

# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the gospel of Matthew.*

Please move to the center of the rows so that those who come after you can find seating at the end of the rows.

***If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.***

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"A church that seeks to look more and more like the world is in danger of presenting a God that is no longer holy because He is hardly discernible from the world."

■ Bill Izard

# OBH Annual Meeting

Today

After class - 11:20

# LOOKING FOR SIGNS

Text: Matt. 24:1-3

## **Matt 24:1-3**

- 1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.
- 2 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."
- 3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

## **1 Tim 4:1-4**

- 4 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
- 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
- 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

## **2 Tim 3:1-5**

- 3 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
- 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
- 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,
- 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

## **Jude 18, 19**

18 that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

# Last Days

A period of time extending from Christ's first coming all the way through to His Second Coming at the end of the Tribulation. (Heb. 1:1, 2; Joel 2: 28)

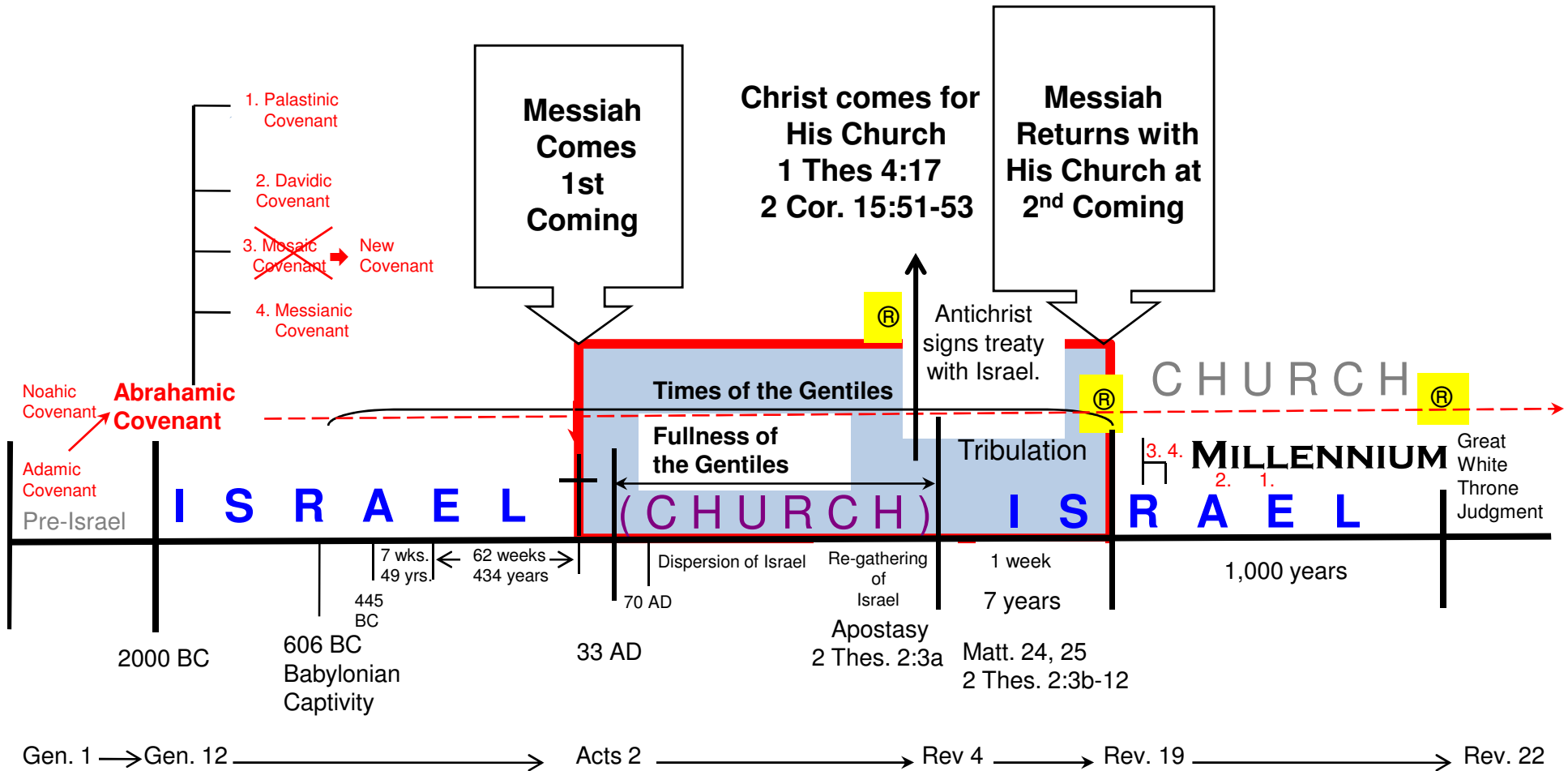
Includes the terms "latter times" (1 Tim. 4:1) and "last hour" (1 Jn. 2:18)

## Heb 1:1-2

- 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
- 2 in these **last days** has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.



# Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events

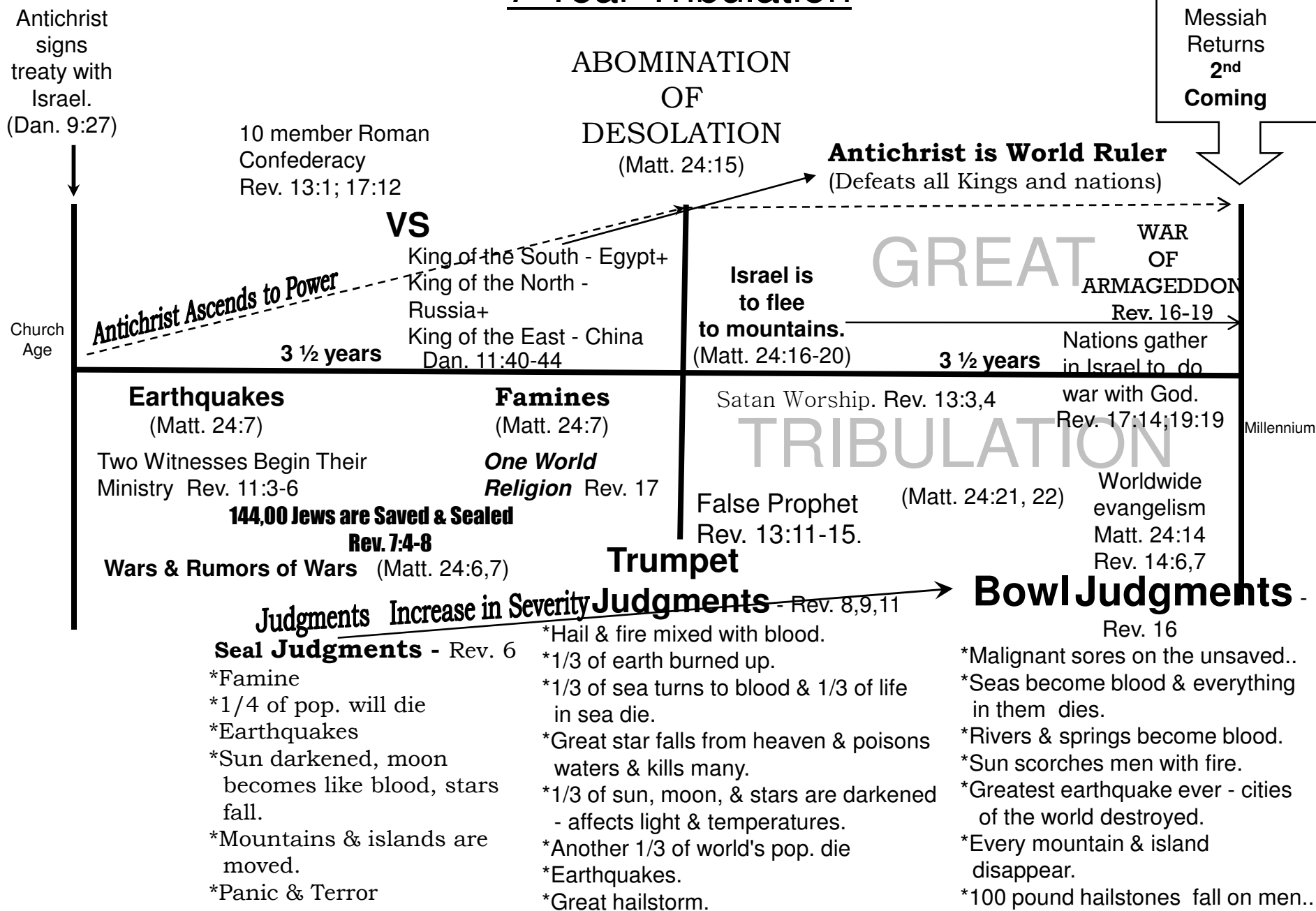


® = Resurrection

## **Luke 21:25-28**

- 25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,
- 26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- 27 "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.
- 28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

# 7 Year Tribulation



## **Acts 1:6-7**

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

## **1 Thess 5:1**

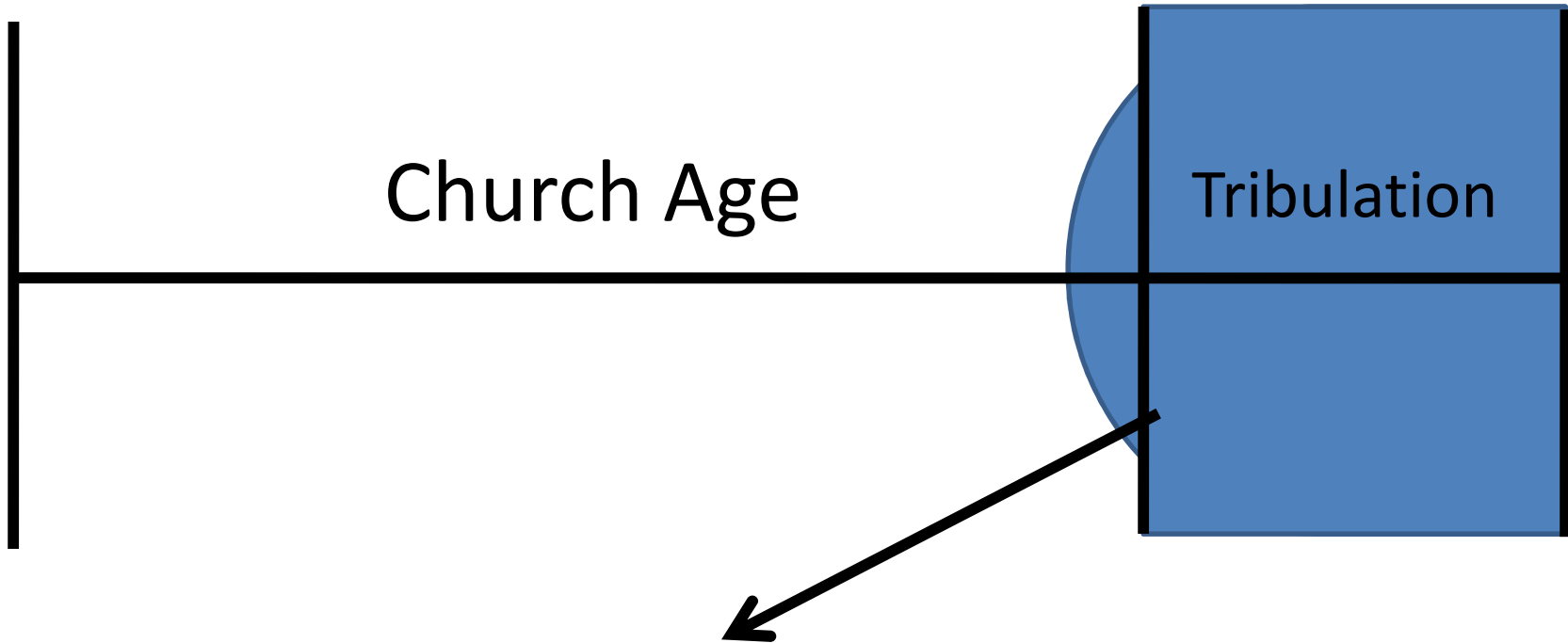
1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

## **Luke 19:13**

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

## **2 Peter 3:3-7**

- 3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,
- 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."
- 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,
- 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.
- 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

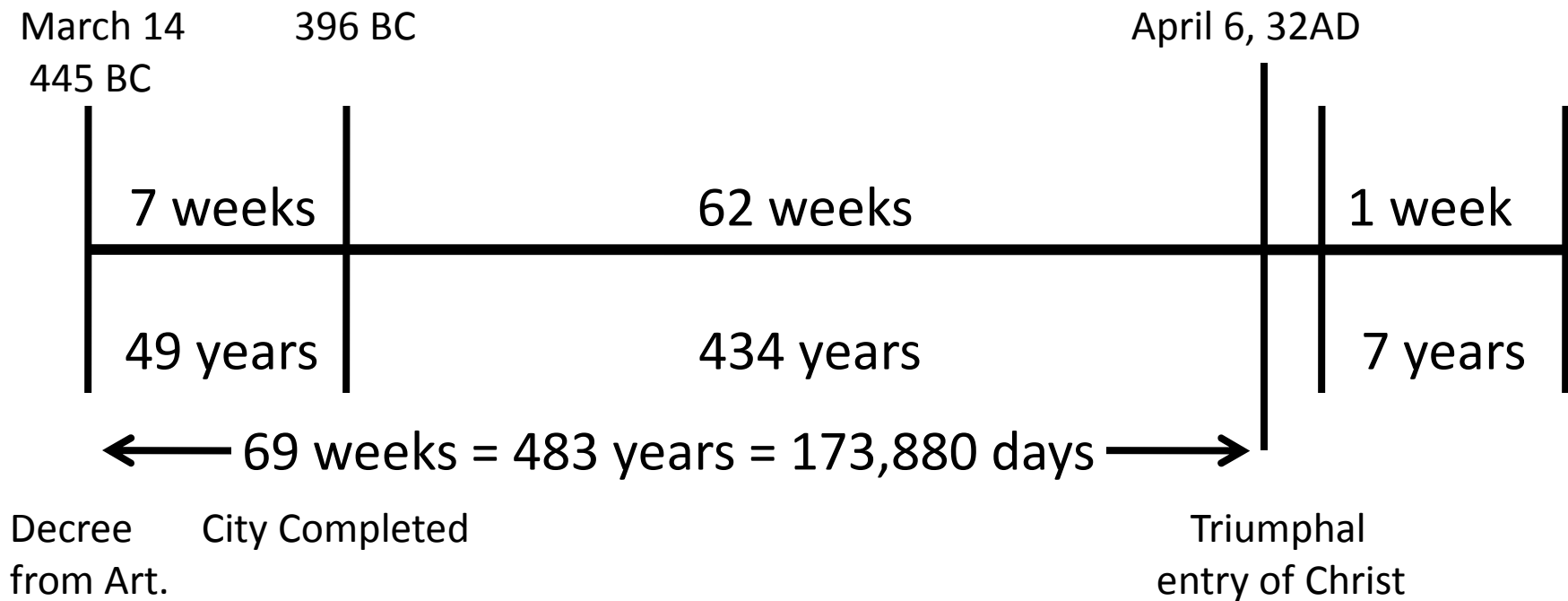


1. Israel is back in the land as a nation.
2. A covenant needs to be signed with Israel.
3. World tension.
4. Antichrist on the world scene.
5. Lawlessness.

## **Dan 9:24-27**

- 24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.
- 25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.
- 26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.
- 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

# Daniel's 70 Weeks





## **1 Peter 4:7**

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

## **Titus 2:13**

13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

## **1 Thess 1:10**

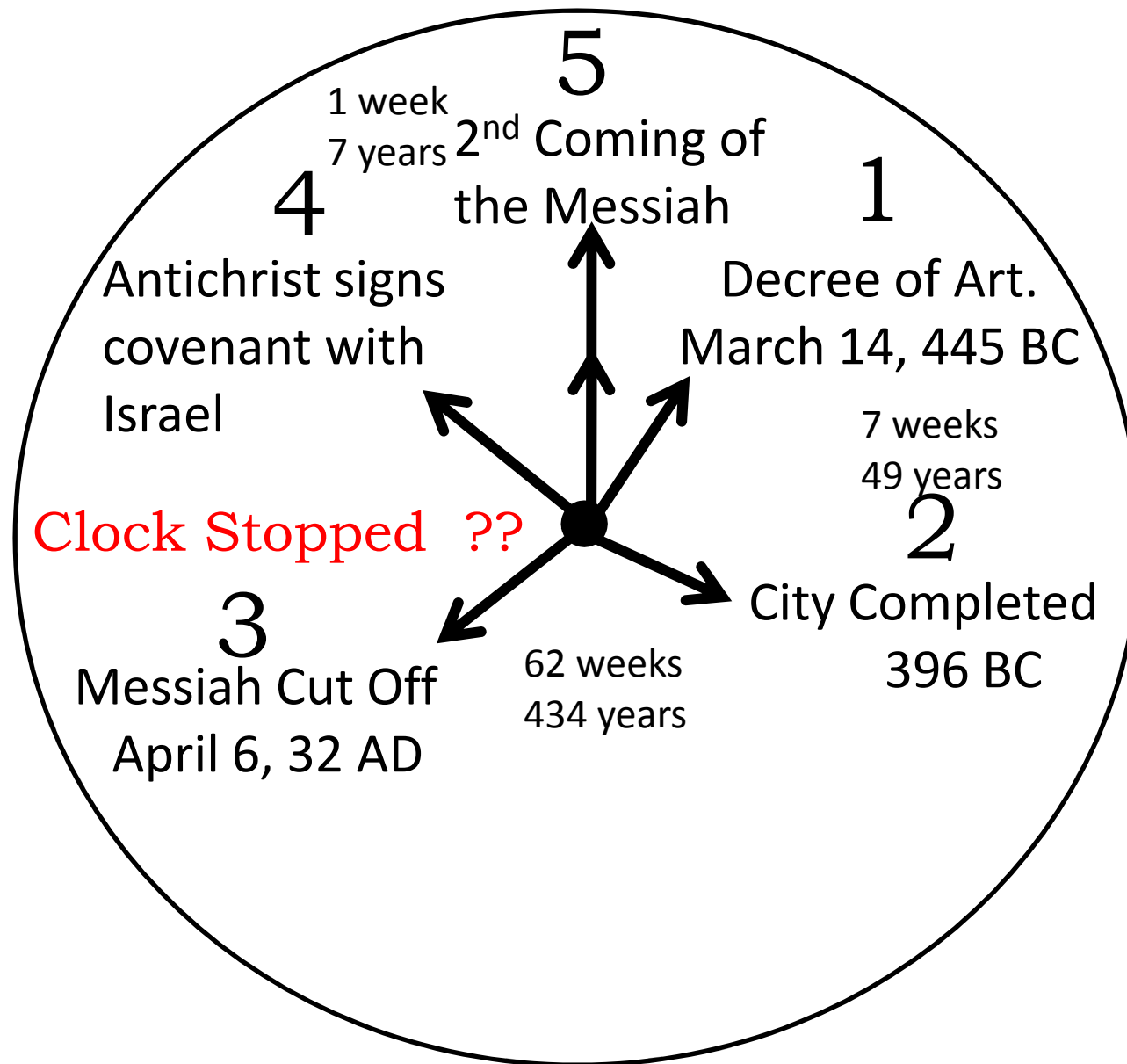
10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

## **James 5:7, 8**

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

# God's Prophetical Clock (70 Week Clock)



## **2 Thess 2:1-12**

- 1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
- 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?
- 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

# Apostasy – αποστασία

1. Rebellion against law. A revolt.

## **Acts 21:21**

21 and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake (commit apostasy) Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

2. Departure.

## *2 possible interpretations:*

1. The departure at the Rapture.
2. The worldwide departure and rebellion against God's law and divine authority. An abandonment of civil order.

## Why it is not #1 – the Rapture:

1. Nowhere in Scripture does it refer to the Rapture as “the departure”.
2. Believers are passive and not active at the Rapture. God snatches them away – they don't choose to depart.

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- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.
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Mark 13:32

As a man he often spoke, reasoned, inquired, felt, feared, read, learned, ate, drank, and walked.

"Nowhere else does the Scripture speak of the rapture as 'the departure.' A departure denotes an act on the part of the individual or company departing. But the rapture is not an act of departure on the part of the saints. In the rapture the church is passive, not active. At the rapture the church is 'caught up' or 'snatched away,' an event wherein the Lord acts to transport believers from earth into His presence (1 Thess. 4:16-17). Everything that takes place with the believers at the rapture is initiated by the Lord and done by Him. Paul has just referred to the rapture as 'our gathering together unto him' (v. 1); why then should he now use this unlikely term to mean the same thing?"<sup>40</sup>

Such a departure had begun in Paul's day (1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; James 5:1-8; 2 Pet. 2; 3:3-6; Jude). However it had not yet reached the proportions predicted to characterize "the apostasy" about which Paul had instructed his readers when he was with them (cf. v. 5). When the Rapture takes place and all true Christians leave the earth, this apostasy will overwhelm the human race.

"This worldwide anti-God movement will be so universal as to earn for itself a special designation: '*the apostasy*'—i.e., the climax of the increasing apostate tendencies evident before the rapture of the church."<sup>37</sup>

"It appears more probable from the context that a general abandonment of the basis of civil order is envisaged. This is not only rebellion against the law of Moses; it is a largescale revolt against public order, and since public order is maintained by the 'governing authorities' who 'have been instituted by God,' any assault on it is an assault on a divine ordinance (Rom 13:1, 2). It is, in fact, the whole concept of divine authority over the world that is set at defiance in '*the rebellion*' par excellence."<sup>38</sup>





