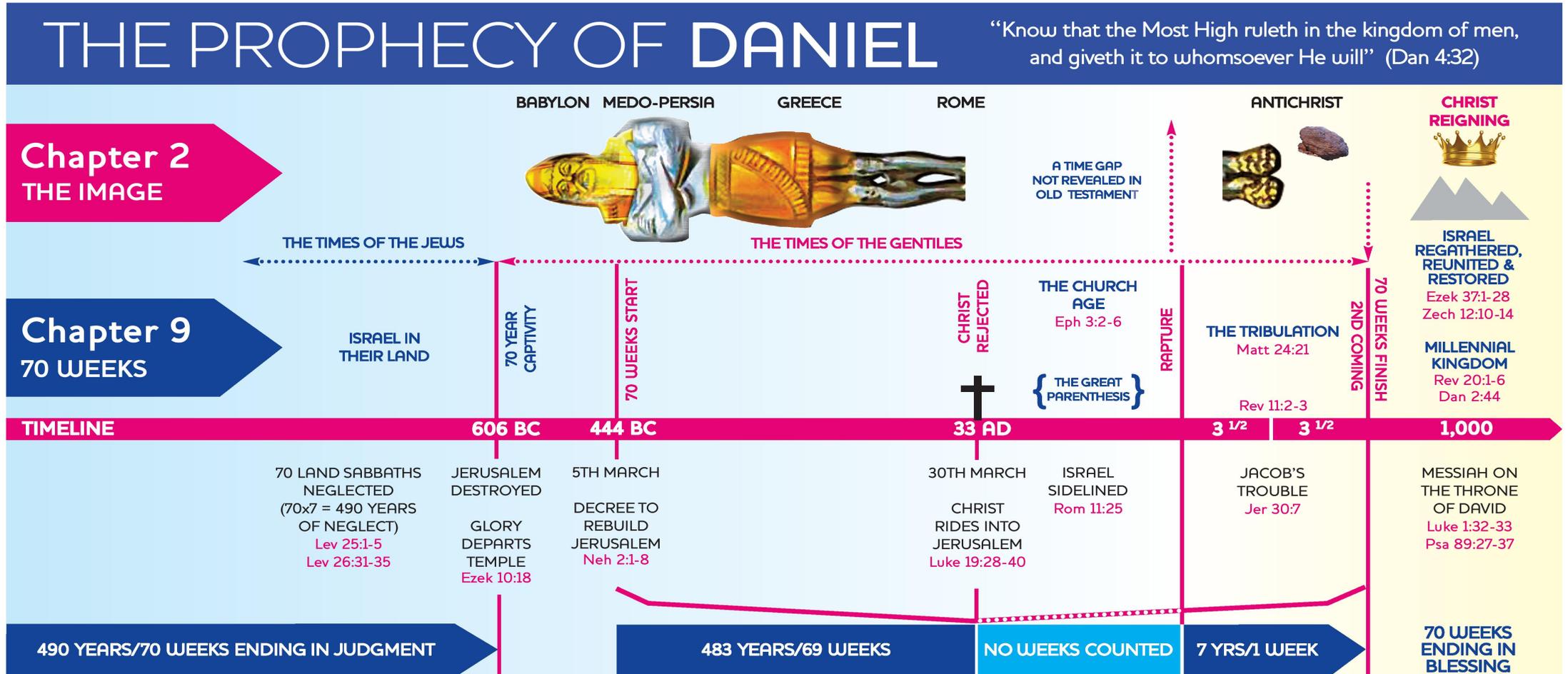


# The Beginning of the End? A Study in Revelation



# 70 weeks and Statue Prophecy of Daniel



# Tribulation



# Book of Revelation

## Revelation made Simple

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	Chapter 11
John on Patmos Vision of Christ in Glory	Letters to the 7 Churches Ephesus Smyrna Pergamos Thyatira	Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea	Vision of God's Throne	Seven Seal Book opened by the Slain Lamb	6 Seals Opened 6 Seals 4 Horsemen White, Red, Black, Pale Souls under the altar Wrath of God (preview)	Sealing of the 144,000. Great multitude of Tribulation Saints	Tribulation Trumpets 7th Seal opened 4 Trumpets 1/3 Judgments Grass Sea Waters (Wormwood) Sun Moon Stars	2 Trumpets (2 Woes) Locusts 200 million man army 1/3 mankind killed	The Mighty Angel with the Little Book 7 Thunders	2 Tribulation Witnesses 42 Months 1260 Days (3rd Woe) 7th Trumpet

Chapter 12	Chapter 13	Chapter 14	Chapter 15	Chapter 16	Chapter 17	Chapter 18	Chapter 19	Chapter 20	Chapter 21	Chapter 22
Woman with man child Red Dragon Woman in Wilderness Time, Times and half a Time	7 Headed Beast AC govt. 42 Months Lamb/Dragon False Prophet	3 Angels Christ reaps the harvest	7 Vials Given to 7 Angels Victorious Saints Song of Moses	7 Vials of Wrath Full Judgments Sores Seas Rivers Sun Darkness Armageddon Earthquake & Hall	Mystery Babylon The Great	Babylon is Fallen!	Marriage Supper of the Lamb War Armageddon	Millennium Satan bound 1,000 yrs Battle of Gog & Magog Lake of Fire White Throne Judgment	New Jerusalem New Heaven New Earth	New Jerusalem Eternity with Christ

# Seven

Is Really important in the Bible. In the Book of Revelation it appears 52 times. It speaks of **completeness and perfection**. We first encounter it in Creation. 6 days to complete creation. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day he rested. 7 days in a week! 7 holes in your head! 7 lampstands, 7 churches, 7 stars, 7 Blessings, 7 Lamps of fire, 7 thunders, seven spirits of God. The lamb had 7 horns and 7 eyes. The dragon and beast had 7 heads. There are 7 mountains, 7 crowns and 7 kings. 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls. The number 7 is significant in the Book of Revelation.

# Book of Revelation

**19 “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.<sup>20</sup> The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels<sup>[e]</sup> of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**

# Jesus calls testifies of Himself

**Revelation 2** Unto the angel of the church of **Ephesus** write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

<sup>8</sup> And unto the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

<sup>12</sup> And to the angel of the church in **Pergamos** write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

<sup>18</sup> And unto the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

# Jesus Testifies of Himself

**3** And unto the angel of the church in **Sardis** write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

**7** And to the angel of the church in **Philadelphia** write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

**14** And unto the angel of the church of the **Laodiceans** write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

# Church Age

Age	Period A.D.	Years	Church Age Name	Information	Church in Rev.
1	33-100	67	Apostolic	This was the period that the apostles were alive, beginning with the Day of Pentecost and ending with the death of the apostle John near the end of the first century.	Ephesus
2	100-312	212	Caesars	Persecution in the Colosseum occurred after A.D. 82, and the Diaspora from Rome began in A.D. 135 and continued till the Empire split into West and East around 300.	Smyrna
3	312-590	278	Constantine	Around A.D. 400 the Western Roman Empire began to decline. Byzantine period arose.	Pergamos
4	590-1517	927	Middle (Dark) Ages	The Old Roman Empire collapsed around A.D. 476. The Dark Ages loomed A.D. 476-1453. The Roman Catholic Empire and the Eastern Orthodox (Ottoman) Empire progressed in the <u>Crusades of A.D. 1096-1291</u> . Gothic styles prevailed. The Plague of the Black Death occurred.	Thyatira
5	1517-1750	233	Reformation	A European renaissance (rebirth or revival) ensued from A.D. 1300-1750. Protestantism began in 1500.	Sardis
6	1750-1925	175	Missionary	Industrial Revolution, Spiritualism, World War I, Communism began in Russia.	Philadelphia
7	1925- to the Tribulation and Apostate world	69 to date circa 1995	Apostate	Apostate Church Age as the Restoration Movement, Ecumenical Council, Federal Council of Churches, World Council of Churches developed. World War II began. Diaspora ended in 1948.	Laodicea

# Ephesus-The Loveless Church (Rev. 2:1-7)

## **2:2-3 The Good**

your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

## **Vs. 4 The Bad**

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

## **vs. 5 Remember**

<sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen!

## **Repent**

Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

# The Reward

<sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

# Smyrna-The Suffering Church (Rev. 2:8-11)

## The Good

<sup>9</sup> I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

**Fear not**<sup>10</sup> Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days.

## Be faithful

Be faithful, even to the point of death,

## Reward

and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

# Pergamos-The Compromising Church (Rev. 12-17)

## The Good

<sup>13</sup> I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

## The Bad

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality.<sup>15</sup> Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

## The Cure

<sup>16</sup> Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

# The Reward

<sup>17</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

# Thyatira-The Adulterous Church(Rev. 2:18-29)

## **The Good**

your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

## **The Bad**

<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols

## **Threat of Disciple**

“I will throw her into a sickbed.”

## **Threat of Death**

. <sup>23</sup> I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

# The Reward

Vs 2<sup>4</sup> Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, <sup>25</sup> except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

## The Reward

<sup>26</sup> To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— <sup>27</sup> that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'<sup>[b]</sup>—just as I have received authority from my Father.<sup>28</sup> I will also give that one the morning star.

# Sardis- The Dead Church (Rev. 3:1-5)

## **The Good**

## **The Bad**

Vs. 1 you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

## **The Admonition**

<sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent.

## **The Threat**

But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

# The Reward

<sup>4</sup> Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels

# Philadelphia- The Faithful Church(Rev. 2:7-13)

## **The Good**

See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

## **Provision**

<sup>9</sup> I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

## **Rapture?**

<sup>10</sup> Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

# The Reward

<sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.<sup>12</sup> The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

# Laodicea-The LukeWarm Church (Rev. 14-22)

The Good

The Bad

15 that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked

## **Repent**

<sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

<sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

# The Reward

<sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

<sup>21</sup> To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

# Cheat Sheet or the 7 churches at a glance

The Seven Churches of Asia :: Revelation 2-3 :: Comparison Chart

Jesus	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodiceans
<b>Encouragement</b>	God holds those who give their lives to Him in His hands and is present with us. He desires intimate fellowship with us.	Your God is the One. True God of all Creation, who is Jesus, who rose from the dead and is alive.	The power and authority of God's Word is with those who are with Him.	God is a God of justice, truth and judgment. He searches the minds and hearts and judges according to each one's works.	God wants to provide you with a Spirit and empower the.	Your faith is in the One, true, all-powerful, eternal and holy God of all authority. You are unchangeable in His will.	These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the Creation of God.
<b>Judgment</b>	Close fellowship with God has been lost. The intimacy in the relationship is gone.	NONE	God's Word brings judgment on those who are against it.	*Same as above. False prophets will be thrown on a bed and another child will be killed.	Remove your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.	NONE	You do not know Me, are unfaithful, untrue and stand accused to your Creator.
<b>Commendation/ Encouragement/ Promise</b>	Works, labor, perseverance, patience. You cannot stand those that are evil. From now on, apostles, labor. Labored for my Name and not become weary. You face the deeds of the Nicolaitans (which I also hated).	Works, tribulation, poverty. Remove the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews but are a synagogue of Satan. You are physically poor but spiritually rich.	Works. You hold fast to my Name and do not deny My faith, even in the face of martyrdom. I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is.	Works, love, service, faith, perseverance. Your works now are more than the first.	You have a few names who have not defiled their garments. They will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.	I know your works. You have a little strength, have kept My word, and not denied My Name. You will be vindicated and rule with Me. Since you've kept My command to persevere, I will keep you from the Day of Trib.	NONE. Promise: I am knocking, I will come in to him who hears My voice and opens the door. One: As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous and repent.
<b>Rebuke</b>	You've left your first love.	NONE	You have those who hold the doctrine of Balaam (sexual and sexual immorality), Nicolaitans.	You allow Jezebel (false prophets) to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat/drink. She did not repent - no longer has.	Your faith is not complete before God.	NONE	Because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. You are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.
<b>Admonition</b>	Remember from where you've fallen, repent, and do the first works.	Do not fear what you will suffer. Some will be imprisoned to be tested and have tribulation. Be faithful to death and I will give you life.	Repent	Repent or I will judge you according to your works. To the faithful: hold fast what you have until I come.	Be watchful and strengthen what little remains. Remember what you have received and heard, hold fast and repent.	My return is imminent. Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.	Repent and get true faith, justification by faith, so that your sin is removed and you may see the truth.
<b>Ultimatum</b>	Repent or your church will be removed from its place.	NONE	Repent or I will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.	Tribulation, unless you repent of your deeds	If you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief.	NONE	Be zealous and repent, or be vomited out of My mouth.
<b>To those who overcome</b>	I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.	You shall not be hurt by the second death.	I will give some of the hidden manna to eat and a white stone with a new name written on it which no one knows but him who receives it.	I will give ruling power over the nations, as I also have received from My Father. And I will give him the Morning Star.	He will be clothed in white garments. I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life, but will confess his name before My Father and His angels.	You will be a pillar in the temple of My God. You will go out no more. I will write on you the name of God, the City of God and My New Name.	I will grant to sit with Me on My Throne, as I also overcome and sit down with My Father on His Throne.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

# Next Week's Assignment

Read Chapters 4 – 5

Review Daniel's Vision.