

# THE REVELATION

a study of the book of Daniel + Revelation

Fall 2014

Session 3:

Introduction &

Revelation 1

a survey of the book of Daniel +  
a ten week study of the book of Revelation





# Resources

- Holy Bible – NASB, ESV
- The End, Mark Hitchcock
- Bible Knowledge Commentary, Walvoord & Zuck
- Charts and other reference material taken from Dr. Charles Ryrie, Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum and Harold W. Hoehner



# Week One Recap

Daniel 2: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 7: Daniel's Vision

“The Times of the Gentiles”





Babylon – 1<sup>st</sup> Beast  
609 - 539 BC

***Gold***

Medo-Persia – 2<sup>nd</sup> Beast  
539 - 331 BC

***Silver***

Greece – 3<sup>rd</sup> Beast  
331 - 146 BC

***Bronze***

Rome – 4<sup>th</sup> Beast  
146 BC - AD 476

***Iron***

Rome – Revived – Feet of Clay

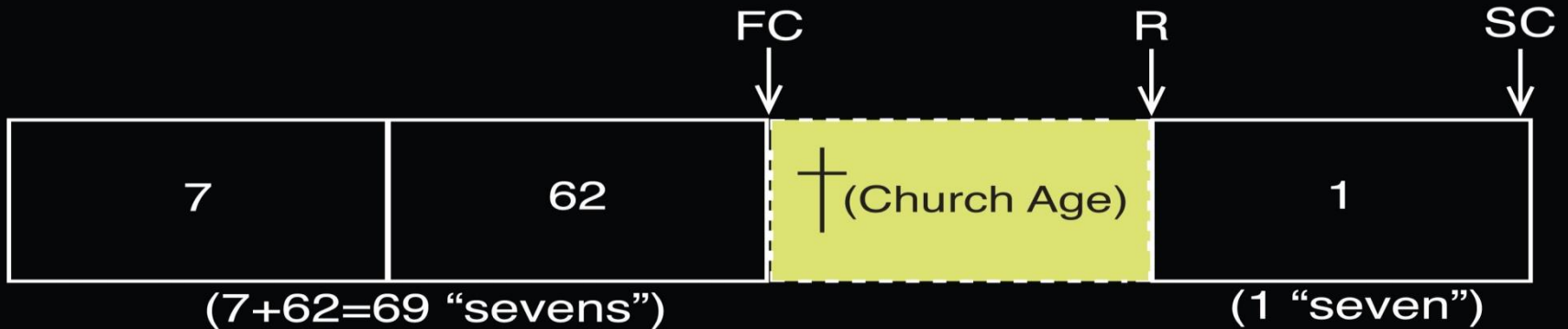


# Week 2 Recap

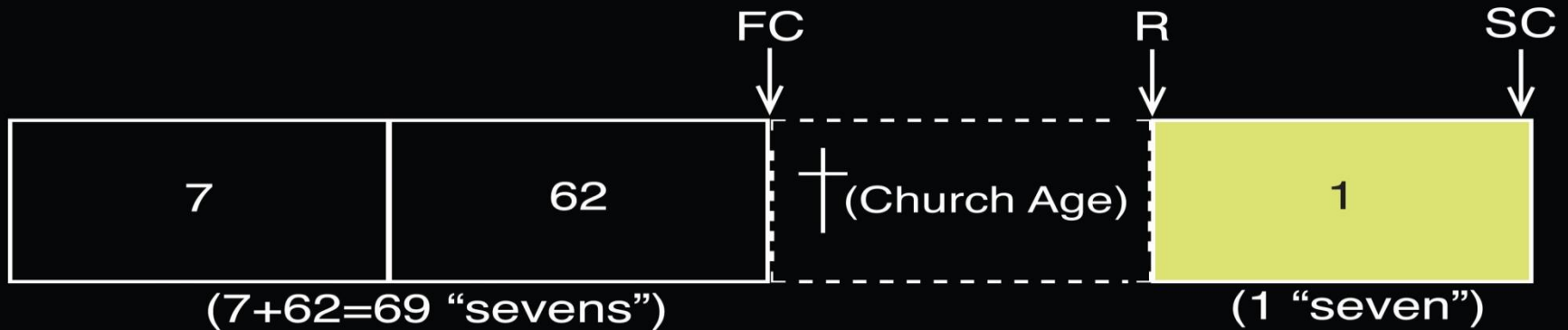
## Daniel 9

- The Revelation of Israel's Future
- The 70 Sevens ( $70 \times 7 = 490$  years)

# Daniel's Seventy "Sevens"



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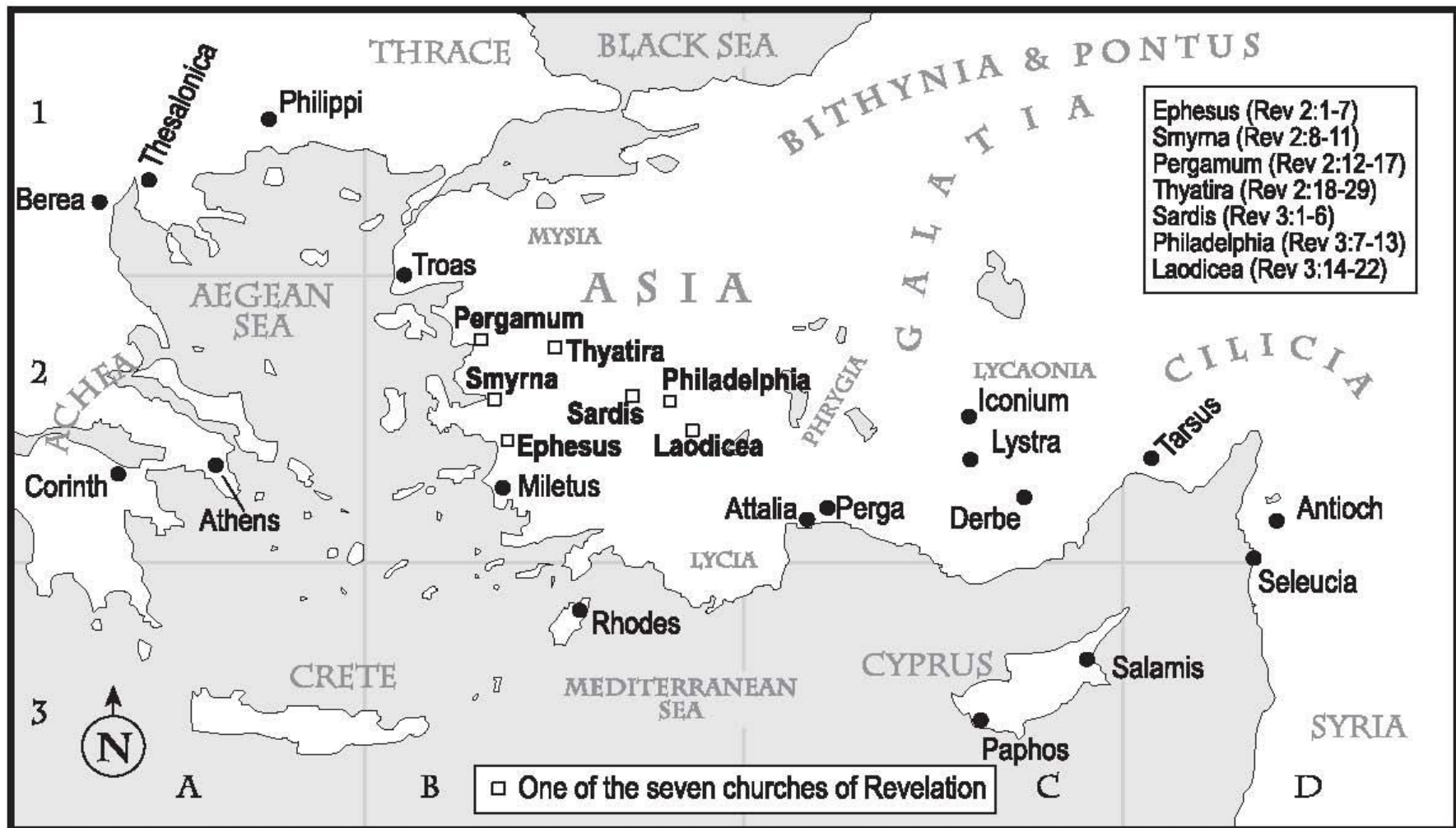




# Introduction to Revelation

- Title: *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*
- Author: Apostle John (1:4)
- Date: Around 90 A.D. during reign of Roman Emperor Domitian (A.D. 81-96)
- Purpose: “...to show to His bond-servant, the things which must soon take place...” Rev. 1:1
- Recipients: “...to the seven churches in Asia...”





# The Book of the Revelation

## Introduction – 1:1-3

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Revelation 1:1 (NASB)



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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

- “Apokalypsis” – a disclosure of what has been concealed (divine truth)
- Jesus is the revealer, AND the subject revealed



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# The Book of the Revelation

## Introduction – 1:1-3 | Continued

...bond-servant John, <sup>2</sup> who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to **all that he saw**. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:2-3 (NASB)



# SALUTATION – 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— <sup>6</sup> and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4-6 (NASB)



# SALUTATION – 1:4-8

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who \*pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:7-8 (NASB)

\*Isaiah 53:5; Zechariah 12:10



# I. Things John **Saw** — 1:9-20

## A. Circumstances of the Vision, 1:9-11

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which *are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 1:9 (NASB)



# I. Things John **Saw** – 1:9-20

## A. Circumstances of the Vision, 1:10-11

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,  
<sup>11</sup> saying, "**Write in a book what you see**, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Revelation 1:10-11 (NASB)



# I. Things John **Saw** — 1:9-20

## B. Content of the Vision, 1:12-16

Then I turned to **see** the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned **I saw** seven golden lampstands; <sup>13</sup> and in the middle of the lampstands **I saw** one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. <sup>14</sup> His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

Revelation 1:12-14 (NASB)



# I. Things John **Saw** — 1:9-20

## **B. Content of the Vision, 1:12-16**

His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

Revelation 1:15-16 (NASB)

**Jesus: Prophet / Priest / King**



# I. Things John **Saw** — 1:9-20

## C. Command (.19) & Interpretation, 1:17-20

When I **saw** Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”

Revelation 1:17-18 (NASB)



# The Book of Revelation

## The Outline / The Command

Therefore write the things...  
Which you have **seen**... and  
The things which **are**... and  
The things which will take place  
**“After these things.”**

Revelation 1:19 (NASB)



# Outline of Revelation 1:19

“things which you have SEEN”

– Vision of the Glorified Son of Man (Rev. 1)

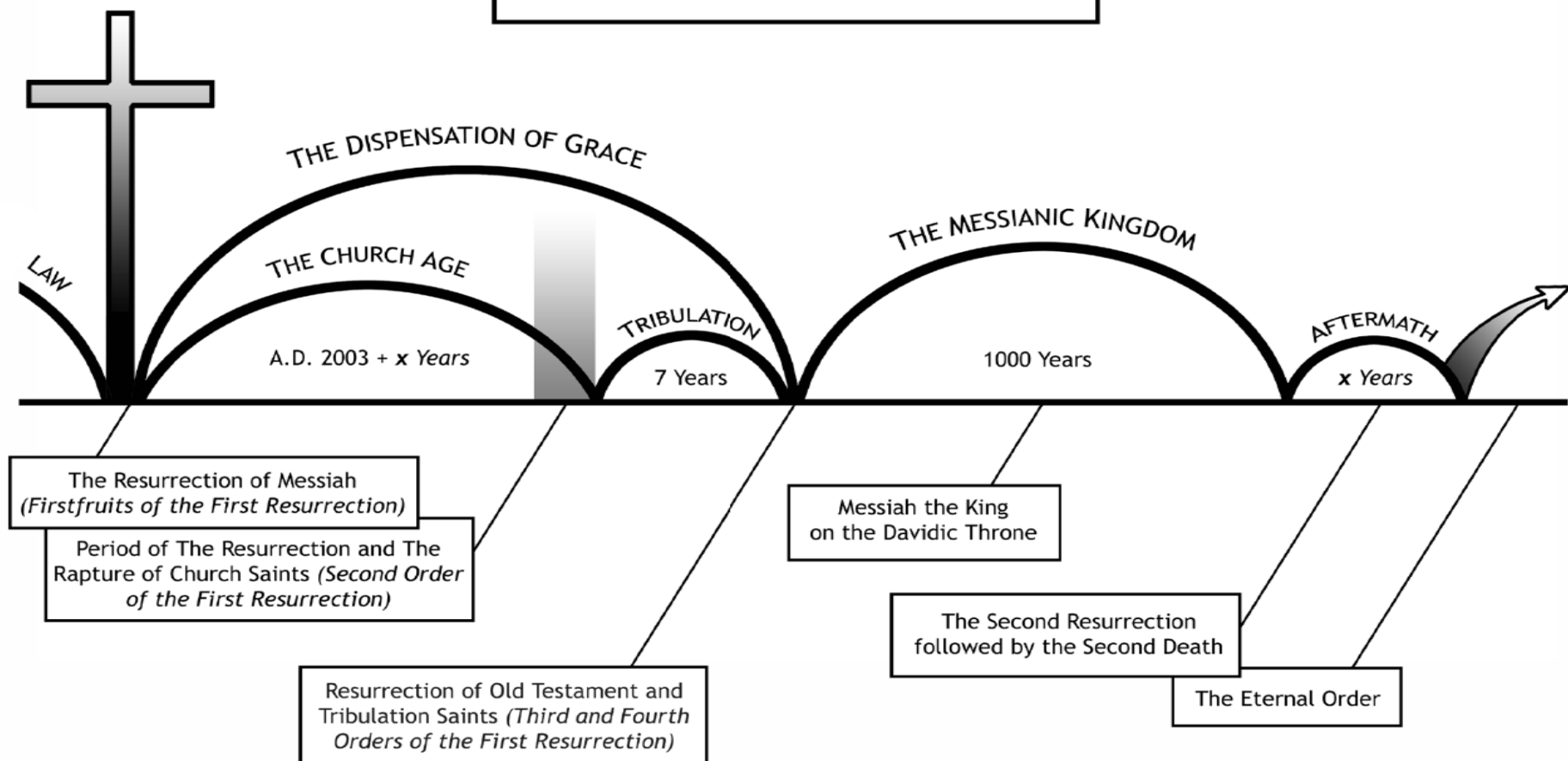
“the things which ARE”

– Message to the Seven Churches (Rev. 2 & 3)

“things taking place AFTER THESE THINGS”

– The future events of... (Rev. 4-22)

# Chronology of Eschatology





# I. Things John **Saw** – 1:9-20

As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 1:20 (NASB)



# Important to Remember

- Symbolism is common in the Word of God.
- Also, symbols are used consistently throughout the Word.
- Often, the text gives the meaning.



# Pre-Tribulation Events

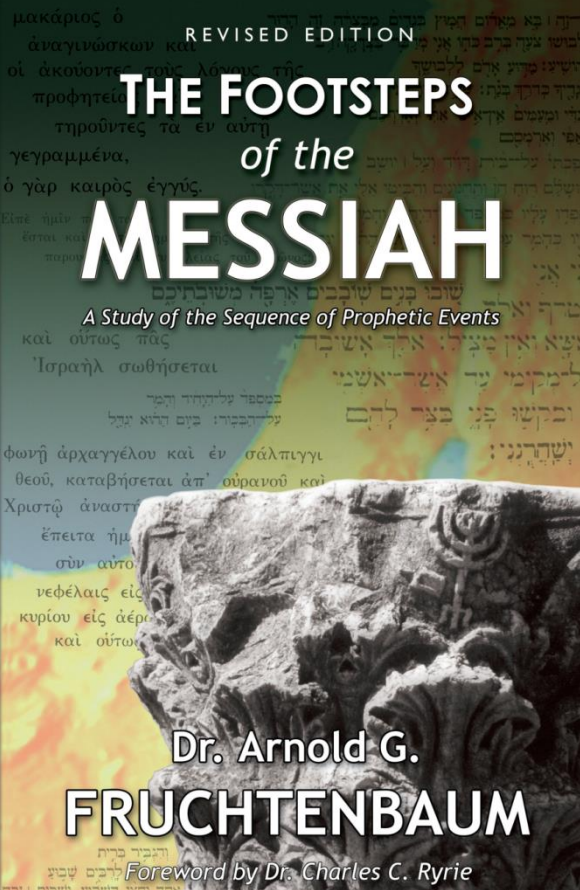


# Pre-Tribulation Events

\*Ed Hindson ... *15 FUTURE EVENTS THAT  
WILL SHAKE THE WORLD*

\**Mark Hitchcock* ... THE SECOND COMING  
OF BABYLON





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ἀναγινώσκων καὶ  
οἱ ἀκούοντες τοὺς λόγους τῆς  
προφητείας  
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ἐκταῖς  
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θεοῦ, καταβήσεται ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ καὶ  
Χριστῷ ἀναστήσει  
ἐπειτα ἡμεῖς  
σὺν αὐτῷ  
νεφέλαις εἰς  
κυρίου εἰς ἀέρα  
καὶ οὕτως

REVISÉD EDITION

**THE FOOTSTEPS**  
*of the*  
**MESSIAH**

*A Study of the Sequence of Prophetic Events*

**Dr. Arnold G.**  
**FRUCHTENBAUM**

Foreword by Dr. Charles C. Ryrie



# Pre-Tribulation Events

1. The Tribulation is not imminent.
2. The world stage has to be set.
3. Some events are stated to precede the Tribulation.
4. Some events are chronological.
5. They are called “birth pains”.



# Pre-Tribulation Events

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”

Matthew 24:1-2 (NASB)



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# Pre-Tribulation Events

And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. <sup>6</sup> You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, **but that is not yet the end.**”

Matthew 24:4-6 (NASB)



# Pre-Tribulation Events

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Matthew 24:6d-8 (NASB)



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# Pre-Tribulation Events

World War I (1914)

World War II (1939)



# Pre-Tribulation Events

World War I:

Prepared the Land of Israel

World War II:



# Ottoman Empire





# Post-Ottoman Empire







Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

'His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country'

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Y. in  
Arthur Balfour



## The Balfour Declaration (dated 2 November 1917)

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# Pre-Tribulation Events

World War I:  
Prepared the Land

World War II:  
Prepared the People



# Pre-Tribulation Events

State of Israel (May 14, 1948)



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# Pre-Tribulation Events

State of Israel (May 14, 1948)

- Dispersed among the nations in 70 A. D.
- Not a nation for 1878 years



# Pre-Tribulation Events

State of Israel (May 14, 1948)

Before she travailed, she brought forth; Before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy. <sup>8</sup> Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? **Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once?** As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons.

Isaiah 66:7-8 (NASB)



# Pre-Tribulation Events

I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10 (NASB)



# Pre-Tribulation Events

I will go away and return to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.

Hosea 5:15 (NASB)



# Pre-Tribulation Events

Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. <sup>2</sup> He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before Him.

Hosea 6:1-2 (NASB)



# Pre-Tribulation Events

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. <sup>38</sup> Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! <sup>39</sup> For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Matthew 23:37-39 (NASB)



# God's Plan for Israel

Ezekiel 20:33-34



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# God's Plan for Israel

...by wrath

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Ezekiel 20:33-34 (NASB)



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Ezekiel 20:33-34 (NASB)

(Holocaust)



# God's Plan for Israel

...for wrath (Tribulation)

“...and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face.

<sup>36</sup> As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you,” declares the Lord God. <sup>37</sup> “I will make you pass under the rod...”

Ezekiel 20:35-37a (NASB)



# God's Plan for Israel

The Promise of Future Restoration

Israel is brought out of the nations...

...unto blessing

“... and I will bring you into the bond of the  
covenant...”

[New Covenant]

Ezekiel 20:37b (NASB)



# God's Plan for Israel

## Re-gathering Before Tribulation

Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will again **recover the second time** with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. <sup>12</sup> And He will lift up a standard for the nations and assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah **from the four corners of the earth.**

Isaiah 11:11-12 (NASB)



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# God's Plan for Israel

## Re-gathering in Unbelief Before Tribulation

Gather yourselves together, yes, gather, O nation without shame, <sup>2</sup> **before** the decree takes effect—the day passes like the chaff—**before** the burning anger of the LORD comes upon you, **before** the day of the LORD'S anger comes upon you.

Zephaniah 2:1-2 (NASB)



# God's Plan for Israel

Re-gathering in Belief After Tribulation

Zephaniah 3:11-20



# Pre-Tribulation Events

Past events:

- World War I (1914)
- World War II (1939)
- State of Israel (1948)
- Jerusalem under “Jewish control” (June 7, 1967)



# Next Week

Read: Revelation 2-5



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