

UNDERSTAND the times  
KNOW HOW TO LIVE

Matthew 24

Herborview Fellowship


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Understand the Times – Know How to Live

INTRODUCTION

*1 Chronicles 12:32 (NLT) From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.*

Series Theme: "Understand the times, to know how to live."




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REVIEW

Their questions were:

1. When will these things happen?
2. What will be the sign of Your coming?
3. What will be the sign of the end of the age?




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PREVIEW

The events will be:

- The Abomination of Desolation (Matthew 24:15)
- The Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21)
- The Darkening of the Sun, Moon, and Stars (Matthew 24:29).



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MESSAGE THEME: *Live Secure in God's Plan*




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THE ABOMINATION vs. 15

*Matthew 24:15 (ESV) "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),*



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### THE ABOMINATION

vs. 15

The Abomination of Desolation in the Holy Place

- Abomination – *bdelygma*: loathsome, detestable, pollutant, repulsive, defiled
- Desolation – *eremosis*: destruction, utter ruin, wasted
- Holy Place – The Temple



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The Abomination of Desolation in the Holy Place  
Daniel the Prophet



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*Daniel 9:27 (NLT) The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him.*



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*Daniel 11:31 (NLT) "His army will take over the Temple fortress, pollute the sanctuary, put a stop to the daily sacrifices, and set up the sacrilegious object that causes desecration."*



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*Daniel 12:11 (NLT) "From the time the daily sacrifice is stopped and the sacrilegious object that causes desecration is set up to be worshiped, there will be 1,290 days."*



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 Daniel 2 – Nebuchadnezzar's Image Dream



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Daniel 2:31-45

- Gold Head – Babylon  
605 – 539 BC
- Silver Chest/Arms – Medo Persia  
539 – 331 BC
- Brass Belly/Thighs – Greece  
331 – 168 BC
- Iron Legs – Rome  
168 BC – 476 AD
- Iron & Clay Feet – Modern Nations of Roman Empire  
476 AD to Christ's Return




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Daniel 2:34-35 (NLT) As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. 35 The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.



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 Daniel 7 – Daniel's Dream



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### Four Beasts in Daniel 7

 <p><b>Babylon 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Like a Lion</li> <li>With eagle's wings</li> <li>Wings plucked later</li> <li>Lifted up from earth</li> <li>Man's heart given</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Medo Persia 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Like a Bear</li> <li>Raised up on its side</li> <li>Had 3 ribs in its mouth</li> <li>Was told to arise and devour much flesh</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Greece 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Like a Leopard</li> <li>With 4 fowl's wings</li> <li>Had 4 heads</li> <li>Given dominion</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Rome 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceedingly dreadful, terrible beast</li> <li>Iron teeth, brass nails</li> <li>Had 10 horns</li> <li>A little horn, which plucked 3 horns</li> </ul>


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Ch. 2 – Image	Kingdom	Ch. 7 – Beasts
Gold Head	Babylon	Lion and 4 Wings
Silver Chest & Arms	Medo Persia	Bear
Bronze Thighs	Greek	Leopard and 4 Heads
Iron Legs	Rome	Beast and 10 Horns
Iron & Clay Feet	Nations out of Roman Empire	10 Horns and Little Horn
Large Mountain & Rock	God & Jesus Christ	Ancient One & Son of Man


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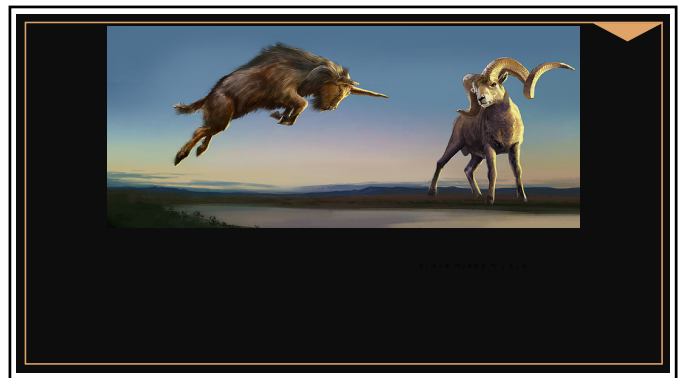


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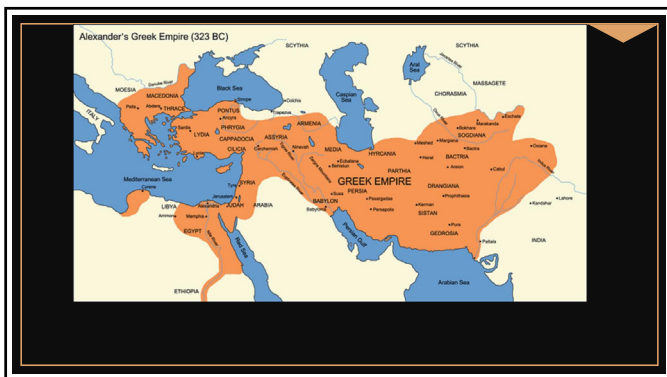
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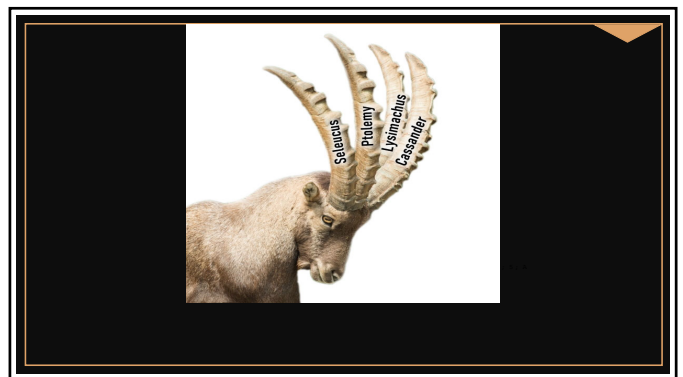
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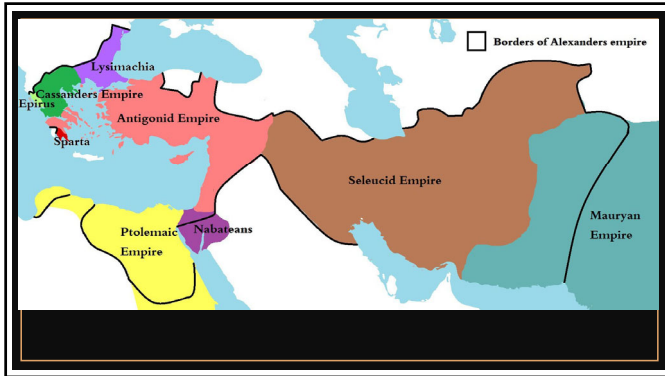
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 Daniel 9 – Daniel's Prayer and Angelic Visitation

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Daniel 9:24 (ESV) "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place."

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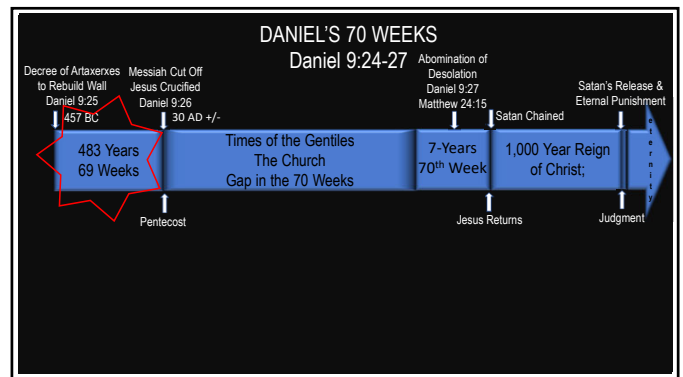
Six things to be accomplished in the 70 Weeks.

1. Put down rebellion
2. Bring an end to sin
3. To atone for guilt of sin
4. To bring everlasting righteousness
5. To confirm the prophetic vision
6. To anoint the Most Holy Place

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Daniel 9:25 (NLT) Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One—comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.

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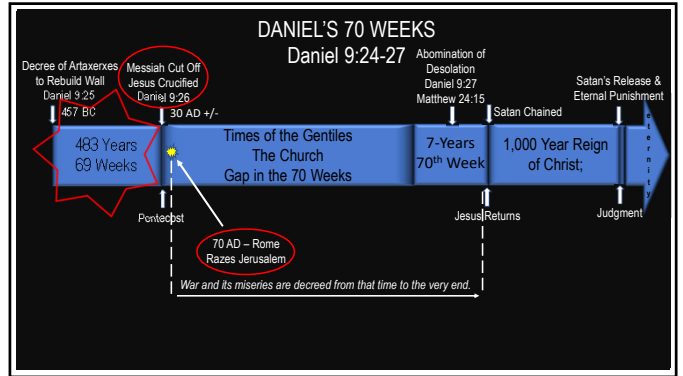


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Daniel 9:26 (NLT) "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end."




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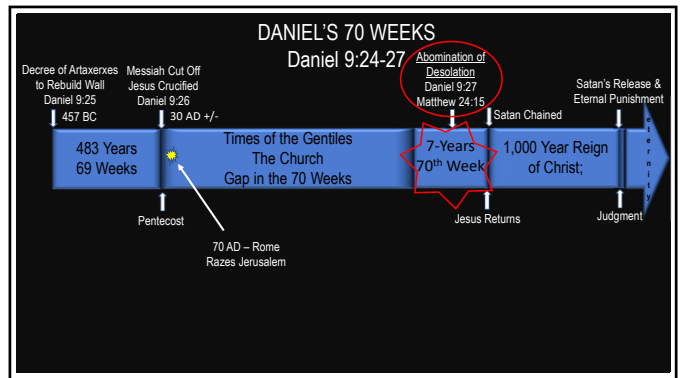


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Daniel 10-12 – Angelic Visitation to Further Explain


- Persia comes to great power. 11:1-2
- Greece comes to great power (Alexander the Great). 11:3-4
- Four Subdivided empires in Greek Empire. 11:5-20
- Antiochus Epiphanes. 11:21-35, who sets up an abomination in Jerusalem and the Temple. (vs. 30-35)
- Antichrist described as the willful king of which Antiochus Epiphanes was a precursor. (vs. 36-45)



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Daniel 10-12 – Angelic Visitation to Further Explain

- The distress and tribulation after Abomination of Desolation declared. 12:1-4
- The length of the distress. 12:5-7
- The outcome of the distress. 12:8-12.




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*Daniel 12:8-12 (NLT) I heard what he said, but I did not understand what he meant. So I asked, "How will all this finally end, my lord?" 9 But he said, "Go now, Daniel, for what I have said is kept secret and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined by these trials. But the wicked will continue in their wickedness, and none of them will understand. Only those who are wise will know what it means. 11 "From the time the daily sacrifice is stopped and the sacrilegious object that causes desecration is set up to be worshiped, there will be 1,290 days. 12 And blessed are those who wait and remain until the end of the 1,335 days!*



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 CIRCLING BACK  
 Summary for Jesus' Time



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BIG QUESTION – WHEN?  
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 A Key Sign

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APPLICATION – Live Secure in God's Plan

1. God is Sovereign

*Isaiah 46:9-11 (ESV) . . . for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' 11. . . I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.*




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APPLICATION - Live Secure in God's Plan

1. God is Sovereign

*2 Chronicles 20:6 (ESV) and said, "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.*



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APPLICATION - *Live Secure in God's Plan*


1. God is Sovereign
2. Rest in God

*Psalm 62:6-8 (ESV) He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah*

LIVE SECURE IN GOD'S PLAN!



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