

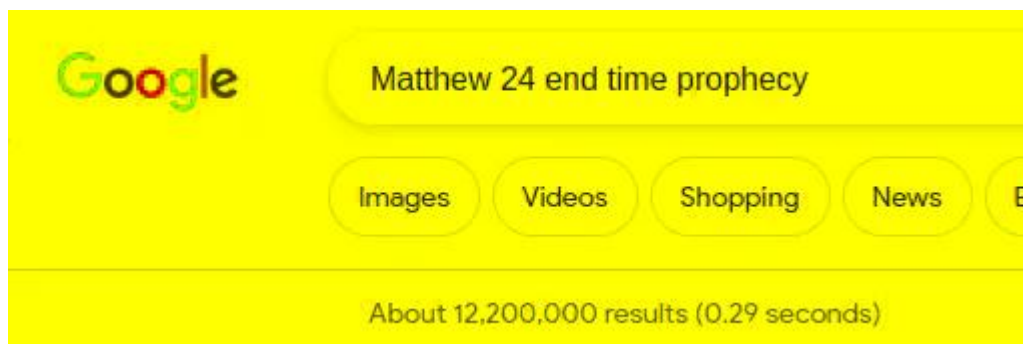
Is the Great Tribulation of Matthew 24 an End-time Event?



I've covered in other articles how the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 has been falsely interpreted to be an End-time event by most evangelicals today. However, because I kept hearing false interpretations about it from people close to me, I felt the need to write something short and thought-provoking to try to lead my fellow brothers and sisters to a deeper and correct understanding of what Jesus was saying to His disciples. I hope to convince you from the Scriptures alone that the Great Tribulation He spoke of in Matthew 24 is *NOT* an End-time event.

The Olivet Discourse is the prophecy Jesus gave His disciples about the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. Evangelicals today interpret Matthew 24 to be an End-time event. And why? Because the Scofield Reference Bible says so! They don't compare Matthew 24 with Mark 13 or Luke 21, for if they did, they might understand that *most* of Matthew 24 is talking about the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by the Roman army in 70 AD.

In case you are a new babe in Christ and are unfamiliar with what evangelicals teach about Matthew 24, just do a Google search with the words *Matthew 24 End time prophecy* and see the number of hits.



I would say 12,200,000 hits indicate that most Christians today believe the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 is an End-time event.

I want to make it clear I didn't come to a good understanding of the Olivet Discourse of Matthew 24 on my own. Commentaries by other men of God,

especially by Bible scholars who lived in the 18th century and earlier helped me greatly. They were men who lived before John Nelson Darby taught Jesuit futurist eschatology in the 19th century which was promoted by the Scofield Reference Bible and the Dallas Theological Seminary in the 20th century.

Let's start this condensed study of Matthew chapter 24 with verse 15:

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

What Scripture spoken of by Daniel was Jesus referring to? The second half of Daniel 9:27 says:

... and for the **overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

What is this talking about? Who uses abominations to make what desolate? Luke who wrote his Gospel to the Greek Gentiles who had not read the prophecy in the book of Daniel defines the abomination of desolation in Luke 21:20 as:

And when ye shall see *Jerusalem compassed with armies*, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

The Roman army was an abomination to the Jews! What do armies do to their enemies' territory? They desolate it! They destroy as much as they can to defeat their enemy. That's what happened when the Jews rebelled against the Roman government. By 70 AD the Roman army destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem and killed over one million Jews in a relatively short time.

Matthew 24:1-2 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Do you see how the beginning of Matthew 24 is clearly referring to the destruction of the Temple? History tells us the "he" of the second half of Daniel 9:27 was General Titus who led the Roman army. According to Josephus, he didn't want to destroy the Temple at first, but his soldiers were so angry toward the Jews Titus couldn't control them.

Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the

mountains:

Just ask yourself, if Matthew 24 is supposed to be an End-time prophecy of great worldwide tribulation of all the peoples of the earth (who according to Scofield missed the rapture) *why* would Jesus specify Judaea? And why would Jesus use the verb “flee”? Flee from what? Flee from the End-time Beast who controls the entire earth? Flee where? If you live in the Great Plains of the USA there are no mountains to flee to. I submit to you therefore this prophecy only makes sense when applied to the followers of Christ who saw the [armies of Rome invade their homeland of Judea in 66 AD when the armies of Rome first approached to stop the Jewish revolt against the empire.](#)

Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

If this is an End-time prophecy that will affect the entire world, *why* would Jesus tell his disciples that? If it's winter in the Northern Hemisphere, it's summer in the Southern Hemisphere. And why pray their flight from danger is not on the sabbath day? Because the gates of Jerusalem and other cities in Judea are *closed* on the Sabbath day! The believers wouldn't be able to leave the cities they are living in on the Sabbath day! I submit to you therefore the prophecy of not talking about the End-time but was specific to the followers of Jesus living in Jerusalem and Judea just before the invasion of the Roman armies the time of the [first Jewish revolt that started in 66 AD.](#)

Matthew 24:21 For *then* shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Verse 21 is where evangelicals get the words, “great tribulation.” But is that what the other two synoptic Gospels call it?

Mark 13:19 For in **those days shall be affliction**, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Luke 21:22 For these be **the days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Days of affliction on whom? Days of vengeance on whom? On the Jesus Christ-rejecting Jews who did *NOT* flee Jerusalem and Judea! The followers of Christ who believed the prophecy Jesus gave on the Mount of Olives obeyed Him and were not in Jerusalem or Judea at the time the Roman armies were crucifying the Jews. They left and camped out somewhere in the mountains where they were safe from attack.

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

What can this mean if the followers of Jesus were safe from attack by the Romans? I think it's logical to say they were fighting for survival in the mountains with limited resources. The Lord therefore shortened the days of the Roman attack so they could go back home. What do you think? It sure makes sense to me.

This is not to say Bible believing followers of Jesus Christ will not face tribulation and persecution in the End-time. No matter who wins the US presidential elections this coming November, half of the country is going to be mad! The US may erupt in a civil war. Insiders like [Bill Gates even predicted one!](#)

Jesus did promise His followers tribulation.

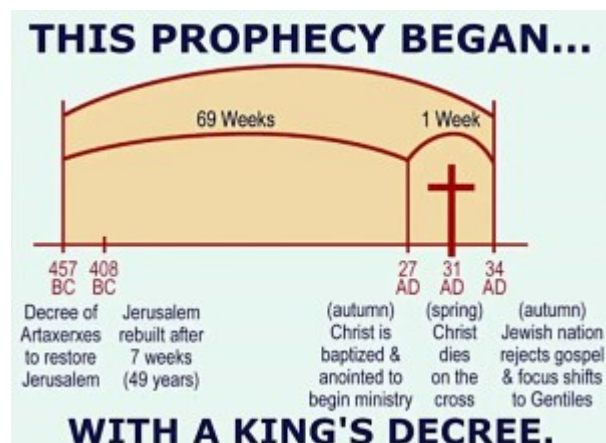
John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. *In the world ye shall have tribulation:* but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

I was taught we can KNOW EXACTLY how long that End-time tribulation will last, and I don't believe that anymore. My Bible teachers were influenced by the doctrines of dispensationalism that Darby and Scofield taught, doctrines that put Israel, not Jesus Christ, at the center of End-time prophecy. Dispensationalism AKA Futurism says that a future Antichrist will tribulate the world for 7 years just before the return of Christ. Some say only 3 and a half years. But both these doctrines are based on a false interpretation of the [70th Week of Daniel, something I wrote extensively about](#) on this website.

Christians from the very beginning have suffered persecution and tribulation by the Roman Beast (government) and yet many American Christians think they will be raptured out to Heaven just before the Antichrist rises! The Antichrist has been around for a long time now! How long? I would say from the time Constantine made Christianity the State Church. That was the Devil's change of plans. He saw persecution by pagan Rome only made the Church grow. By making Rome officially Christian, when the government persecutes believers, it's no longer called persecution of Christians, it's called persecution of *heretics!*

So what will happen? One researcher I know of says Donald Trump will win in November, defeat the evil Left, and bring to America a new era of peace and prosperity based on Christian principles, what some people call "Christian Nationalism." It will seem very good at first, but the Jesuits will be controlling it at the top and lead the government to persecute anybody they don't like, especially the Bible believers. This can't happen under the present US Constitution. Will there be a civil war that leads to the Constitution being revoked or amended? We shall see.

Summary of the Prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 by David Nikao Wilcoxson



David Nikao Wilcoxson is the brother in Christ who opened my eyes to the true interpretation of the prophecy of Daniel 9 and the true meaning of the 70th Week of Daniel. This was in December of 2014, a fraction of the time since I came to know Jesus and the Gospel after coming from Roman Catholic darkness in early 1971. I used to teach the Jesuit / Darby / Scofield interpretation of Daniel 9:27. Imagine that. I'm trying now to help my friends see the truth about it. It was so plain to me when I read it from David's website. I think unless the Holy Spirit enlightens a believer when he or she hears it, it will be like water off a duck's back. You'll either get it immediately, or you won't. Many people just don't get it due to their cognitive bias of hearing the false interpretation of the 70th Week of Daniel most of their lives as a Christian. Or maybe they will get it better from David Wilcoxson than from me which is why I'm posting it.

Here's what David has to say:

I'm sharing this message with you because I appreciate your impact on my life. *Iron sharpens iron*, and I hope I can bless you in return. As I've witnessed the crazy things taking place in our world, it caused me to want to understand the prophecies in Revelation.

We've been taught that most of the Revelation prophecies are yet to be fulfilled during the last 7 or 3 ½ years, so I wanted to understand what prophecy the seven years is based upon. Most people point to the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy.

Many teach that the first 69 weeks of the 70-week prophecy have been fulfilled, but there's a 2000-year time gap between the 69th and 70th week. My first impression is that it doesn't make sense. Why would the Heavenly Father give a 70-week timeline which isn't fulfilled in 70 consecutive weeks?

We've been taught that the 'covenant' in Daniel 9:27 points to the antichrist

making a 7-year peace agreement with Israel. When I read Daniel 9 to understand the context, I saw that Daniel was not praying about the end times or the antichrist but that he wanted to know what would happen to the Jews when they would be released from captivity in Babylon.

And to me, it doesn't make sense that the same four verses, which foretold when Messiah came to die for our sins, are also about His enemy, the antichrist, who appears 2000 years later.

I noticed that Daniel 9:4 mentions a *covenant* that the Heavenly Father keeps *with those who love Him and seek to obey Him*. The highlight of the prophecy is *Messiah the Prince*, so it makes sense that He came to *confirm* the *everlasting covenant* of mercy to those who love the Father.

And then the Spirit led me to verses that validate it. Romans 15:8 says *He was sent to confirm the promises made unto Abraham*. Galatians 3:17 points to Messiah *confirming the covenant*. Hebrews 7:22 tells us that *Messiah is the surety of the covenant, that He is the bondsman who ratified it with His blood*. Hebrews 8:6, 9:15-17, and 12:24 say He is the covenant's Mediator. Hebrews 13:20 says that *we're saved through the blood of the everlasting covenant*, shed by Messiah.

There's a consistent narrative: Daniel 9:27 points to Messiah the Prince confirming the everlasting covenant, and the New Testament contains verses about Messiah and the covenant.

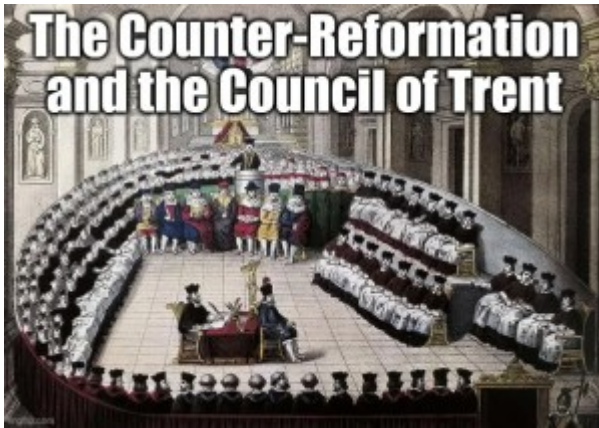
And this explanation fulfills the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 in 70 consecutive weeks. This was a game-changing revelation for me, as it shows that the enemy has created a grand deception about the fulfillment of prophecy. I know this explanation is contrary to what we've been led to believe, so I pray that you will pursue this matter, as we'll be held accountable for what we teach about prophecy. I've included a summary about the fulfillment of the 70th week of Daniel 9. I pray that it opens your eyes.

The fulfillment of the Daniel 9 prophecy testifies to the glory of our King! Hallelujah!

(End of message from David Wilcoxson.)

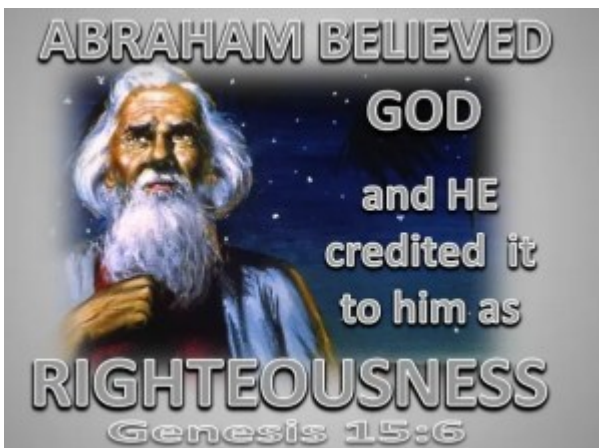
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[The History of the Counter-Reformation in a Nutshell](#)



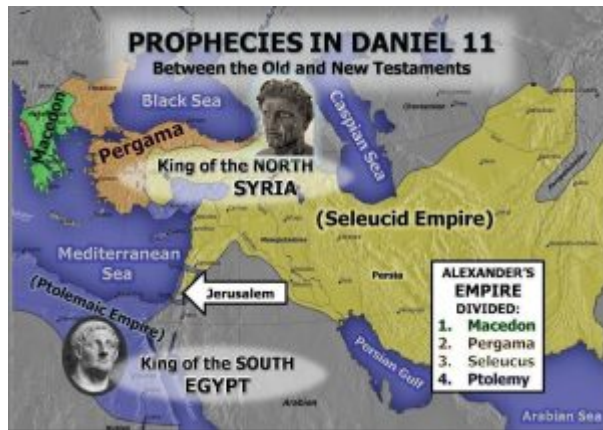
True Protestantism is Bible based Christianity. The Jesuit Counter-Reformation is the effort to eliminate Protestantism and Bible based doctrines entirely.

What is “The Covenant” of the Book of Daniel?



The Covenant of the Book of Daniel is referring to the Covenant God made with Abraham. Jesus confirmed it by preaching the Gospel of grace to the Jews.

Who is the Prince of the Covenant of Daniel 11:22 ?



One of the problems of interpretation of Bible prophecy is not knowing it was fulfilled in the past and therefore thinking it is a future event. This is why the “prince of the covenant” of Daniel chapter 11 is popularly interpreted to be the Antichrist of the future who makes some kind of peace deal with the nation of Israel. This kind of interpretation is called “eisegesis” meaning reading into the text what it is not actually saying. Eisegesis is the process of interpreting the text in such a way as to introduce one’s own presuppositions, agendas or biases. It is commonly referred to as reading into the text. That’s a no-no!

Let’s read Daniel 11:22 in context with verses before and after.

Daniel 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up **a vile person**, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also **the prince of the covenant**.

23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

It’s my observation that contemporary Bible prophecy teachers confuse the prophecy of Daniel 9:27 with the prophecies of Daniel 11. They are entirely different! Daniel 9:27 was fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Apostles during a seven-year period from 27 AD which was the year Jesus started His ministry of preaching the Gospel to the restored house of Israel which confirmed the Covenant God made with Abraham, the Covenant of grace through belief in God’s Word. The Bible says so no less than 3 times!

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

And the Apostle Paul unequivocally says the Covenant of Daniel 9:27 was

confirmed in Christ!

Galatians 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ,...

I won't discuss Daniel 9:27 further in this article because I have covered it in detail a [multitude of times on this website](#). What I want to talk about now is the problem of combining prophecies that are not related to each other.

Commentary of Daniel chapter 11:21-22 from Adam Clarke (1762 – 26 August 1832), a British Methodist theologian.

Daniel 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up **a vile person**, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

In his estate shall stand up a vile person – This was Antiochus, surnamed Epiphanes – the Illustrious. They did not give him the honour of the kingdom: he was at Athens, on his way from Rome, when his father died; and Heliodorus had declared himself king, as had several others. But Antiochus came in peaceably, for he obtained the kingdom by flatteries. He flattered Eumenes, king of Pergamus, and Attalus his brother, and got their assistance. He flattered the Romans, and sent ambassadors to court their favour, and pay them the arrears of the tribute. He flattered the Syrians, and gained their concurrence; and as he flattered the Syrians, so they flattered him, giving him the epithet of Epiphanes – the Illustrious. But that he was what the prophet here calls him, a vile person, is fully evident from what Polybius says of him, from Athenaeus, lib. v.: "He was every man's companion: he resorted to the common shops, and prattled with the workmen: he frequented the common taverns, and ate and drank with the meanest fellows, singing debauched songs," &c., &c. On this account, a contemporary writer, and others after him, instead of Epiphanes, called him Epimanes – the Madman.

"Antiochus IV Epiphanes (c. 215 BC – November/December 164 BC) was a Greek Hellenistic king who ruled the Seleucid Empire from 175 BC until his death in 164 BC. He was a son of King Antiochus III the Great. Originally named Mithradates (alternative form Mithridates), he assumed the name Antiochus after he ascended the throne. Notable events during Antiochus's reign include his near-conquest of Ptolemaic Egypt, his persecution of the Jews of Judea and Samaria, and the rebellion of the Jewish Maccabees." – Source: Wikipedia

Daniel 11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also **the prince of the covenant**.

And with the arms of a flood – The arms which were overflown before him were his competitors for the crown. They were vanquished by the forces of Eumenes and Attalus; and were dissipated by the arrival of Antiochus from Athens,

whose presence disconcerted all their measures.

The prince of the covenant – This was Onias, the high priest, whom he removed, and put Jason in his place, who had given him a great sum of money; and then put wicked Menelaus in his room, who had offered him a larger sum. Thus he acted deceitfully in the league made with Jason.

Commentary from Albert Barnes (December 1, 1798 – December 24, 1870), who was an American theologian.

Yea, also the prince of the covenant – He also shall be broken and overcome. There has been some diversity of opinion as to who is meant by “the prince of the covenant” here. Many suppose that it is the high priest of the Jews, as being the chief prince or ruler under the “covenant” which God made with them, or among the “covenant” people. But this appellation is not elsewhere given to the Jewish high priest, nor is it such as could with much propriety be applied to him. The reference is rather to the king of Egypt, with whom a covenant or compact had been made by Antiochus the Great, and who was supposed to be united, therefore, to the Syrians by a solemn treaty. See Lengerke, in loc. So Elliott, “Rev.” iv. 133.

Commentary from contemporary Bible teacher.

There’s a prince that’s coming. He’s going to make a covenant and to me, it just tells you two things. We’re talking about the rise of the Antichrist and the timing. We finally began the Tribulation, notice verse 23 and after the league made with him. That’s the Covenant. So he makes a Covenant but he’s a liar he’s a vile person and after the league made with him, he shall work deceitfully.

As you can see, this Bible teacher is giving us a futuristic interpretation. He’s calling the Prince of the Covenant the Antichrist. This is exactly what I was taught in the 1970s by a Bible prophecy teacher. And this teacher is also mixing together the prophecies of Daniel 9 with Daniel 11.

Some say a prophecy can have multiple fulfillments but I see no precedent for that in the Scriptures. Daniel 9:27 was fulfilled 2000 years ago and can never be repeated.

Albert Barnes and Adam Clarke come much closer to the truth in their historical interpretation of the Prince of the Covenant than do popular end-time Bible prophecy teachers of today.

If you were looking for an article on Christmas day about the birth of Christ, I have nothing better to tell you than to read the Gospel of Luke chapters one and two and also Isaiah chapter 53. That’s what me and my wife did for our morning devotions.

The Most Misunderstood Parts of the Olivet Discourse Explained!



The Olivet Discourse in Matthew is so misunderstood because it transitions from the fall of Jerusalem up to verse 34 to the end of the world from verse 35!

Know Your Enemy

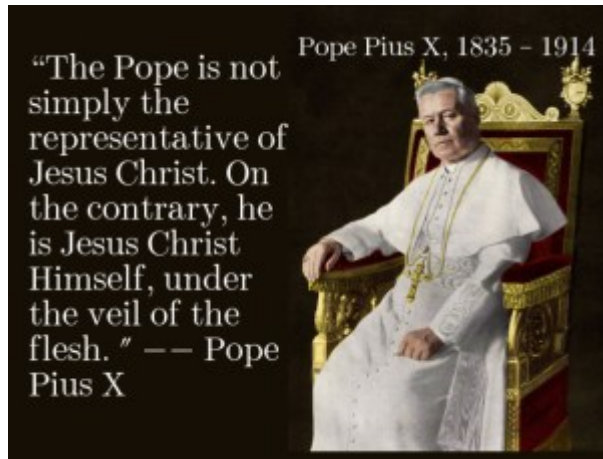


The World Run by Arturo Sosa Abascal through Pope Francis



The evil powers that be causes people to debate about the actors so that they don't focus on the director who is controlling the whole narrative!

Seven Events Evangelicals Incorrectly Believe Will be Fulfilled in the Endtime



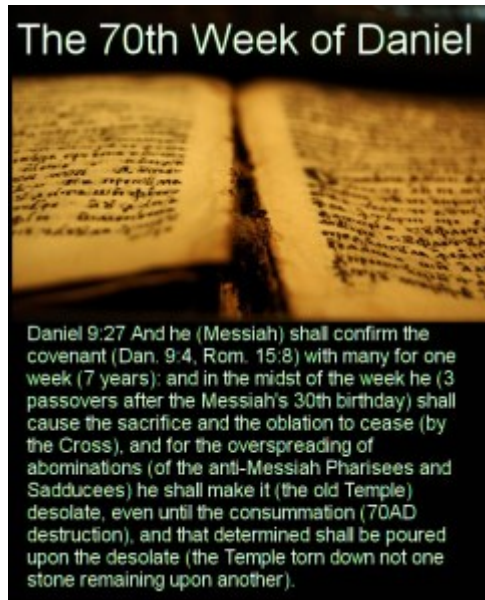
Most evangelicals today are teaching false Endtime doctrines based on a false interpretation of Daniel 9:27. Futurism originated with a Jesuit priest Francesco Rivera in the 16th century.

Gog and Magog identified: Turkey, NOT Russia!



The erroneous belief that Russia is Magog can be traced back to a small group of 18th and 19th century theologians who wrote long before the primary evidence from the ancient Assyrian records was discovered, translated and made available to the public.

Comparison of the top 7 Popular Bible translations of Daniel 9 verses 4 and 27 to the KJV



This article lists the 8 top selling Bible translations in the USA. The KJV is ranked number 2. Do they all teach the same things about the prophecy of the 70th Week of Daniel? I consider the correct translation of Daniel 9:27 to be of utmost importance. Why? It's because most contemporary Protestant evangelicals believe the "he" of Daniel 9:27 is the Antichrist, a secular humanist who makes an Endtime treaty with the Jews who reconstruct a third temple of Solomon which the Antichrist defiles by placing the abomination of desolation. Does the King James version teach that?

King James Version (KJV)

4 and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping **the covenant** and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

27 And he shall **confirm the covenant** with many for one week:

The wording of "the covenant" in verse 4 and verse 27 are identical. The King James translators believed the covenant of verse 4 is the same covenant of verse 27, i.e., God's covenant of grace to Abraham and those like Abraham who believe in the Word of God by faith. The "he" of verse 27 was interpreted by the early Protestants to be *Jesus Christ* who *confirmed*, not made, the Abrahamic covenant, God's covenant of grace to His people.

New International Version (NIV)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:
“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps **his covenant** of love
with those who love him and keep his commandments,

27 He will confirm **a covenant** with many for one ‘seven.

Notice the difference? “A covenant” and “his covenant” are not necessarily the same thing according to the literal meaning of this translation.

New Living Translation (NLT)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

“O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill **your covenant** and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands.

27 The ruler will **make a treaty** with the people for a period of one set of seven.

NLT doesn’t even use the word covenant! “Make a treaty” and “confirm the covenant” are two different things.

New King James Version (NKJV)

4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said,
“O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps **His covenant** and mercy
with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

27 Then he shall confirm **a covenant** with many for one week;

NKJV does not use the definite article “the” before covenant.

English Standard Version (ESV)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord,
the great and awesome God, who **keeps covenant** and steadfast love
with those who love him and keep his commandments,

27 And he shall **make a strong covenant** with many for one week,

Make is not the same thing as confirm.

Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

Ah, Lord—the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps **His gracious covenant** with those who love Him and keep His commands—

27 He will **make** a firm covenant[a]
with many for one week,

[A] Or will enforce a covenant

Even the footnotes are wrong on the HCSB

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, “Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps **His covenant** and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

27 And he will **make a firm covenant** with the many for one week,

Common English Bible (CEB)

4 As I prayed to the Lord my God, I made this confession:

Please, my Lord—you are the great and awesome God, the one who keeps **the covenant**, and truly faithful to all who love him and keep his commands:

27 For one week, he will **make a** strong covenant with many people.

I hope you see clearly that a good Bible translation is important! Do you have a problem with the KJV being authorized by a British monarch you don't like? If so, read the Geneva Bible of 1599! It gets Daniel 9:27 correct.

1599 Geneva Bible (GNV)

4 And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, saying, Oh Lord God which art great and fearful, and keepest covenant and mercy toward them which love thee, and toward them that keep thy commandments,

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:

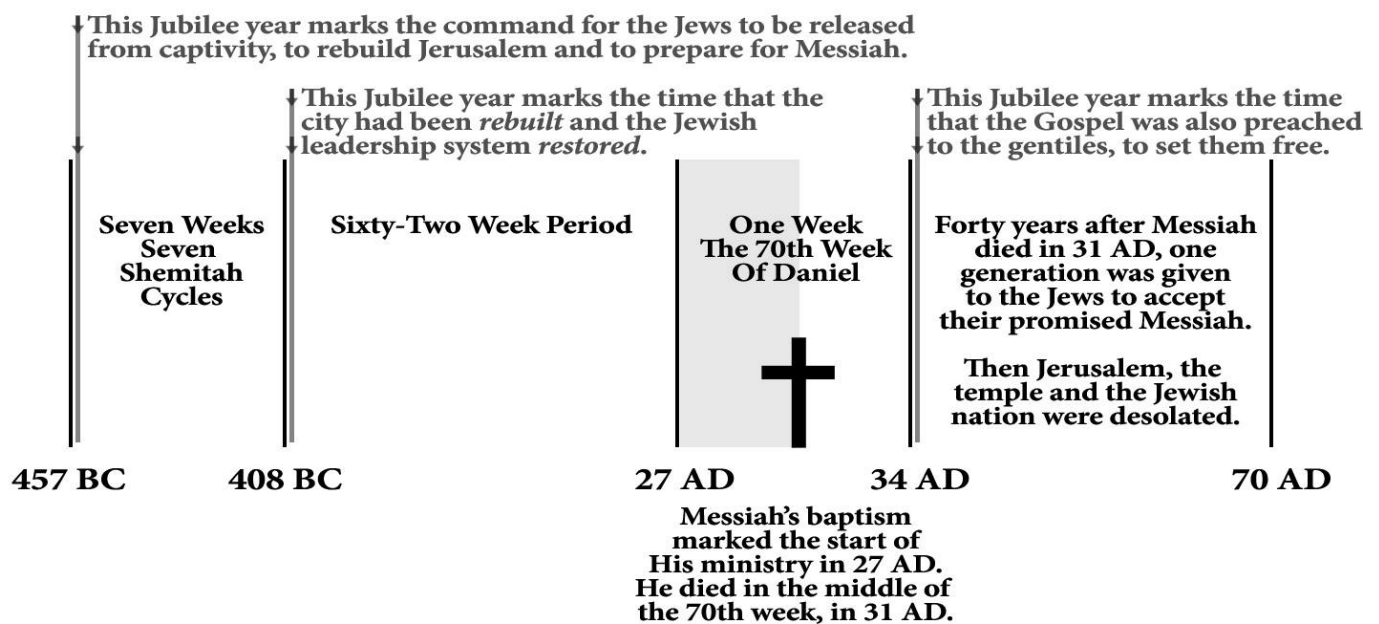
But unfortunately the Geneva Bible doesn't put the definite article before “covenant” in verse 4. This confirms in my mind that the KJV is superior to the GNV.

The false teaching of a future Endtime Antichrist making a covenant with the Jews to create a third temple of Solomon was cooked up around 1580 by a Jesuit priest named Francesco Ribera. He was commissioned by the Vatican to figure out a way to get Protestants' eyes off of the papacy as being the

Antichrist. In order for this to work, the Devil had to distort Bible translations to say “make” rather than “confirm” and use different wording for covenant so nobody would associate the covenant with the one written in verse 4.

The Timeline of Daniel 9:24-27 Illustrated

Ten Shemitah cycles of forty-nine years, make up the 490-year prophecy. It starts with the Jewish captives being released from captivity, and it ends with the gentiles being released from their spiritual captivity.



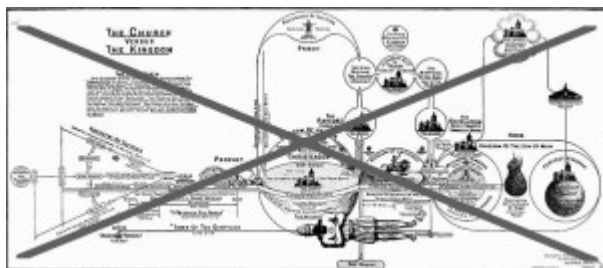
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Hermeneutics: The Principles for Proper Interpretation of the Bible



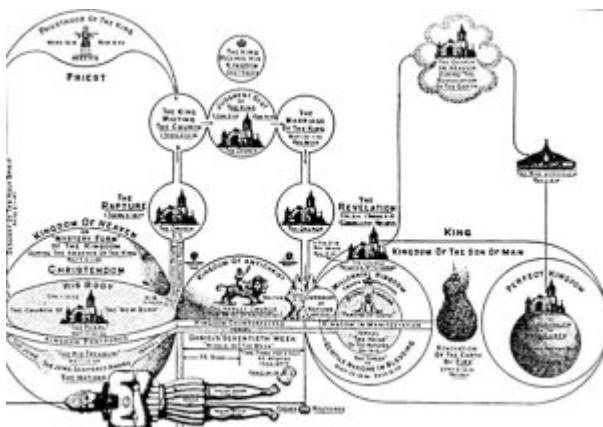
Hermeneutics is the theory and methodology of interpretation of biblical text. They are all based on common sense.

Deconstructing Dispensationalism



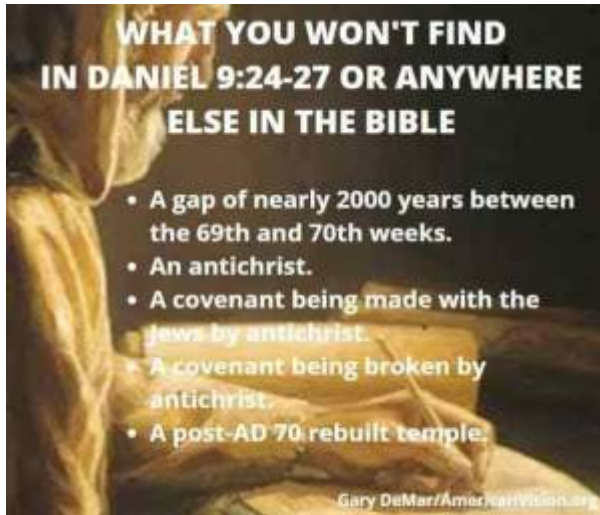
An excellent talk about what Dispensationalism is, the history behind it, and why it is a set of false heretical eschatological doctrines.

Fallacies Of Futurism – by Henry Grattan Guinness



The doctrine of Futurism exposed as pure speculation and a false interpretation of the 70th Week of Daniel.

What early Protestants had to say about the 70th Week of Daniel



Most Protestant and Baptist leaders up to sometime in the 19th century did not hold the view that Daniel 9:27 will be fulfilled by a future Antichrist, but that it was *already fulfilled* by Jesus Christ!

What is the Holy Covenant of the Book of Daniel?



The “holy covenant” of the Book of Daniel is God’s covenant with His people and not an Endtime treaty the Antichrist makes with the Jews.

Exegesis vs Eisegesis of Interpretation of Bible Prophecy

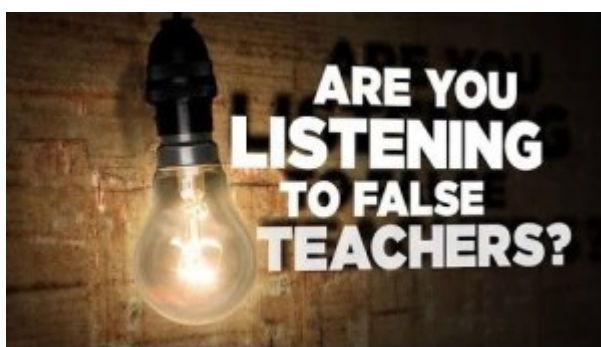


EXEGESIS IS DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE
TO DISCOVER ITS REAL MEANING.



Did you know that most evangelicals today believe interpretations of the prophecies of Daniel, Matthew 24, and the Book of Revelation that are based not on what the Bible says, but what John Nelson Darby (18 November 1800 – 29 April 1882) and C.I. Scofield (August 19, 1843 – July 24, 1921) says it means?

[Geneva Bible Footnotes Refute Popular Contemporary Evangelical Endtime Doctrines](#)



My wife and I attend a local Baptist church. We like the pastor. He's a humble man who teaches the Word of God directly from the King James Version of the Bible. He preaches the true doctrine of salvation by faith alone, through grace alone, through Christ alone. He teaches us good practical lessons on how to avoid sin in our lives. But we also think Baptist eschatology is wrong because it was influenced by C.I. Scofield and his reference Bible. We are thankful that our pastor doesn't preach these false Endtime doctrines of Scofield. He himself confessed to being weak in eschatological doctrines. That's fine with me and my wife. Better not to

teach them at all than to teach false doctrines. And what are these false doctrines that are held as truth by many evangelicals today?

1. Pre-tribulation rapture
2. Secret rapture of the saints
3. The 70th Week of Daniel being an Endtime event of the seven-year reign of the Antichrist
4. Israel is the time-clock of the Endtime.
5. The creation of the modern state of Israel in 1948 was fulfilment of prophecy
6. The Temple of Solomon will be rebuilt in the Endtime so that the Antichrist will sit in it and declare himself to be God.

The most commonly held Southern Baptist eschatology is known as "pretribulational premillennialism." In this view, Jesus will return to earth but not stay. He will rapture believers, removing them from Earth. Southern Baptists believe that a seven-year-long tribulation period will follow the rapture. They believe during the tribulation period that the Antichrist will conquer Earth, and they believe that Jesus will return again after the seven years and judge the living and the dead. Finally, they believe a 1,000-year-long Kingdom of God on Earth will follow. (From [Southern Baptist Eschatology Beliefs](#))

Where do the Baptists get the idea of a seven-year-long tribulation person after the rapture? Not from the Bible! They got it from a false interpretation of Daniel 9:27 promoted by John Nelson Darby and C.I. Scofield.

The Geneva Bible was published in 1560, which is 51 years before the King James Version. It was translated by men of God in Geneva Switzerland who were not under any political / government pressure that influenced their translation. The translators included footnotes to help make difficult passages clearer. Those footnotes are all based on what all Protestants in general held to be true. King James of England did not like some of those footnotes. He wanted a Bible that didn't include them. Hence we have the King James Version which is very similar to the Geneva Bible but without the footnotes. Let's see how the footnotes interpret certain scriptures.

Daniel 9:27 is probably the most misinterpreted prophecy in the entire Bible! Let's see how the Geneva Bible interprets it:

Daniel 9:27 And he {a} shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to {b} cease, {c} and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

(a) By the preaching of the Gospel he affirmed his promise, first to the Jews, and after to the Gentiles.

(b) Christ accomplished this by his death and resurrection.

(c) Meaning that Jerusalem and the sanctuary would be utterly destroyed because of their rebellion against God, and their idolatry: or as some read, that the plague will be so great, that they will all be astonished at them.

And how does modern evangelical eschatology interpret it? They replace the "he" which is Christ with Antichrist and say the Antichrist will make a 7-year covenant with the Jews in order that they can rebuild a third Temple of Solomon to renew their animal sacrifices to God. Just ask yourself, would a rebuilt Temple Solomon honor God? Absolutely not! And why? Because it would represent a further rejection of the Blood of the Lamb, the Blood of Jesus Christ for our sins, and substitute animal blood instead! Would such a Temple be therefore the "holy place" of Matthew 24:15? Again, absolutely not for the reason stated above. There is no prophecy anywhere in the Bible of a third Temple of a Solomon. And not only does Daniel 9:27 not talk about a rebuilt Temple, it's a prophecy about the *destruction* of the Temple and Jerusalem in 70 AD! It's only *speculation* that the Jews need to rebuild the Temple in the Endtime so that the Antichrist can sit in it to proclaim himself to be God! And why did they speculate that? From a false interpretation of 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: {3} for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and {e} that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

(3) The apostle foretells that before the coming of the Lord, there will be a throne set up completely contrary to Christ's glory, in which that wicked man will sit, and transfer all things that appertain to God to himself: and many will fall away from God to him.

(e) By speaking of one, he singles out the person of the tyrannous and persecuting antichrist.

2:4 Who opposeth and {f} exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; {4} so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

(f) All men know who he is that says he can shut up heaven and open it at his pleasure, and takes upon himself to be lord and master above all kings and princes, before whom kings and princes fall down and worship, honouring that antichrist as a god.

(4) He foretells that the antichrist (that is, whoever he is that will occupy that seat that falls away from God) will not reign outside of the Church, but in the very bosom of the Church.

Any Protestant reading the Geneva Bible footnote of verse 4 would know for certain it is talking about the Popes of Rome. Evangelicals today do not interpret it that way. They say 2 Thess 2:4 is talking about the Endtime Antichrist sitting in a rebuilt Temple of Solomon. What does the New Testament call the Temple?

1 Corinthians 3:16 ¶Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The Church, the saints of God, is the Temple of God, not a physical temple made with hands. The early Protestants knew that which is why they believed the identity of the Antichrist is the popes of Rome. It was the Pope who set himself above the kings and princes of Europe. It was the Pope who claimed to be the head of the Church and the vicar of Christ. Does Pope Francis today say the same thing? He does.

Here is the crux of the matter and the reason for false Endtime teaching: They were cooked up by Jesuit priests who lead the Counter-Reformation to get the Protestants to get their eyes off the Popes of Roman as the biblical Antichrist! They sure did a bang-up job, didn't they? But thankfully there are Christians today who know the truth, and they are mostly Christians who still remember what Protestants used to teach up to the 18th century. The Baptists do not identify with Protestantism because they claim to be descended from the Anabaptists who predate the Protestant Reformation. This is true. It's just sad that Baptists and other evangelicals such as Pentecostals were influenced by C.I. Scofield's doctrines while the Presbyterians and other mainstream Protestant churches were not.

[The New Testament Jesus Referred to is the Covenant with Many of Daniel 9:27](#)

Matthew 26:28 NASB

for this is My blood of the **covenant**,
which is poured out **for many** for
forgiveness of sins.

Daniel 9:27a NASB

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;

I was impressed by this meme but I don't like the NASB translation. This post is to show that the KJV teaches the same things.

In the verses below, the words "testament" and "covenant" are translations of the same Greek word, διαθήκη, transliteration: diathēkē, pronunciation: dee-ath-ay'-kay. In Strong's concordance, it is numbered G1242.

*Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new **testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

*Mark 14:24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new **testament**, which is shed for many.*

*Luke 1:72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy **covenant**;*

*Luke 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new **testament** in my blood, which is shed for you.*

*Acts 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the **covenant** which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.*

*Acts 7:8 And he gave him the **covenant** of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.*

The Greek word *diathēkē* is translated as

- covenants in Romans 9:4
- covenant in Romans 11:27
- testament in 1 Corinthians 11:25
- testament in 2 Corinthians 3:6
- testament in 2 Corinthians 3:14
- covenant in Galatians 3:15
- covenant in Galatians 3:17
- covenants in Galatians 4:24
- covenants in Ephesians 2:12
- testament in Hebrews 7:22
- covenant in Hebrews 8:6
- covenant in Hebrews 8:8
- covenant in Hebrews 8:9 (two occurrences)
- covenant in Hebrews 8:10
- covenant in Hebrews 9:4 (two occurrences)
- testament in Hebrews 9:15 (two occurrences)
- testament in Hebrews 9:16
- testament in Hebrews 9:17
- testament in Hebrews 9:18
- testament in Hebrews 9:20
- covenant in Hebrews 10:16
- covenant in Hebrews 10:29
- covenant in Hebrews 12:24
- covenant in Hebrews 13:20
- testament in Revelation 11:19

I hope I have proved to you that the words “covenant” and “testament” are translated from the same Greek word and used interchangeably. They are used interchangeably especially in the Book of Hebrews which uses insightful adjectives to modify the words covenant and testament.

- Hebrews 7:22 better testament
- Hebrews 8:6 better covenant
- Hebrews 8:8 new covenant
- Hebrews 9:15 new testament
- Hebrews 10:29 the blood of the covenant

- Hebrews 12:24 new covenant
- Hebrews 13:20 everlasting covenant

I, therefore, believe it to be absolutely correct to change the meme that appears at the beginning of this article by using the KJV translation of God's Word. And though the word covenant of Daniel 9:27 is not translated from Greek but from Hebrew, I think the Book of Hebrews clearly shows that both the Hebrew word and the Greek word have the exact same meaning because it refers to the Old Testament Covenant many times.

The New Testament words "testament" and "covenant" are translations of the same Greek word, διαθήκη, transliteration: *diathēkē*, and are used interchangeably in the New Testament. The Book of Hebrews connects the Old Testament covenant with the new covenant made by Christ .

Matthew 26:28

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Daniel 9:27a

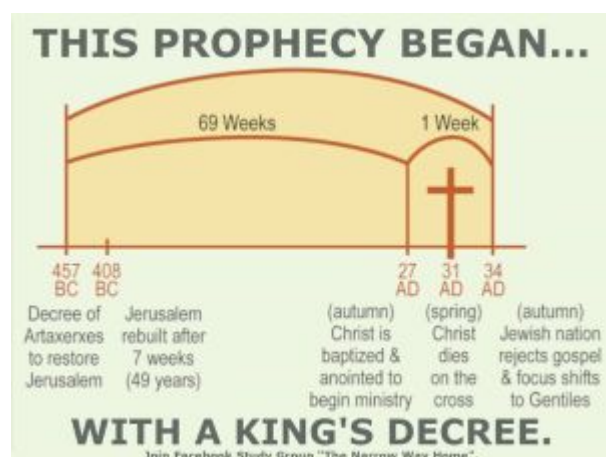
And he (the Messiah of verse 26) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease... (By Jesus' death on the Cross)

[The Folly of Misinterpreting Fulfilled Bible Prophecy as Yet Unfulfilled](#)



It's a Jesuit's trick to interpret fulfilled prophecies as if they are still future. The rise of the Antichrist is one of them. The Popes ARE the Antichrist!

The 70th Week of Daniel – Fulfilled 2000 Years Ago



In January 1971, thanks to the ministry of a Christian group called the Navigators, I came to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. The Navigators fed me with the milk of the Word of God. As an organization they didn't get into eschatology. Their motto was and still is, "To know Christ and make Him known." I think this is indeed a worthy motto to live ones life by as a Christian! I was in the U.S. Air Force at the time. My Navigator buddy and I would go door to door in the barracks and talk to young airmen about Christ. Most of them were willing to talk. Most of them were single and had a lot of time on their hands when not performing their military duties. I know that was true of me, only 21 years old then.

From 1974 after I was discharged from the Air Force, I began to fellowship with other believers, Christians who had more of an emphasis on Endtime doctrines, eschatology, the science of last things. It was then I studied the prophecies of Daniel, specifically Daniel chapter 2 and 7-12. I learned about the 70 Weeks of Daniel.

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

I was told this was a Messianic prophecy except for the final week which is about the Antichrist making a treaty with the Jews and world religions, some kind of peace pact with the Muslims, in order to rebuild the Temple of Solomon to resume animal sacrifices for the Jewish religion. I was told that the Antichrist would after three and a half years decide to break his treaty, enter the Temple, and declare himself to be god!

There are variations of this scenario. Some believe that Christians will be raptured out before the Antichrist rises, others believe we will be raptured at the midway 3.5 year point, and still others believe the rapture won't come till the very end of the tribulation just before the Wrath of God descends. The latter is what I used to believe. This is what the pastor who I loved used to teach. Why should I doubt it? I didn't learn a different view of the 70th Week of Daniel until 40 years later.

It was on December 13th, 2014, after 40 some years of study of eschatology, that I finally realized the 70th Week of Daniel is *not* part of the Endtime scenario!

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah the Prince** shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And *he* shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

The "he" of verse 27 has been interpreted by most fundamental Bible teachers as being the Antichrist and the "covenant" as some kind of Endtime religious agreement the Antichrist makes with the various religions of the world to ensure world peace. But a pronoun is only understood when the noun or name of the person is first identified. That name is clearly written in verses 25 and 26 as "Messiah"! It is **Jesus Christ who confirmed the Covenant**, and that Covenant was the Covenant God made with Abraham! This is the very same Covenant in verse 4 of the same chapter of Daniel 9!

Daniel 9:4 ¶And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping **the covenant** and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul clearly says that Covenant was confirmed by Christ!

Galatians 3:17 And this I say, that **the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ**,...

Why would Christians today believe the 70th Week of Daniel is something that will be fulfilled in the Endtime? I'll tell you why: It was a false doctrine planted into the Church by a Jesuit named Francisco Ribera to get the Protestants' eyes off the Pope as being the Antichrist! It is one of the doctrines of Futurism as opposed to Historism. Allow me to paraphrase and simplify the teaching from <http://www.champs-of-truth.com/books/3schools.htm>

There are three methods of interpreting prophecy –the Praeterist, the Futurist and the Historical (or continuous).

The Praeterist maintains that the prophecies in Revelation (and Daniel) have already been fulfilled.

The Futurist interpreters refer to events which are yet to come.

The Historical or Continuous expositors believe the Revelation a progressive history of the church from the first century to the end of time.

So great a hold did the conviction that the Papacy was the Antichrist gain upon the minds of men (who held the historicist view), that Rome at last saw she must bestir herself, and try, by putting forth other systems of interpretation, to counteract the identification of the Papacy with the Antichrist.

Accordingly, toward the close of the century of the Reformation, two of the most learned (Jesuit) doctors set themselves to the task, each endeavoring by different means to accomplish the same end, namely, that

of diverting men's minds from perceiving the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Antichrist in the papal system. The Jesuit Alcazar devoted himself to bring into prominence the preterist method of interpretation,...and thus endeavored to show that the prophecies of Antichrist were fulfilled before the popes ever ruled in Rome, and therefore could not apply to the Papacy.

"On the other hand, the **Jesuit Ribera** tried to set aside the application of these prophecies to the papal power by bringing out the **futurist system**, which asserts that these prophecies refer properly, not to the career of the Papacy, but to some future supernatural individual, who is yet to appear, and continue in power for three and a half years. Thus, as Alford says, the Jesuit Ribera, about A.D. 1580, may be regarded as the founder of the futurist system of modern times.

...It is a matter for deep regret that those who advocate the futurist system at the present day, Protestants as they are for the most part, are really **playing into the hands of Rome, and helping to screen the Papacy from detection as the Antichrist.**" Rev. Joseph Tanner, Daniel and the Revelation, pp. 16, 17.

I learned about Jesuit Ribera and his Futurist view from 2 or 3 years before the final revelation on December 13, 2014, and I knew the reason he created this view was to get people's eyes off of the Pope and the Papacy as being Antichrist, but until December 13, 2014 for some reason, I never connected it to the 70th Week of Daniel. It was thanks to my new friends, Michael Adams, Walt Stickel, and especially to [David Nikao's article, "The 70th Week Of Daniel Prince Deception"](#) that opened my eyes to the truth!

Because Jesus fulfilled the 70th Week of Daniel, several things I've held as truth about the last 7 years before Jesus returns fall flat.

- There is no more need for a rebuilt Temple of Solomon and the Antichrist desecrating it.
- There is no more need for the Antichrist to make some kind of 7 year religious covenant, pact or agreement.
- There is no more need for a 7 year final reign of the Antichrist with 3.5 years of tribulation after he breaks the so called covenant.

Wow! What a difference from my former mindset!

Christians have already had **two thousand years of tribulation** ever since the stoning of Stephen in Acts chapter 7! The Devil has always tried to kill God's children from the time of Cain killing Abel!

Christians have always lived in the time of Antichrist. First John 2:18 makes that very clear.

1 John 2:18 ¶Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **even now are there many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.

The Abomination of Desolation

Update on Dec. 19th, 2014: Today I saw something for the first time in the Word that thrills me to pieces! If we compare the 3 synoptic Gospels of Matthew Mark and Luke which talks about the “the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate” of Daniel 9:27, Luke clearly identifies what the Abomination of Desolation is!

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mark 13:14 ¶But when ye shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let **them that be in Judaea** flee to the mountains:

Luke 21:20 ¶And when ye shall see **Jerusalem compassed with armies**, then know that the **desolation** thereof is nigh.

Luke chapter 21 is talking about the exact same events as Matthew 24 and Mark 13. The abomination was the Roman army (abomination to the Jews) and the desolation was what the Roman army did to Jerusalem! God’s very Word tells us exactly what the abomination of desolation is!

I hear that it was only the Christians in Jerusalem who escaped the wrath of the Romans in 70 A.D. when the Roman Army destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple. Why were the Christians the only ones who fled from Jerusalem and Judaea? Because they heeded **Jesus’ warning** written in Luke 21:21, and fled into the mountains! “then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:” – Luke 21:21. Notice it says “*Judaea*”? I never saw the meaning of this verse so clearly before!

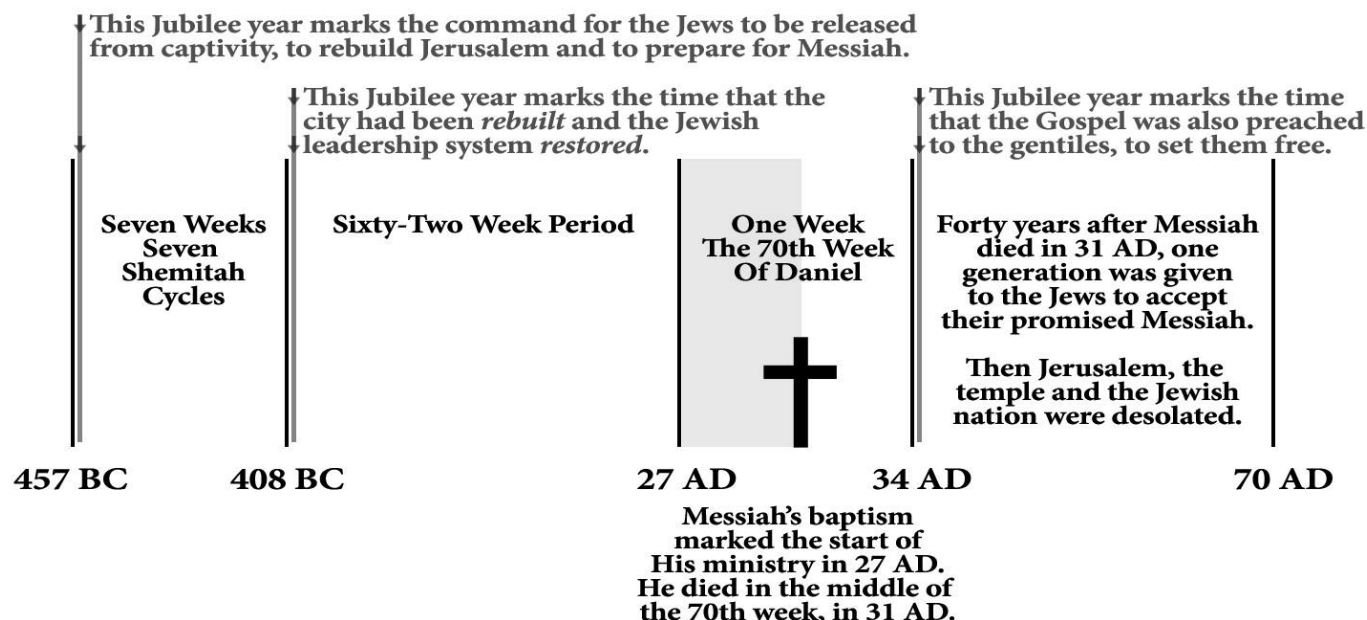
A big thank you to David Nikao who pointed this out to me in his article [The Abomination Of Desolation Deception](#)

I now see the Endtime scenario as a world getting more and more darker in deception. It’s pretty dark now considering that evangelical Christians think the person who confirms the covenant with many for one week is the Antichrist when it’s actually Jesus Christ! Talk about delusion! And folks, it originated from a Jesuit by the name of Francesco Ribera circa 1580 a.d. See also http://amazingdiscoveries.org/RT_encyclopedia_Futurism_Jesuit_Ribera

The information on this page may be hard for a Christian to accept without knowing more background information. A really great article that encapsulates all the important information you need to know is [The Evil Empire of Jesuit Futurism](#) If that link ever gets broken, here is a [text file you can download](#).

The Timeline of Daniel 9:24-27 Illustrated

Ten Shemitah cycles of forty-nine years, make up the 490-year prophecy. It starts with the Jewish captives being released from captivity, and it ends with the gentiles being released from their spiritual captivity.



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