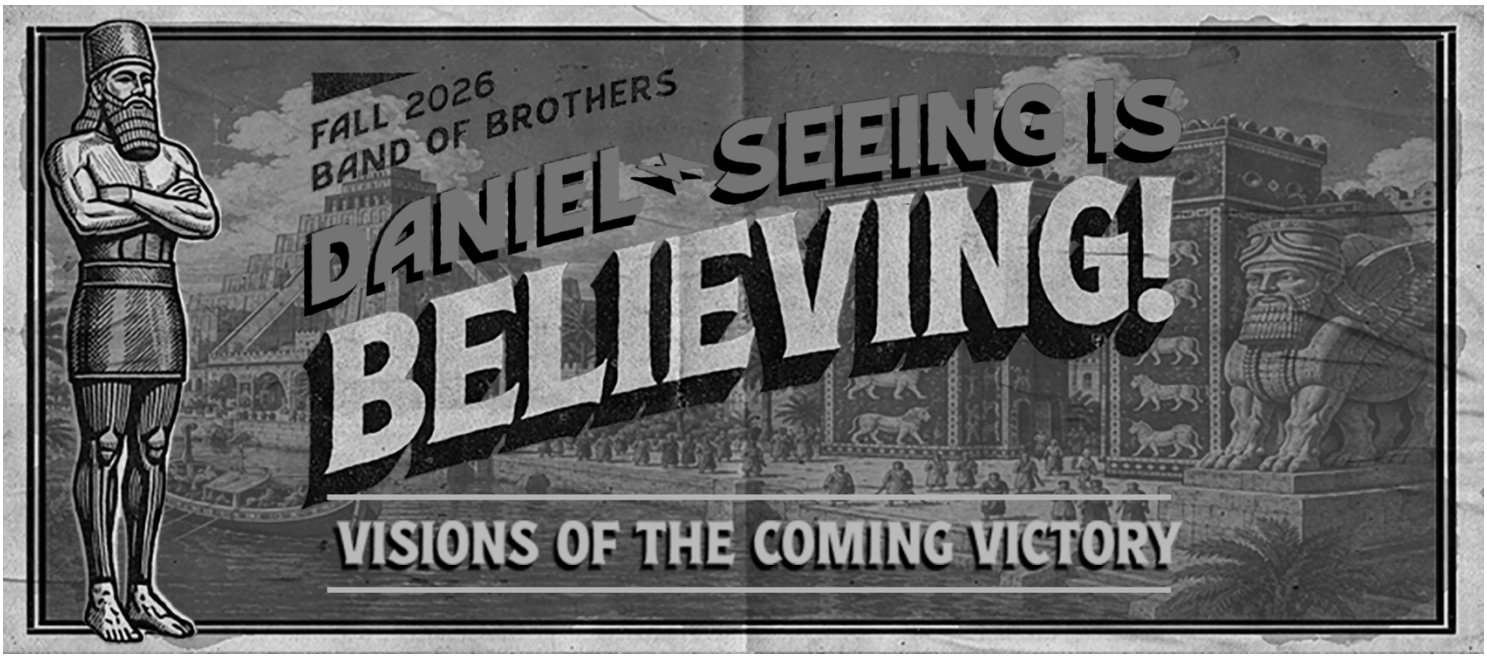


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THE BEGINNING OF THE END

"But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days."– Daniel 12:13 ESV

- **Making sense of all the madness**
  - Daniel has heard, seen, and said a lot
    - He has interpreted dreams…
      had visions
      seen God's promises fulfilled
      wondered about it all

As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. – Daniel 7:15 ESV

Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart. – Daniel 7:28 ESV

I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it. – Daniel 8:27 ESV

So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. – Daniel 10:28 ESV

"O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength." – Daniel 10:16 ESV

I heard, but I did not understand. – Daniel 12:8 ESV

- Daniel was still in the dark
  - God had left out a lot of details
  - But He expected Daniel to trust Him

    *"As for you, **go your way until the end**. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you."* – Daniel 10:1 ESV

- **God has a date in mind**
  - It has nothing to do with the 70 years…
    …but everything to do with Israel
  - He has already given Daniel the timeline
    - All the way back in Chapter 9

      "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." – Daniel 9:24 ESV

  - This is a period of 490 years

    *As I, Daniel, was trying to understand the meaning of this vision, **someone who looked like a man stood in front of me**. And I heard a human voice calling out from the Ulai River.* – Daniel 8:15-16 NLT

  - And he will meet him again
    - Began with Cyrus' decree (583 BC)
      "…from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem." – Daniel 9:25 ESV

    - Extends to Christ's Incarnation
      "…to the coming of an anointed one, a prince." – Daniel 9:25 ESV

    - Ends with His Second Coming and the Millennial Kingdom
      "…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." – Daniel 9:24 ESV

      (SEE CHART ON THE LAST PAGE)

      Daniel 9:25
      7 weeks = 49 years
      (To rebuild Jerusalem)
      62 weeks = 434 years
      (To Jesus' coming)
      A total of 483 years

- **Mind the gap**
  - These prophecies contain gaps…
    - Notice Daniel 9

      "And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing.… And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary." – Daniel 9:26 ESV

      Refers to…
      - 167 BC
        …Antiochus Epiphanes desecrates the Temple
      - 70 AD
        …Titus & the Romans destroy the Temple
      - The Tribulation
        …the Antichrist desecrates the new Temple

      "Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator." – Daniel 9:26, 27 ESV

  - Daniel 11 contains another gap
    - Gabriel has been talking about Antiochus Epiphanes
    - Suddenly the lines begin to blur

      Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.…and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time. – Daniel 11:31-32, 35 NLT

    - God suddenly shifts the focus…
      …from the **near** future (Antiochus Epiphanies)
      …to the **distant** future (Antichrist)
    - Antiochus foreshadows a coming king…
      …who will come at the appointed time,
      replicate Antiochus' actions,
      and amplify his transgressions

      "And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. ***He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished****; for what is decreed shall be done."*
      – Daniel 11:36 ESV

indignation – זַעַם (*zaʿam*)
- fury, anger, wrath
- especially of God's displeasure with sin
- the wrath of God as shown in the infliction of punishment against sin

*"For in a very little while my fury will come to an end, and my **anger** (zaʿam) will be directed to their destruction."* – Isaiah 10:25 ESV

*Go home, my people, and lock your doors! Hide yourselves for a little while until the Lord's **anger** (zaʿam) has passed. Look! The Lord is coming from heaven to punish the people of the earth for their sins.* – Isaiah 26:20-21 NLT

*From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release **the fierce wrath of God**, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.* – Revelation 19:15-16 NLT

"He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts." – Daniel 11:37-38 ESV

"What this king will really trust in is a 'god' who he believes can give him military success. Evidently this is not a god in the religious sense. He will probably idolize power. His forefathers typically acknowledged some supreme being or some pagan god or gods. He will honor his 'god' by spending money to build his military arsenal…he will be a materialist." – Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Daniel*

"At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through." – Daniel 11:40 ESV

- **A glimpse of the Tribulation**
  - All the visions in Daniel are premonitions
    - They point to the end
    - Jesus spoke of these days

*"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.…For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until **the times of the Gentiles** are fulfilled."* – Luke 21:20, 23-24 ESV

*"So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.…For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be."* – Matthew 24:15-16, 21 ESV

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. [2] And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." – Daniel 12:1-2 ESV

- Jeremiah prophesied about this day
  "Thus says the Lord:
  …Alas! That day is so great
  there is none like it;
  it is a time of distress for Jacob;
  yet he shall be saved out of it." – Jeremiah 30:7 ESV

- It will be a time of distress…
  …for Jacob (Israel)
  - The Tribulation is reserved for Israel
  - The Church will not go through it

    "Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth." – Revelation 3:10 ESV

    …you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. – 1 Thessalonians 1:10 ESV

  - The Church will be Raptured

    For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 ESV

    - When Antichrist comes to power…
      …we will not be here
    - But the people of Israel will be

- **The rise of the one-world ruler**
  *And I saw **a beast** rising out of the sea, **with ten horns and seven heads**, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.* – Revelation 13:1 ESV

  *After this I saw…a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. **It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.*** – Daniel 7:7 ESV

  *And the beast that I saw was **like a leopard**; its feet were **like a bear's**, and its mouth was **like a lion's mouth**. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.* – Revelation 13:2 ESV

  - He will arise after the Rapture of the Church
    consolidate all earthly power
    serve as Satan's agent
    wield unparalleled power and authority
    utter blasphemies against God
    make war on the "saints" (God's people)
    set himself up as god

    Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. – Revelation 13:11-15 ESV

  - This is the "abomination of desolation" Gabriel warned Daniel about

    "He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." – Daniel 9:27 NLT

    *When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you **in the latter days**, you will return to the Lord your God and obey his voice. For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.* – Deuteronomy 4:30-31 ESV

    *Alas! **That day** is so great there is none like it; it is **a time of distress** for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.* – Jeremiah 30:7 ESV

*"For then there will be **great tribulatio**n, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."*
– Matthew 24:21-22 ESV

- **Discussion Questions**
  Much of what God revealed to Daniel has not yet happened. What difference does it make for us to we believe these things?

  Look at the chart on the last page and discuss why having a timeline for the end times should bring us comfort rather than discouragement.

  What does God's promise to Daniel in the closing verse of Chapter 12 have to do with us? Do you find it encouraging?

THE 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL 9
A PROPHETIC TIMELINE
70 WEEKS (490 YEARS)
DANIEL 9:24–27
69 WEEKS (483 YEARS)
DANIEL 9:25
DECREE TO RESTORE JERUSALEM
DANIEL 9:25
(e.g., 445 BC)
DEATH OF MESSIAH THE PRINCE
DANIEL 9:26
(ca. AD 30–33)
RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF JESUS
ACTS 1:1–11
THE CHURCH AGE
A MYSTERY PERIOD
EPHESIANS 3:1–6
COLOSSIANS 1:24–26
THE GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS
MATTHEW 28:19–20
RAPTURE
1 THESS. 4:16–17
1 COR. 15:51–52
1 WEEK (7 YEARS)
DANIEL 9:27
THE 7-YEAR TRIBULATION
FIRST HALF (3½ YEARS)
• Covenant confirmed
• Temple sacrifices resume
• Witnesses' ministry
DANIEL 9:27
REVELATION 11:1–6
SECOND HALF (3½ YEARS)
• Covenant broken
• Abomination of desolation
• Great Tribulation
DANIEL 9:27
MATTHEW 24:15–21
REVELATION 6–18
SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
ZECHARIAH 14:4–9
REVELATION 19:11–16
THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM