Passover Feast in 29 AD
- John chapter 5:1, records the second Passover Feast in 30 AD
- John chapter 6:4, records the third Passover Feast in 31 AD
- John chapter 12:1, records the fourth and final Passover Feast in 32 AD the year Jesus entered Jerusalem to die for the sins of the world.



### Daniel 9:26

- "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself..."
- The Hebrew word for "cut off" is Karath which literally means to be put to death.
- **Cut off describes the life of Jesus.** "Born in another man's stable, cradled in another man's manger with nowhere to lay his head during his life on earth, and buried in another man's tomb after dying on a cursed cross, the Christ of God and the Friend of the friendless was indeed cut off and had nothing." (Hislop)

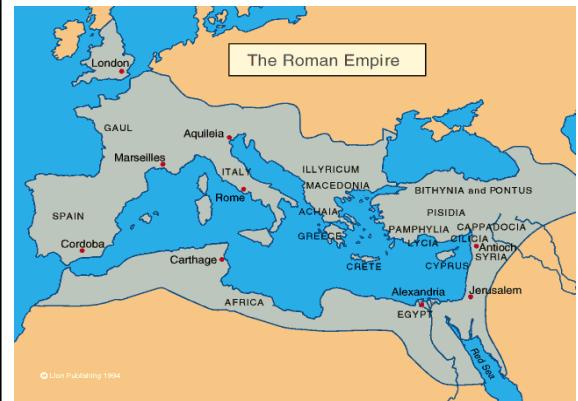
### Death To The City

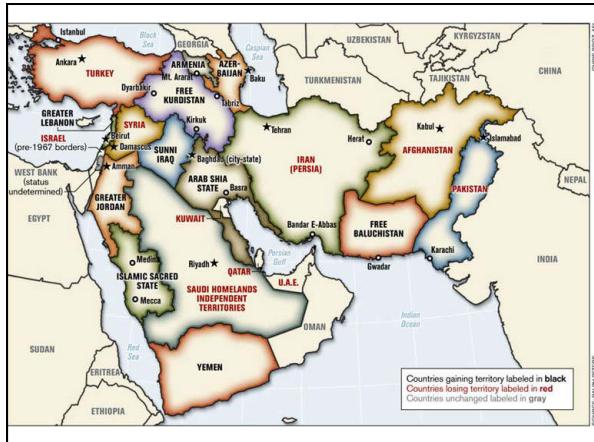
- "And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary." --26
- Violence in Jerusalem had been escalating for years among the impoverished Jewish population. The combination of poverty and Rome's contempt for Judaism brought about the revolt.
- After years of bitter fighting, Roman legions primarily made of Syrian troops led by the Roman General Titus entered Jerusalem in the summer of 70 AD burning nearly the entire city including the Temple.
- Over one million Jews died in the revolt of 66-70 AD

- Josephus records that Titus wanted to leave the Temple intact, but a soldier acting on impulse threw a torch into the temple setting the tapestries on fire, as the temple burned the gold melted and ran into the seams of the stones. Afterward in an attempt to recover the gold Roman soldiers tore apart the stones, fulfilling Jesus' prophecy that one stone would not be left on the other. (Matt 24:2)

### The Prince and The People

- "And the people of the prince who is to come..." --vs.26
- Is Rome the People?
- The word for "people" in Hebrew is the word "am" when interpreted can mean: people (as a congregated unit) or specifically, a tribe (as those of Israel) or (collectively) as in troops.
- The focus of the sentence is upon "the people"
- Titus' army was primarily made up of Syrian people
- Is Syria the people?





## The Temple Mount Today



### Luke 21:20-24

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. **And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

### God's Love For Jerusalem

"Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there....for now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually....Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever"  
----2 Chronicles 6:6;7:16;33:7

### Jerusalem Is An International Hotpoint

- “Seventy weeks are determined **For your people and for your holy city**....” -Dan. 9:24
- The times of the Gentiles concerns itself in particular with Jerusalem, and the Gentile rule over the city
- Ezekiel witnessed the glory of the Lord departing from Jerusalem (Ez. 11:22-23)
- Jerusalem had been protected because the throne and the glory of Jehovah was there
- Assyria, Egypt, and Babylon had tried repeatedly to overthrow Jerusalem
- But when the glory of the Lord departed from Jerusalem, and God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to take it captive, this ushered in the times of the gentiles

### Current Rumblings In The Middle East

#### Started Four Thousand Years Ago

- God called Abraham by grace 4,000 years ago out of an idol worshipping culture to live as a witness for Him in a dark world.—Gen. 12:1-3
- God produces from Abraham the nation of Israel to be a light to the world
- Jerusalem becomes the city that God chooses to be the center for His people Israel
- Israel turns their back on God and returns to the idol worshipping culture that God had called Abraham from
- As a result God scatters the people of Israel throughout the world, but with the promise He would restore them again
- May 14<sup>th</sup> 1948 marks the date of Israel’s restoration.



Stele of Nabonidus



Star and Crescent of Harran coin



Ancient Persian Moon-goddess

### Islamic flag showing the crescent moon and star



## SUBMISSION TODAY

- "The governments of the world should know that Islam will be victorious in all countries of the world, and Islam and the teachings of the Qur'an will prevail all over the world."--Ayatollah Khomeini
- "Our mission world domination"-Slogan featured on the front page of a Muslim Brotherhood publication in London in 2001

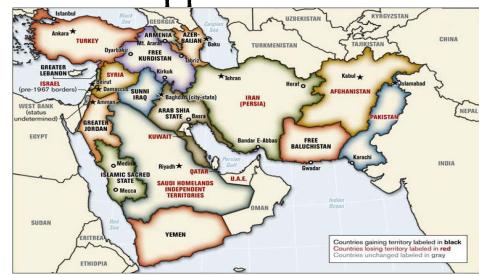
## Jerusalem key

- "If they [Jews] all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide."-- Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah on October 23,2002, alluding to Shia Muslims' end times belief that it is God's will to create Israel briefly so that it can be destroyed"
- "Significantly, its [Jerusalem's] conquest is also the necessary pre-condition for a full fledged, worldwide campaign of Islam, led by the messianic Mahdi, to militarily vanquish the rest of the world. Jerusalem, in short, ignites a new and final global jihad.--Dore Gold, *Fight For Jerusalem*, pg 239

- Zech 12:1-3  

"The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces...."

**Israel in once again at the center and ready to be invaded by worshippers of the moon**



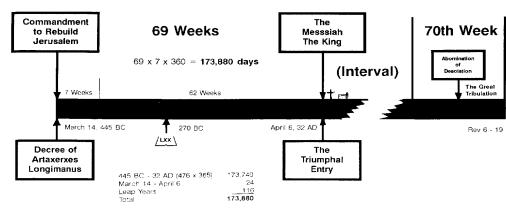
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A different Outcome than in the time of Daniel. God will not let it happen!

**EZEKIEL 38**Daniel 9:27

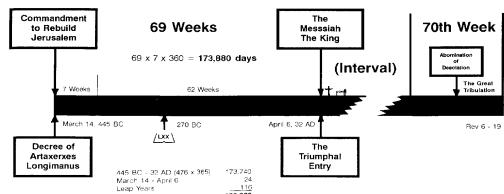
27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

**The Seventy Weeks of Daniel 9**

## The 70th week (verse 27)

- Dan 9:27: middle of the seven
- Dan 7:25; Rev 12:14: time, times and  $\frac{1}{2}$  time
- Rev 11:2;13:5: 42 months
- Rev. 12:6;13:3: 1260 days

## The Seventy Weeks of Daniel 9



## "The abomination of desolation"

- 2 Thess 2:4: he sets himself up in the temple, proclaiming himself to be God.<sup>1</sup> This of course requires a temple
- Antiochus Epiphanes iv, desecrated the temple by ending sacrifice, and He sacrificed a pig, an unclean animal, on the altar in 167 B.C. He was predicted by the prophet Daniel, and serves as a type of antichrist But not the true antichrist since this did not result in "the end."
- Paul and Jesus both talked about this future Abomination it Still must be in the future

## "He will confirm a covenant with the many"

- The many is referring to Israel, and the covenant is a covenant of hell. ( Isa 28:15; Zech 11:15-17)
- "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."--John 5:43



### Zechariah 5:5-11

Zechariah has a vision that suggests there will be a time when the commercial and religious center will be moved from Jerusalem to the plains of Shinar. Planet earth will once again migrate back to its original starting place of civilization. Like a salmon returning to spawn and die, civilization returns to Babylon to spawn and be judged.

### Islamic Eschatology

- The Mahdi is coming soon
- Waiting for his coming is called "Awaiting Redemption"
- The Imam Mahdi is a direct descendent of the prophet Muhammad
- He will appear suddenly
- A voice from the skies will announce his reappearance at Holy Ka'ba in Mecca
- He will be joined by 313 of the most devoted, enlightened believers, who pledge loyalty to him

- Only God knows his exact time of his appearance
- The Mahdi will remain in Mecca for a while after his reappearance
- He will then travel to Medina
- Sofyani, an archenemy will attack Syria and Iraq and commit great crimes against humanity in Iraq
- The Mahdi will send troops who will kill Sofyani in Jerusalem
- Jesus will return and serve as the Mahdi's lieutenant

- The Mahdi will establish the seat of his global government in the city of Kufa (modern Iraq).
- The earth will be filled with justice---global government of peace and justice
- Islam will be the pinnacle faith. All will convert to Islam.
- The world will experience astounding growth in science and technology as the Mahdi corrects all of man's scientific mistakes
- The earth will experience abundant rain and vegetation will flourish---like an eternal springtime
- *The Apocalypse of Ahmadinejad, Mark Hitchcock*

Similarities Between the Mahdi and the Antichrist	
Mahdi rules the world for seven years	Antichrist rules the world for seven years before Jesus comes (Daniel 9:27)
Mahdi persecutes the Jews	Antichrist befriends the Jews and then, in one of the great double-crosses of all time, breaks his treaty and mercilessly persecutes them
Mahdi rules the world from Kufa, Iraq (about 100 miles south of Baghdad)	Antichrist rules the world from Babylon, Iraq (50 miles south of Baghdad) Revelation 17-18
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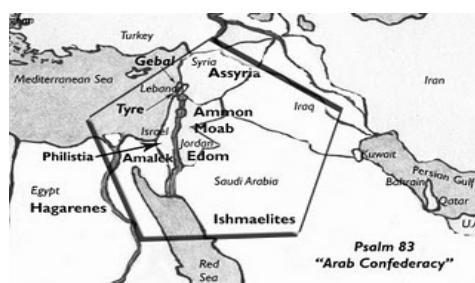
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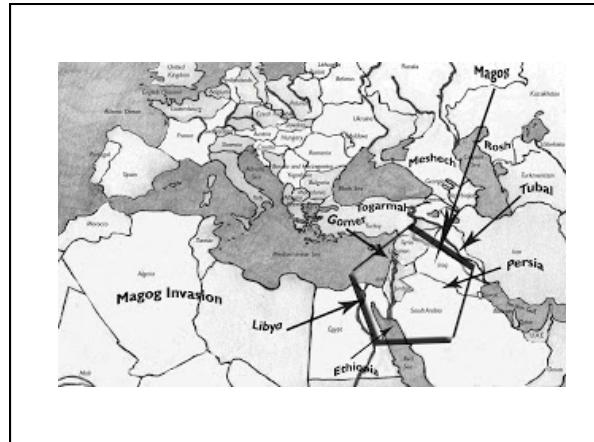
“Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God! 2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”

## Tension Over The People Of Israel

- “It is the mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to erase Israel from the map of the region.” –Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in January 2001
- “Israel must be wiped off the map” ---Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, October 26, 2005
- “Have no mercy on the Jews...kill those Jews and those Americans who are like them....because they established Israel...” —Dr. Ahmad Abu Halabiya preaching at a mosque in Gaza on October 13, 2000
- We blow them [Jews] up in Hadera, we blow them up in Tel Aviv and in Netanya, and in this way, Allah establishes us as rulers over these gangs of vagabonds” ---Palestinian Sheikh August 3, 2001

## Psalm 83





Name In Psalm 83	Nation today
Tents of Edom	Palestinians
Ishmaelites	Saudi Arabia
Moab	Palestinians, Jordan
Hagarites	Egyptians
Gebal	Hezbollah, Lebanon
Ammon	Palestinians, Jordan
Amalek	Southern Jordan
Philistia	Gaza
Tyre	Hezbollah, Lebanon
Assyria	Syria, Iraq, Iran

We are living in the strangest of times. A person can turn on the television set to a news channel and see a world in total chaos. However, the world is rapidly progressing towards the fulfillment of the redemption that Scripture has been explaining for thousands of years. The reason that we study the book of Revelation is so that we can understand that the God of truth is faithfully bringing to completion His plan for the world!

### Luke 21:25-28

25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."