



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



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³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.



The Return

Matthew 24:29-31

29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming

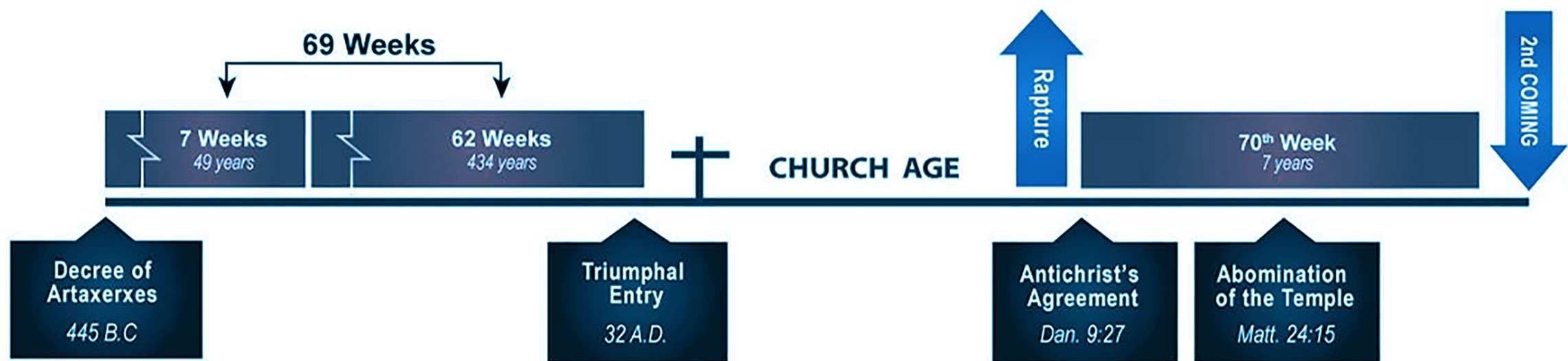


The Return

Matthew 24:29-31

on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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The Return

Joel 3:1-3

¹“For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ²I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the



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Joel 3:1-3

nations and have divided up my land, ³ and have cast lots for my people, and have traded a boy for a prostitute, and have sold a girl for wine and have drunk it.



The Sheep

Matthew 25:34-40



The Sheep

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34 Then the King will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick



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and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’



The Sheep

Matthew 25:34-40

40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'



The Sheep

Matthew 12:46-50

46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. **48** But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”



The Sheep

Matthew 12:46-50

49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! **50** For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”



The Sheep

Matthew 18:1-6

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”
² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”



The Sheep

Matthew 18:1-6

⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.



The Sheep

Matthew 10:40–42

40 “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.
41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.



The Sheep

Matthew 10:40–42

42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”



The Sheep

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



The Sheep

Matthew 7:21–23

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’



The Sheep

Matthew 7:21–23

23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’



The Goats

Matthew 25:41-45



The Goats

Matthew 25:41-45

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did



The Goats

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not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’



The Outcome

Matthew 25:46



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Matthew 25:46

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



The Outcome

John 10:14–16

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.



The Outcome

John 10:25-30

25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.



The Outcome

John 10:25-30

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one."



The Return | Matthew 25:31-33

The return of the Son of Man will bring judgement for all those who survive the Great Tribulation.



The Sheep | Matthew 25:34-40

The sheep are those blessed by God with faith in Jesus, as evidenced in their love for his disciples.



The Goats | Matthew 25:41–45

The goats are those accursed for rejecting Jesus, as evidenced in their indifference towards his disciples.



The Outcome | Matthew 25:46

The outcome is eternal life
or eternal punishment.



The Challenge

Are you loving Jesus by serving his body?



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