



God's Revelation of the Future

The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

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(Matthew 24:4-28)

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Following the Rapture

- Here on earth the next significant period is one often designated as “The Tribulation.”

The Tribulation

- The Tribulation is a future period during which God will prepare his people, Israel, for Christ's return and bring severe judgments on the Gentile nations while at the same time bringing many people to himself.

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- The “Seventy Weeks” prophecy is recorded in **Daniel 9:24-27**.
 - This prophecy is significant for two reasons.
 - It demonstrates the precision God has used at times when revealing the future.
 - It provides a framework for understanding the tribulation period.

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- An Outline of 9:16-27
 - 9:16-19 – Daniel's prayer
 - 9:20-23 – God's response
 - 9:24-27 – The "70 Weeks" prophecy
 - 9:24 – God's reason for the 70 weeks
 - 9:25 – Weeks 1 to 69
 - 9:26 – Period between weeks 69 and 70
 - 9:27 – Week 70

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Dan 9:25 – Weeks 1 to 69

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Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 21:5

Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

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- The Precision of this Prophecy
 - Sir Robert Anderson, in *The Coming Prince* (published in 1894), made the following calculations regarding the first 69 weeks.
 - The date of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem was the 1st of Nisan = March 14, 445 BC.
 - The date of the entry of Christ into Jerusalem was the 10th of Nisan = April 6, 32 AD.
 - This is a period of 476 years and 24 days.
 - However, $69 \times 7 \text{ years} = 483 \text{ years}$.

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Dan 9:26 – Period between weeks 69 and 70

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Matthew 24:1-2

¹ Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

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Matthew 24:3-4a

³ As [Jesus] sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them ...

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- References ...
 - Matthew 24:4-25:46
 - Mark 13:3-37
 - Luke 21:7-36

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- An outline of the Matthew account
 - 24:4 – Jesus cautions about the future
 - 24:5-8 – 1st half of the 70th week
 - 24:9-14 – 2nd half of the 70th week
 - 24:15-20 – Details about the middle of the 70th week
 - 24:21-28 – Details about the 2nd half of the 70th week
 - 24:29-31 – Events following the 2nd half of the 70th week, including the return of Christ to earth
 - 24:32-25:30 – Parables related to Christ's return
 - 25:31-46 – The Sheep-Goats Judgment

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Matthew 24:4 – A caution

⁴ And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray."

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- ▶ Middle of 70th week
 - From the midpoint through the end of the Tribulation, things change dramatically for the Jewish people.