

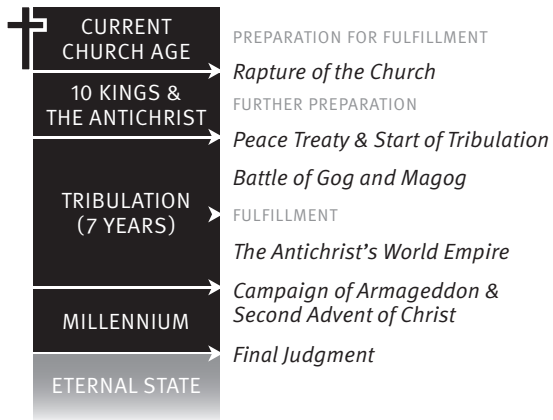
THE END

Everything You'll Want to Know
about the Apocalypse

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This chart will help even further.

	PRETERIST	HISTORICIST	IDEALIST	FUTURIST
MILLENNIAL VIEW	Amillennial or Postmillennial	Any of Three Views	Amillennial or Post-millennial	Pre-millennial
RAPTURE VIEW	Partial preterists are post-Trib (full preterists deny a future coming of Christ).	Post-Trib	Post-Trib	Any of the Three Views



LITERAL INTERPRETATION

ONE MEANING

Plain-Literal

or

Figurative-Literal

SYMBOL	MEANING
the seven stars (1:16)	seven angels (1:20)
the seven lampstands (1:13)	seven churches (1:20)
the morning star (2:28)	Christ (22:16)
the seven lamps of fire (4:5)	the sevenfold Spirit of God (4:5)
the seven eyes (5:6)	the sevenfold Spirit of God (5:6)
the incense (5:8)	the prayers of God's people (5:8)
the fallen star (9:1)	the angel of the abyss (9:11)
the great city, Sodom and Egypt (11:8)	Jerusalem (11:8)
the stars in the sky (12:4)	fallen angels (12:9)
the woman and the child (12:1-2)	Israel and Christ (12:5-6)
the large red dragon (12:3)	Satan (12:9)
the ancient serpent (12:9)	Satan (12:9)
the time, times, and half a time (12:14)	1,260 days (12:6)
the beast out of the sea (13:1-10)	future world ruler and his empire (13:1-10)
the beast out of the earth (13:11-17)	the false prophet (19:20)
the great prostitute (17:1)	the great city, Babylon (17:18)
the many waters over which the woman rules (17:1)	the peoples of the world (17:15)
the ten horns (17:12)	ten kings associated with the Beast (13:1; 17:3, 7-8, 11-13, 16-17)
the fine linen (19:8)	the righteous deeds of the saints (19:8)
the rider on the white horse (19:11-16, 19)	Jesus Christ, the King of kings (19:11-16, 19)

THE METALLIC MAN

Head of Gold	Babylon
Chest and Arms of Silver	Medo-Persia
Belly and Thighs of Bronze	Greece
Legs of Iron	Rome
Feet and Toes of Iron and Clay	Rome II (final form of the Roman Empire in a ten-nation confederacy symbolized by the ten toes)

THE FOUR BEASTS OF DANIEL 7

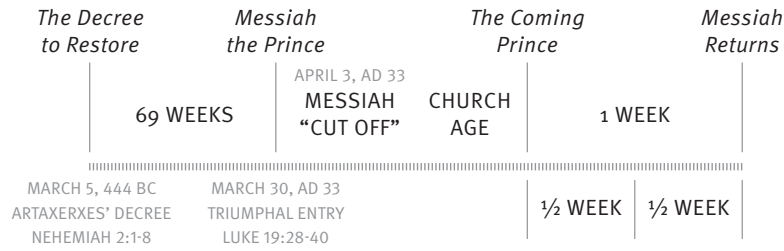
Lion	Babylon
Bear	Medo-Persia
Leopard	Greece
Terrible Beast	Rome

PARALLELS BETWEEN DANIEL 2 AND 7

WORLD EMPIRE	DANIEL 2	DANIEL 7
Babylon	Head of Gold	Lion
Medo-Persia	Chest and Arms of Silver	Bear
Greece	Belly and Thighs of Bronze	Leopard
Rome I (Historical Rome)	Iron	Terrible Beast
Rome II (Future, final Roman Empire)	Ten Toes	Ten Horns
Antichrist		Little Horn
Christ's Kingdom	The Smiting Stone destroys the image.	The Son of Man receives the Kingdom.

OVERVIEW OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

Daniel 9:24	The entire seventy weeks (490 years)
Daniel 9:25	The first sixty-nine weeks: 7 weeks + 62 weeks (483 years or 173,880 days)
Daniel 9:26	The time between the sixty-ninth and seventieth weeks (? years, the current age)
Daniel 9:27	The seventieth week (seven years)



THE ANTICHRIST IN DANIEL 7–12

Daniel 7	The little horn (7:8, 11)
Daniel 8	A king, insolent and skilled in intrigue (8:23)
Daniel 9	The prince, or ruler, who is to come (9:26) The one who causes desecration (9:27)
Daniel 11	The king (11:36)

TWENTY KEY PREDICTIVE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL⁶

1. The successive rule of four great world empires: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome (chapters 2 and 7)
2. The reuniting of the Roman Empire in the last days under the rule of ten kings or leaders (2:41-44; 7:24)
3. The appearance of the Messiah to rule 483 years after the decree is given to rebuild Jerusalem (9:25). This prophecy was fulfilled to the day when Christ rode into Jerusalem at the Triumphal Entry.
4. The violent death of the Messiah (9:26)
5. The destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 (9:26)
6. The rise of the Antichrist to power (7:8, 20; 8:23)
7. The beginning of the seventieth week: the Antichrist's seven-year covenant with Israel (9:27)
8. The Antichrist's breaking of the covenant at its midpoint (9:27)
9. The Antichrist's claim that he is God (11:36)
10. The Antichrist's persecution of God's people (7:21)

TIMELINE OF THE OLIVET DISCOURSE

THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION PERIOD			THE SECOND COMING
24:4-14	v. 15-20	v. 21-28	v. 29-31
The Beginning Birth Pangs	The Abomination of Desolation (The Antichrist Defiles the Temple)	The Great Tribulation	Jesus Returns
First 3½ Years of the Tribulation	Middle of the Tribulation	Last 3½ Years of the Tribulation	After the Tribulation

THE FOUR AGES IN REVELATION

CHAPTERS	AGE	YEARS
Chapters 1–3	Church Age	? Years
Chapters 4–19	Tribulation	7 Years
Chapter 20	Kingdom Age	1,000 Years
Chapters 21–22	Eternal Age	Endless Years

IN HEAVEN	ON EARTH
The heavenly throne (ch. 4) The Lamb on the throne (ch. 5)	The first four seal judgments (6:1-8)
The fifth seal judgment (6:9-11)	The sixth seal judgment (6:12-17) The sealing of the 144,000 (7:1-8)
The great multitude (7:9-17) Preparations for the trumpet judgments (8:1-5)	The first six trumpet judgments (8:6-9:21) The little book (ch. 10) The ministry of the two witnesses (11:1-14)
The announcement of the seventh trumpet (11:15-19) The expulsion of Satan (12:1-12)	The activity of Satan (12:13-17) The activity of the two beasts (ch. 13) Judgment at the end of the Great Tribulation (ch. 14)
The announcement of the seven last judgments (ch. 15)	The seven bowl judgments (ch. 16) Babylon's destruction (ch. 17-18)
Praise for judging (19:1-10)	The second coming of Christ (19:11-21) The millennial reign of Christ (ch. 20)

THE UNCONDITIONAL BIBLICAL COVENANTS

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Soil	Seed	Salvation
Land Covenant	Davidic Covenant	New Covenant

PROPHETIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE DAVIDIC COVENANT¹¹

Israel must be preserved as a nation.

Israel must have a national existence and be brought back into the land.

David's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, must return to earth, bodily and literally, in order to reign over David's covenanted kingdom.

A literal earthly kingdom must exist over which the returned Messiah will reign.

This kingdom must become an eternal Kingdom.

SEVEN KEY FEATURES OF THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS¹⁴

A Nation Forever

A Land Forever

A King Forever

A Throne Forever

A Kingdom Forever

A New Covenant

Abiding Blessings

LAST DAYS FOR THE CHURCH	LAST DAYS FOR ISRAEL
Began at the first coming of Christ	Begins at the start of the Tribulation
Ends with the Rapture	Ends with the millennial kingdom
End times include the Rapture, the Tribulation, the second coming of Christ, the Millennium, and eternity	

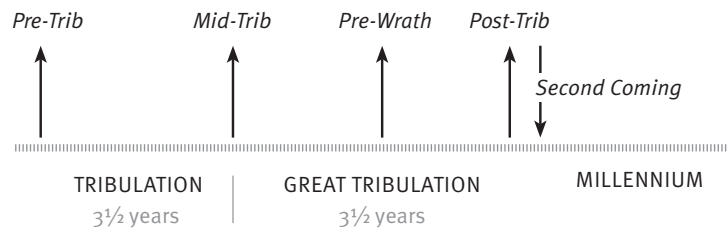
TWO PHASES OF THE FUTURE DAY OF THE LORD

PHASE 1—JUDGMENT	PHASE 2—BLESSING
Tribulation	Millennium
Darkness	Light
Seven Years	One Thousand Years

JOHN 14:1-3 (NASB)	1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 (NASB) ²
trouble (v. 1)	sorrow (v. 13)
believe (v. 1)	believe (v. 14)
God, me (v. 1)	Jesus, God (v. 14)
told you (v. 2)	say to you (v. 15)
come again (v. 3)	coming of the Lord (v. 15)
receive you (v. 3)	caught up (v. 17)
to myself (v. 3)	to meet the Lord (v. 17)
be where I am (v. 3)	ever be with the Lord (v. 17)

	TRUMPET IN 1 CORINTHIANS 15	TRUMPET IN REVELATION 11
SUBJECT	Church	Wicked world
RESULT	Catching up of the church to be with the Lord	Judgment of a godless world
CHARACTER	Trumpet of God's grace	Trumpet of God's judgment
TIMING	Signals the close of the life of the church on earth. It's the last trumpet of the church age.	Marks a climax in the progression of Tribulation judgments

	TRUMPET IN 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 15:52	TRUMPET IN MATTHEW 24:31
SUBJECT	Church	Jewish believers in the Great Tribulation
CIRCUMSTANCES	Connected with raising of believers who have died	No mention of resurrection. Focus is on regathering living believers who have been scattered over the earth
RESULT	Uniting of the raised dead with the living dead in a great meeting with the Lord in the air	The elect are living believers who are regathered from all over the earth to meet the Lord, who has returned to the earth in an open display of glory
SIGNS	Preceded by no signs	Preceded by many signs



THE USE OF THE WORD *CHURCH* IN REVELATION

Revelation 1-3	Revelation 4-18	Revelation 20-22
<i>ekklesia</i> nineteen times	<i>ekklesia</i> zero times	<i>ekklesia</i> one time (22:16)

RAPTURE

John 14:1-3

Romans 8:19

1 Corinthians 1:7-8; 15:51-53; 16:22

Philippians 3:20-21; 4:5

Colossians 3:4

1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2:19; 4:13-18; 5:9, 23

2 Thessalonians 2:1, 3

1 Timothy 6:14

2 Timothy 4:1, 8

Titus 2:13

Hebrews 9:28

James 5:7-9

1 Peter 1:7, 13; 5:4

1 John 2:28-3:2

Jude 1:21

Revelation 3:10

SECOND COMING

Daniel 2:44-45; 7:9-14; 12:1-3

Zechariah 12:10; 14:1-15

Matthew 13:41; 24:27-31; 26:64

Mark 13:14-27; 14:62

Luke 17:20-37; 21:25-28

Acts 1:9-11; 3:19-21
1 Thessalonians 3:13
2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2:8
1 Peter 4:12-13
2 Peter 3:1-14
Jude 1:14-15
Revelation 1:7; 19:11-20:6; 22:7, 12, 20

THE RAPTURE	THE RETURN (SECOND COMING)
Christ comes in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Christ comes to the earth (Zechariah 14:4)
Christ comes for His saints (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Christ comes with His saints (1 Thessalonians 3:13; Jude 1:14)
Believers depart the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Unbelievers are taken away (Matthew 24:37-41)
Christ claims His bride	Christ comes with His bride
Christ gathers His own (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Angels gather the elect (Matthew 24:31)
Christ comes to reward (1 Thessalonians 4:17)	Christ comes to judge (Matthew 25:31-46)
Not in the Old Testament (1 Corinthians 15:51)	Predicted often in the Old Testament
There are no signs. It is imminent.	Portended by many signs (Matthew 24:4-29)
It is a time of blessing and comfort (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)	It is a time of destruction and judgment (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12)
Involves believers only (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)	Involves Israel and the Gentile nations (Matthew 24:1-25:46)

Will occur in a moment, in the time it takes to blink. Only His own will see Him (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)	Will be visible to the entire world (Matthew 24:27; Revelation 1:7)
Tribulation begins	Millennium begins
Christ comes as the bright morning star (Revelation 22:16)	Christ comes as the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2)

1. How we treat other believers (Matthew 10:41-42; Hebrews 6:10)
2. How we employ our God-given talents and abilities
(Matthew 25:14-29; Luke 19:11-26; 1 Corinthians 12:4, 7;
2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Peter 4:10)
3. How we use our money (Matthew 6:1-4; 1 Timothy 6:17-19)
4. How well we endure personal injustice and being mistreated
(Matthew 5:11-12; Mark 10:29-30; Luke 6:27-28, 35;
Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Peter 4:12-13)
5. How we endure suffering and trials (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)
6. How we spend our time (Psalm 90:9-12; Ephesians 5:16;
Colossians 4:5; 1 Peter 1:17)
7. How we run the particular race God has given us
(1 Corinthians 9:24; Philippians 2:16; 3:12-14;
Hebrews 12:1)
8. How effectively we control our fleshly appetites
(1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
9. How many souls we witness to and win for Christ
(Daniel 12:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)
10. How much the Rapture means to us and shapes our lives
(2 Timothy 4:8)

11. How faithful we are to God's Word and God's people
(Acts 20:26-28; 2 Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 13:17; James 3:1;
1 Peter 5:1-2; 2 John 1:7-8)
12. How hospitable we are to strangers (Matthew 25:35-36;
Luke 14:12-14)
13. How faithful we are in our vocations (Colossians 3:22-24)
14. How we support others in ministry (Matthew 10:40-42)
15. How we use our tongues (Matthew 12:36; James 3:1-12)

OLD TESTAMENT TRIBULATION: TERMS AND EXPRESSIONS³

TRIBULATION TERMS	OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCES
Birth Pangs	Isaiah 21:3; 26:17-18; 66:7; Jeremiah 4:31; Micah 4:10
Day of the Lord	Obadiah 1:15; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18, 20; Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; Zephaniah 1:7, 14; Ezekiel 13:5; 30:3; Zechariah 14:1

Great and Terrible Day of the Lord	Malachi 4:5
Day of Wrath	Zephaniah 1:15
Day of Distress	Zephaniah 1:15
Day of the Lord's Wrath	Zephaniah 1:18
Day of Desolation	Zephaniah 1:15
Day of Vengeance	Isaiah 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; 63:4
Day of Jacob's Trouble	Jeremiah 30:7
Day of Darkness and Gloom	Zephaniah 1:15; Amos 5:18, 20; Joel 2:2
Day of Trumpet	Zephaniah 1:16
Day of Alarm	Zephaniah 1:16
Day of the Lord's Anger	Zephaniah 2:2-3
Day of Destruction, Ruin from the Almighty	Joel 1:15
Day of Calamity	Deuteronomy 32:35; Obadiah 1:12-14
Trouble, Tribulation	Deuteronomy 4:30; Zephaniah 1:16
One Week = [Daniel's] Seventieth Week	Daniel 9:27
The [Lord's] Strange Work	Isaiah 28:15, 18, 21
Time/Day of Distress, Anguish	Daniel 12:1; Zephaniah 1:15
The Indignation/The Lord's Anger	Isaiah 26:20; Daniel 11:36
The Time of the End	Daniel 12:9
The Fire of His Jealousy	Zephaniah 1:18

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TRIBULATION TERMS	NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES
The Day	1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NASB)
Those Days	Matthew 24:22 (NASB); Mark 13:20 (NASB)
The Day of the Lord	1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10
The Wrath	1 Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 11:18
The Wrath to Come	1 Thessalonians 1:10
The Great Day of Their Wrath	Revelation 6:17
The Wrath of God	Revelation 15:1, 7; 14:10, 19; 16:1
The Wrath of the Lamb	Revelation 6:16
The Hour of Trial	Revelation 3:10
The Tribulation	Matthew 24:29 (NASB); Mark 13:24 (NASB)
[Time of] Tribulation	Mark 13:19 (NASB)
The Great Tribulation	Matthew 24:21 (NASB); Revelation 2:22 (NASB); 7:14 (NASB)
The Hour of Judgment	Revelation 14:7
Birth Pangs	Matthew 24:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:3

THE METALLIC MAN OF DANIEL 2

WORLD EMPIRE	DESCRIPTION
Babylon	Head of Gold
Medo-Persia	Chest and Arms of Silver
Greece	Belly and Thighs of Brass
Rome	Iron
Rome II (The Antichrist's Kingdom)	Feet and Ten Toes of Iron and Clay
Christ's Kingdom	Stone Kingdom That Fills the Earth

THE BEASTS OF DANIEL 7

WORLD EMPIRE	DESCRIPTION
Babylon	Lion with the Wings of an Eagle
Medo-Persia	Lopsided Bear with Three Ribs in Its Mouth
Greece	Leopard with Four Wings and Four Heads
Rome	Terrible Beast with Teeth of Iron and Claws of Bronze
Rome II (The Antichrist's Kingdom)	Ten Horns and the Little Horn

PARALLELS BETWEEN DANIEL 2 AND 7

WORLD EMPIRE	DANIEL 2	DANIEL 7
Babylon	Head of Gold	Lion with the Wings of an Eagle
Medo-Persia	Chest and Arms of Silver	Lopsided Bear with Three Ribs in Its Mouth
Greece	Belly and Thighs of Bronze	Leopard with Four Wings and Four Heads
Rome	Iron	Terrible Beast with Large Iron Teeth
Rome II (Reunited Roman Empire)	Iron and Clay (Ten Toes)	Ten Horns and Little Horn

THREE PHASES OF THE REUNITED ROMAN EMPIRE

Phase 1	The empire is ruled by ten leaders—the group of ten.
Phase 2	The Antichrist subdues three of the leaders and takes over. The ten leaders relinquish their authority to him.
Phase 3	The Antichrist extends the rule to the entire earth.

CHRIST	ANTICHRIST ⁵
miracles, signs, and wonders (Matthew 9:32-33; Mark 6:2)	miracles, signs, and wonders (Matthew 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9)
appears in the millennial Temple (Ezekiel 43:6-7)	sits in the Tribulation Temple (2 Thessalonians 2:4)
is God (John 1:1-2; 10:35-38)	claims to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:4)
is the Lion from Judah (Revelation 5:5)	has a mouth like a lion (Revelation 13:2)
makes a peace covenant with Israel (Ezekiel 37:26)	makes a peace covenant with Israel (Daniel 9:27)
causes men to worship God (Revelation 1:6)	causes men to worship Satan (Revelation 13:3-4)
followers sealed on their foreheads (Revelation 7:3-4; 14:1)	followers sealed on their foreheads or right hands (Revelation 13:16-18)
worthy name (Revelation 19:16)	blasphemous names (Revelation 13:1)
married to a virtuous bride (Revelation 19:7-10)	married to a vile prostitute (Revelation 17:3-5)
crowned with many crowns (Revelation 19:12)	crowned with ten crowns (Revelation 13:1)
is <i>the</i> King of kings (Revelation 19:16)	is called "the king" (Daniel 11:36)
sits on a throne (Revelation 3:21; 12:5; 20:11)	sits on a throne (Revelation 13:2; 16:10)
sharp sword from his mouth (Revelation 19:15)	bow in his hand (Revelation 6:2)
rides a white horse (Revelation 19:11)	rides a white horse (Revelation 6:2)
has an army (Revelation 19:14)	has an army (Revelation 6:2; 19:19)
violent death (Revelation 5:6; 13:8)	violent death (Revelation 13:3)
resurrection (Matthew 28:6)	resurrection (Revelation 13:3,14)
Second Coming (Revelation 19:11-21)	second coming (Revelation 17:8)
1,000-year worldwide kingdom (Revelation 20:1-6)	3½-year worldwide kingdom (Revelation 13:5-8)
part of a holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) (2 Corinthians 13:14)	part of an unholy trinity (Satan, the Antichrist, and false prophet) (Revelation 13)

ANTICHRIST ACTIVITIES¹⁸

1. He will appear in “the time of the end” of Israel’s history (Daniel 8:17).
2. His manifestation will signal the beginning of the Day of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).
3. His manifestation is currently being hindered by the “restrainer” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-7).
4. His rise to power will come through peace programs (Revelation 6:2). He will make a covenant of peace with Israel (Daniel 9:27). This event will signal the beginning of the seven-year Tribulation. He will later break that covenant at its midpoint.
5. Near the middle of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will be assassinated or violently killed (Revelation 13:3, 12, 14).

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6. He will descend into the abyss (Revelation 17:8).

 7. He will be raised back to life (Revelation 11:7; 13:3, 12, 14; 17:8).

 8. The whole world will be amazed and will follow after him (Revelation 13:3).

 9. He will be totally controlled and energized by Satan (Revelation 13:2-5).

 10. He will assassinate three of the ten kings in the reunited Roman Empire (Daniel 7:24).

 11. The kings will give all authority to him (Revelation 17:12-13).

 12. He will invade the land of Israel and desecrate the rebuilt Temple (Daniel 9:27; 11:41; 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Revelation 11:2).

 13. He will mercilessly pursue and persecute the Jewish people (Daniel 7:21, 25; Revelation 12:6).

 14. He will set himself up in the Temple as God (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

 15. He will be worshiped as God for 3½ years (Revelation 13:4-8).

 16. His claim to deity will be accompanied by great signs and wonders (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12).

 17. He will speak great blasphemies against God (Daniel 7:8; Revelation 13:6).

 18. He will rule the world politically, religiously, and economically for 3½ years (Revelation 13:4-8, 16-18).

 19. He will be promoted by a second beast who will lead the world in worship of him (Revelation 13:11-18).

 20. He will require all to receive his mark (666) to buy and sell (Revelation 13:16-18).

 21. He will establish his political and economic capital in Babylon (Revelation 17).

 22. He and the ten kings will destroy Babylon (Revelation 18:16).

 23. He will kill the two witnesses (Revelation 11:7).

 24. He will gather all the nations against Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-2; 14:1-3; Revelation 16:16; 19:19).
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25. He will fight against Christ when He returns to earth and suffer total defeat (Revelation 19:19-20).

26. He will be cast alive into the lake of fire (Daniel 7:11; Revelation 19:20).

TOP TEN KEYS TO THE ANTICHRIST'S IDENTITY

1. He will not be recognized until after the Rapture of believers to heaven.

2. He will begin insignificantly and then rise to world prominence as the Pied Piper of international peace.

3. He will be a Gentile world leader from the geographical area of the Roman Empire.

4. He will rule over the reunited Roman Empire (the "Unholy" Roman Empire).

5. He will make a seven-year peace covenant with Israel.

6. He will be assassinated and come back to life.

7. He will break his treaty with Israel at the midpoint of the Tribulation and invade the land.

8. He will sit in the Temple of God and declare himself to be God.

9. He will desecrate the Temple in Jerusalem by having an image of himself placed in it.

10. He will rule the world politically, economically, and religiously for 3½ years.

HOLY SPIRIT	FALSE PROPHET
points men to Christ	points men to the Antichrist
instrument of divine revelation	instrument of satanic revelation
seals believers to God	marks unbelievers with the number of the Antichrist
builds the body of Christ	builds the empire of the Antichrist
enlightens men with the truth	deceives men by miracles

**TEN IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF THE FALSE PROPHET
FROM REVELATION 13**

rises out of the earth (13:11)

controls religious affairs with deceptive speech (13:11)

motivated by Satan, the dragon (13:11)

promotes worship of the first beast (13:12)

performs signs and miracles (13:13)

deceives the whole world (13:14)

empowers the image of the Beast (13:15)

kills all who refuse to worship (13:15)

controls all economic commerce (13:17)

controls the mark of the Beast (13:17, 18)

RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE (REVELATION 6:2)	RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE (REVELATION 19:11-19)
carries a bow without any arrows	wields a sword
wears a <i>stephanos</i> or victor's crown	wears many crowns—the <i>diadema</i> or kingly crown
initiates war	destroys His enemies and brings an end to war
commences the Tribulation	climaxes the Tribulation

PARALLELS BETWEEN MATTHEW 24:4-14 AND REVELATION 6-7

MATTHEW 24	REVELATION 6-7
false Christs (24:4-5)	rider on the white horse (6:1-2)
wars and rumors of wars (24:6-7)	rider on the red horse (6:3-4)
famine (24:7)	rider on the black horse (6:5-6)
famines and plagues (24:7; Luke 21:11)	rider on the pale horse (6:7-8)
persecution and martyrdom (24:9-10)	martyrs (6:9-11)
terrors and great cosmic signs (Luke 21:11)	terror (6:12-17)
worldwide preaching of the gospel (24:14)	ministry of the 144,000 (7:1-8)

SEVEN SEALS

6:1-17; 8:1-2



SEVEN TRUMPETS

8:2-9:21; 11:15-19



SEVEN BOWLS

16:1-21



REVELATION 7:1-8	REVELATION 7:9-17
Jews (from twelve tribes of Israel)	Gentiles (from every nation, tribe, people, and language)
numbered—144,000	not numbered—“a great multitude which no one could count” (NASB)
standing on earth	standing before God’s throne
sealed for protection	ascended after persecution

THE GOG COALITION

ANCIENT NAME	MODERN NATION
Rosh (Rashu, Rasapu, Ros, and Rus)	Russia
Magog (Scythians)	Central Asia and possibly Afghanistan
Meshech (Muschki and Musku)	Turkey
Tubal (Tubalu)	Turkey
Persia	Iran
Ethiopia (Cush)	Sudan
Libya (Put or Phut)	Libya
Gomer (Cimmerians)	Turkey
Beth-togarmah (Til-garamu or Tegarma)	Turkey

SEVEN VIEWS OF THE TIMING OF EZEKIEL 38–39

1. before the Rapture

2. between the Rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation

3. first half of the Tribulation (some put it close to the midpoint)

4. end of the Tribulation (equates Ezekiel 38–39 with Armageddon)

5. two phases (Ezekiel 38 at the midpoint; Ezekiel 39 at the end)

6. beginning of the Millennium

7. end of the Millennium

GOG AND MAGOG	ARMAGEDDON
Invasion is led by Gog.	Invasion is led by the Antichrist.
Gog is destroyed.	The Antichrist and the false prophet are destroyed. No mention of Gog.
Israel is at peace at the time of the invasion.	There is no mention of Israel's peace.
Armies gather to plunder Israel.	Armies gather to fight against Christ.
Occurs during the first half of the Tribulation.	Occurs at the end of the Tribulation.
Russia and her allies invade Israel.	All nations invade Israel.
Occurs so that all the nations will know that He is God.	Occurs to destroy the nations.

FUTURE EVENTS ACCORDING TO THE AMILLENNIAL SYSTEM

1. a parallel development of both good (God's Kingdom) and evil (Satan's kingdom) during this present age
2. the second coming of Christ
3. the general resurrection of all people
4. a general judgment of all people
5. eternity

THE TIMELINE OF AMILLENNIALISM



FUTURE EVENTS ACCORDING TO THE PREMILLENNIAL SYSTEM

increase of apostasy as the church age draws to a close

the Rapture of the church (Premillennialists disagree over the timing of the Rapture. They hold to any of the five views presented earlier in our examination of the Rapture.)

seven-year Tribulation period on earth

the campaign of Armageddon

the second coming of Christ to earth

the one-thousand-year reign of Christ on earth (Satan is bound)

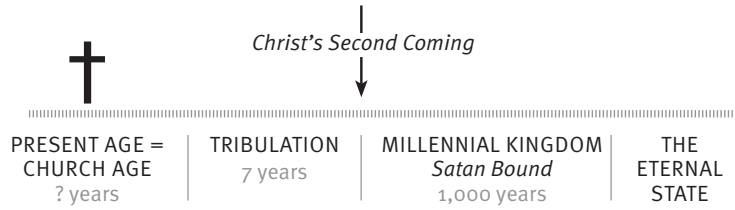
the release of Satan

the Great White Throne Judgment

the creation of a new heaven and new earth

eternity

THE TIMELINE OF PREMILLENNIALISM



FUTURE EVENTS ACCORDING TO THE POSTMILLENNIAL SYSTEM

progressive improvement of conditions on earth as the end draws near, culminating in a golden age as the world is Christianized

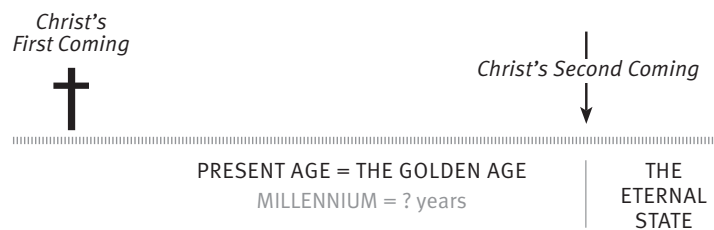
the second coming of Christ

the general resurrection of all people

a general judgment of all people

eternity

THE TIMELINE OF POSTMILLENNIALISM



SUMMARY OF THE THREE MILLENNIAL VIEWS

	AMILLENNIAL	PREMILLENNIAL	POSTMILLENNIAL
<i>When Will Christ Reign?</i>	Between the first and second comings (present reign)	immediately after the Second Coming (future reign)	between the first and second comings, but arriving by degrees (present reign)
<i>How Will Christ Reign?</i>	Christ rules over a spiritual Kingdom in the hearts of believers on earth and over the souls of the redeemed in heaven (spiritual reign).	Christ will rule personally over a literal, physical, earthly kingdom with Satan bound and the Curse reversed (earthly reign).	Christ rules in the hearts of believers as the church brings in the Kingdom by the triumph of the gospel in this world (spiritual reign).

GOG AND MAGOG IN EZEKIEL 38-39	GOG AND MAGOG IN REVELATION 20:8
Occurs during the Tribulation, before the Millennium described in Ezekiel 40-48	Occurs after the Millennium of Revelation 20:1-6
Enumerates specific nations	Involves all the nations

GENESIS	REVELATION
heavens and earth created	new heaven and earth
sun created	no sun
night established	no night
seas created	no seas
rivers in the Garden of Eden	river in the new Jerusalem
Curse announced	no Curse
death enters	death exits
man denied access to the tree of life	access to the tree of life restored
sorrow and pain begin	sorrow and pain end

Appendix 1: A Proposed Chronology of the End Times

IT'S NOT EASY TRYING to fit together all the pieces of the end times into a chronological sequence. This outline is my best attempt to put the pieces together. I don't insist on the correctness of every detail in this outline, but my prayer is that it will help you get a better grasp of the overall flow of events in the end times.

I. EVENTS IN HEAVEN

- A. The Rapture of the Church (1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 3:10)
- B. The Judgment Seat of Christ (Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15; 4:1-5; 9:24-27; 2 Corinthians 5:10)
- C. The Marriage of the Lamb (2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:6-8)
- D. The Singing of Two Special Songs (Revelation 4-5)
- E. The Lamb Receiving the Seven-Sealed Scroll (Revelation 5)

II. EVENTS ON EARTH

A. Seven-Year Tribulation

1. The Beginning of the Tribulation

- a. The seven-year Tribulation begins when the Antichrist signs a covenant with Israel, bringing peace to Israel and Jerusalem (Daniel 9:27; Ezekiel 38:8, 11).
- b. The Jewish Temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt (Daniel 9:27; Revelation 11:1).
- c. The reunited Roman Empire emerges in a ten-nation confederation—the “group of ten” (Daniel 2:40–44; 7:7; Revelation 17:12).

2. First Half (3½ Years) of the Tribulation

- a. The seven seal judgments are opened (Revelation 6; 8:1).
- b. The 144,000 Jewish believers begin their great evangelistic ministry (Revelation 7).
- c. Gog and its allies invade Israel while Israel is at peace under the covenant with the Antichrist. The Gog coalition is supernaturally decimated by God (Daniel 11:40–45; Ezekiel 38–39). This will probably occur somewhere near the end of the 3½-year period. The destruction of these forces will shift the balance of power, enabling the Antichrist to begin his rise to world ascendancy.

3. The Midpoint of the Tribulation

- a. The Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and invades the land (Daniel 9:27; 11:40–41).
- b. The Antichrist begins to consolidate his empire by plundering Egypt, Sudan, and Libya, whose armies have just been destroyed by God in Israel (Daniel 11:42–43; Ezekiel 38–39).

- c. While in North Africa, the Antichrist hears disturbing news of insurrection in Israel and immediately returns there to destroy and annihilate many (Daniel 11:44).
- d. The Antichrist sets up the abomination of desolation in the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem (Daniel 9:27; 11:45a; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 13:5, 15-18).
- e. Sometime during these events, the Antichrist is violently killed, possibly as a result of a war or assassination (Daniel 11:45; Revelation 13:3, 12, 14; 17:8).
- f. Satan is cast down from heaven and begins to make war with the woman, Israel (Revelation 12:7-13). The chief means he uses to persecute Israel is the two beasts in Revelation 13.
- g. The faithful Jewish remnant flee, possibly to Petra in modern Jordan, where God protects them for the remainder of the Tribulation (Matthew 24:16-20; Revelation 12:15-17).
- h. The Antichrist is miraculously raised from the dead to the amazement of the entire world (Revelation 13:3).
- i. After rising from the dead, the Antichrist gains political control over the ten kings of the reunited Roman Empire. Three of these kings will be killed by the Antichrist and the other seven will submit (Daniel 7:24; Revelation 17:12-13).
- j. The two witnesses begin their 3½-year ministry (Revelation 11:2-3).
- k. The Antichrist and the ten kings destroy the religious system of Babylon and set up their religious, economic capital in the city (Revelation 17:16-17).

4. Second Half (3½ Years) of the Tribulation

- a. The Antichrist blasphemes God, and the false prophet performs great signs and wonders and promotes false worship of the Antichrist (Revelation 13:5, 11-15).
- b. The mark of the Beast (666) is introduced and enforced by the false prophet (Revelation 13:16-18).
- c. Totally energized by Satan, the Antichrist dominates the world politically, religiously, and economically (Revelation 13:4-5, 15-18).
- d. The trumpet judgments are unleashed throughout the final half of the Tribulation (Revelation 8–9).
- e. Knowing he has only a short time left, Satan intensifies his relentless, merciless persecution of the Jewish people and Gentile believers on earth (Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:12; 13:15; 20:4).

5. The End of the Tribulation

- a. The bowl judgments are poured out in rapid succession (Revelation 16).
- b. The campaign of Armageddon begins (Revelation 16:16).
- c. Commercial Babylon is destroyed (Revelation 18).
- d. The two witnesses are killed by the Antichrist and are resurrected by God 3½ days later (Revelation 11:7-12).
- e. Christ returns to the Mount of Olives and slays the armies gathered against Him throughout the land, from Megiddo to Petra (Revelation 19:11-16; Isaiah 34:1-6; 63:1-5).
- f. The birds gather to feed on the carnage (Revelation 19:17-18).

B. After the Tribulation

1. Interval of Seventy-Five Days (Daniel 12:12)
 - a. The Antichrist and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20-21).
 - b. The abomination of desolation is removed from the Temple (Daniel 12:11).
 - c. Israel is regathered (Matthew 24:31).
 - d. Jews who survive the Tribulation are judged (Ezekiel 20:30-39; Matthew 25:1-30).
 - e. Gentiles who survive the Tribulation are judged (Matthew 25:31-46).
 - f. Satan is bound in the abyss (Revelation 20:1-3).
 - g. Old Testament and Tribulation saints are resurrected and rewarded (Daniel 12:1-3; Isaiah 26:19; Revelation 20:4).
 - h. The millennial Temple is constructed or at least begun (Ezekiel 40-48).
2. One-Thousand-Year Reign of Christ on Earth (Revelation 20:4-6)
3. Satan's Final Revolt and Defeat (Revelation 20:7-10)
4. The Great White Throne Judgment of the Lost (Revelation 20:11-15)
5. The Destruction of the Present Heavens and Earth (Matthew 24:35; 2 Peter 3:3-12; Revelation 21:1)
6. The Creation of the New Heavens and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1)
7. Eternity (Revelation 21:9-22:5)

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with this view. First, the nearest antecedent to the pronoun “he” in Daniel 9:27 (NASB) is the “prince who is to come,” who is of the same people who destroyed the Temple in AD 70. Clearly, this is a reference to the Romans. This cannot refer to Jesus since He was not Roman. This is a clear reference to the coming Antichrist who will arise from the reunited Roman Empire of the end times (Daniel 7:8). Second, the Bible never indicates that Christ made a seven-year salvation covenant. He lived for about thirty-five years and ministered publicly for over three years. Nowhere do we find a particular seven-year period. Leon Wood sets forth seven convincing reasons for taking “he” in Daniel 9:27 as a reference to the coming prince or Antichrist. Leon Wood, *A Commentary on Daniel* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1973), 258.

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the Spirit had not been known. I repeated frequently, but the spiritual temple must and shall be reared, and the fullness of Christ be poured into his body, . . . and then shall we be caught up to meet him. Oh none will be counted worthy of this calling but his body, which is the church, and which must be a candlestick all of gold. . . . I felt that those who were filled with the Spirit could see spiritual things, and feel walking in the midst of them, while those who had not the Spirit could see nothing—so that—two shall be in one bed, the one taken and the other left, because the one has the light of God within while the other cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven. . . . Oh there must and will be such an indwelling of the living God as has not been—the servants of God sealed in their foreheads—great conformity to Jesus—his holy holy image seen in his people—just the bride made comely by his comeliness put upon her. This is what we are at present made to pray much for, that speedily we may all be made ready to meet our Lord in the air—and it will be. Jesus wants his bride. His desire is toward us. He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry. Amen and Amen Even so come Lord Jesus.” (“Margaret’s Revelation,” www.bibleprophecy.org/vision.htm.)

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6. Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation 1-7* (Chicago: Moody, 1992), 473.

CHAPTER 24: THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG

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7. Billington, "Rosh People (Part Two)," 145–46.
8. Price, "Rosh: An Ancient Land," 71–73.
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Some preterists contend that the events in Ezekiel 38–39 have already occurred. Gary DeMar contends that Ezekiel 38–39 was fulfilled by the events described in Esther 9 occurring in about 473 BC in the days of Queen Esther of Persia. DeMar states that the parallels between the battles in Ezekiel 38–39 and Esther are "unmistakable." Gary Demar, *End Times Fiction* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2001), 12–14. DeMar, however, fails to account for several clear differences between Ezekiel 38–39 and Esther 9. A simple reading of the two passages reveals that they cannot possibly be describing the same event. Here are five of the more apparent and problematic inconsistencies.

EZEKIEL 38–39	ESTHER 9
The land of Israel is invaded (38:16).	Jews are attacked in cities throughout the Persian Empire and defend themselves (9:2).
The enemies fall on the mountains of Israel (39:4).	The enemies die throughout the Persian Empire.
Gog, the leader of the invasion, is buried in Israel (39:11). The Jews bury the dead bodies over a period of seven months to cleanse the land of Israel (39:12).	No need to cleanse the land because the bodies are not in the land of Israel.
The invaders are destroyed by a massive earthquake in the land of Israel, infighting, plagues, and fire from heaven (38:19-22). God destroys the enemies supernaturally.	Attackers are killed by the Jewish people themselves assisted by local government leaders (9:3-5).
Invaders are from as far west as ancient Put (modern Libya) (38:5) and as far north as Magog, the land of the Scythians.	The Persian Empire never included these areas. It only extended as far west as Cush (modern Sudan) (8:9) and as far north as the southern part of the Black and Caspian Seas.
God sends fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands (39:6).	There is nothing even close to this in Esther 9.

15. One important question we might ask at this point is, if Ezekiel 38–39 was fulfilled in the events of Esther 9, why did this escape the notice of everyone in Esther’s day? Why is there no mention in Esther of this great fulfillment of Ezekiel’s prophecy? And why are there no Jewish scholars in that day or subsequently who recognized this fulfillment? The answer seems quite clear. Esther 9 did not fulfill Ezekiel 38–39. An important Jewish holiday known as Purim developed out of the Esther event (9:20–32). This is a joyous annual holiday to celebrate God’s deliverance of Israel from the hand of her enemies. Purim’s celebration includes the public reading of the book of Esther, but no tradition has developed or even been heard of in which the Jews read Ezekiel 38–39 in connection with this observance. If Ezekiel 38–39 had been a fulfillment of Esther, then no doubt a tradition of reading that passage would have arisen in conjunction with the celebration.
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20. Rhodes, *Northern Storm Rising*, 193.
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CHAPTER 25: SATANIC WARFARE AND WORSHIP

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death and resurrection of the Antichrist as preposterous. He says, “If Antichrist could rise from the dead and control the earth and sky . . . Christianity would lose the basis for believing that Christ’s resurrection vindicated His claim to deity. In a Christian worldview, Satan can parody the work of Christ through ‘all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders’ (2 Thessalonians 2:9), but he cannot perform the truly miraculous as Christ did. If Satan possesses the creative power of God, he could have masqueraded as the resurrected Christ. Moreover, the notion that Satan can perform acts that are indistinguishable from genuine miracles suggests a dualistic worldview in which God and Satan are equal powers competing for dominance.” See Hank Hanegraaff, *The Apocalypse Code: Find Out What the Bible Really Says about The End Times and Why It Matters Today* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007), xix–xx. Hanegraaff further states, “What is at stake here is nothing less than the deity and resurrection of Christ. In a Christian worldview, only God has the power to raise the dead.” See Hank Hanegraaff and Sigmund Brouwer, *The Last Disciple* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 2004), 394. I agree, but it appears from the clear language used in Revelation that God gives Satan the power to raise the Antichrist from the dead as part of the great delusion.

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5. Gregory H. Harris, “Satan’s Deceptive Miracles,” 311.
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CHAPTER 27: THE MARK OF THE BEAST: WILL THAT BE THE RIGHT HAND OR THE FOREHEAD?

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2. Kim Riddlebarger, *The Man of Sin: Uncovering the Truth about the Antichrist* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006), 11.
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 - Henry M. Morris, *Revelation Record: A Scientific and Devotional Commentary on the Prophetic Book of the End of Times* (Carol Stream, IL: T. ,) ,eladny
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3. John F. Walvoord, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* (Chicago: Moody, 1966), 179–80.
4. Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation 8-22* (Chicago: Moody, 1995), 89.
5. Ray C. Stedman, *God's Final Word: Understanding Revelation* (Grand Rapids: Discovery House, 1991), 220.
6. Tim LaHaye, *Revelation Unveiled* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999), 188.
7. John Phillips, *Exploring Revelation* (Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1991), 150.
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10. Paul N. Benware, *Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach* (Chicago: Moody, 1995), 254.

CHAPTER 29: SEVEN SOUNDING TRUMPETS AND SEVEN SUPER BOWLS

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3. “Reagan: Is Apocalypse Now?” *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, October 29, 1983, www.ramsheadpress.com/messiah/PDF/CHAPTER26_1.pdf.
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In Hebrew in Micah 2:12, the word “fold” is the word *Bozrah*, which means sheepfold. This passage predicts that someday Israel’s king will lead his people from exile in Bozrah. The ancient city of Bozrah was located in the region of Mount Seir in Edom. The exact location of Bozrah is still disputed. It may be the present Arab village of Buseirah, or it may be the city known today as Petra. It seems best to identify the future city of refuge for the Jewish people as the rock city of Petra. As Arnold Fruchtenbaum notes, “Petra is located in a basin within Mount Seir, and is totally surrounded by mountains and cliffs. The only way in and out of the city is through a narrow passageway that extends for about a mile and can only be negotiated by foot or by horseback. This makes the city easy to defend, and its surrounding high cliffs give added meaning and confirmation to Isaiah 33:16. Only a few abreast can enter through this passage at any one time giving this city an even greater defensibility. The name *Bozrah* means ‘sheepfold.’ An ancient sheepfold had a narrow entrance so that the shepherd could count his sheep. Once inside the fold, the sheep had more room to move around. Petra is shaped like a giant sheepfold with its narrow passageway opening up to a spacious circle surrounded by cliffs.” See Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *The Footsteps of the Messiah*, rev. ed. (Tustin, CA: Ariel Ministries, 2003), 296.

Also, the only nation in the Middle East that will escape the direct control of the Antichrist is the modern nation of Jordan. Daniel 11:41 says, “He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon” (NASB). This makes the area of Petra, which lies in ancient Edom, a perfect place of refuge from the Antichrist during the Tribulation period.

6. The Scriptures say that the Lord will prepare a city of refuge for the Jewish remnant during the last half of the Tribulation. It will be a place prepared by God, which means it will be adequate as a place of refuge. This place is also consistently described as being in “the mountains” or “the wilderness” (Matthew 24:16; Revelation 12:6, 14, NASB). Therefore, this city must be prepared by God in advance, must be in the hills and in the wilderness. The city of Petra fits all of these criteria: it is adequate to hold what may be one million Jewish people; it is both in the hills and the wilderness; and it is accessible to the fleeing remnant. Therefore, putting all these points together, it is apparent that God will provide the fleeing Jewish remnant an accessible place of refuge in the wilderness and in the hills that will be like a sheepfold and that will be outside

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