

The End-Times: The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

11. Return of Messiah



The End of Daniel's 70th week

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

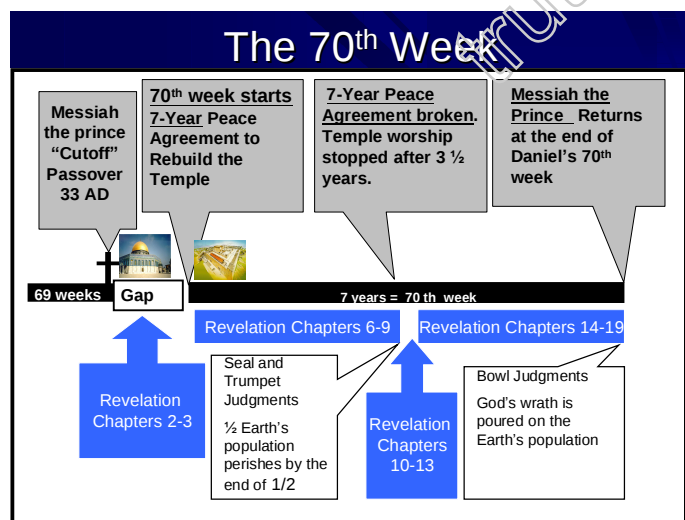
In Daniel 9:24, seven events will be completed for Israel with the 490 years determined on his people and his holy city.

- To finish transgression
- Make an end of sins
- Reconciliation for iniquity
- Bring in everlasting righteousness
- To seal up vision
- prophecy
- to anoint the most Holy.

At 69 weeks with the death of the "Suffering Messiah", some have argued that all these conditions were fulfilled. Despite the cross, sins have continued to increase with an increasing population. Prophecy and vision is not "Sealed up" or complete. Prophecy fulfillment is taking place today in Israel and Jerusalem. Only at Christ's return, will God judge the sin's of Earth, and control of the kingdom's will be turned over to the saints. During the reign of Messiah, prophecy and visions cease. The glorious appearing of the Messiah will bring about the judgment of this age.

When Messiah came into the world the first time the world waited for a glorious king to appear. They were not expecting a baby birthed in a Bethlehem manger. When Jesus returns it will be to a converted Israel awaiting its glorious king who was "Despised and rejected" by an earlier generation. For this reason, we see two pictures of Messiah in the scripture. He is both, "exalted and extolled and... very high" and "marred more

than any man". Isaiah captures the two pictures of Messiah separated by time. The first time Messiah comes and is marred more than any man, the second time He is exalted and extolled and very high.



- 13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;
He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.
- 14 Just as many were astonished at you,
So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of men;
- 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;
For what had not been told them they shall see,
And what they had not heard they shall consider.
Isaiah 52:13-15

The first picture was *suffering servant*, the second is *conquering king*. Jesus will conquer the armies of the world in their final assault against God. Satan will

make his final stand against Christ. Dwelling inside the body of the "Beast", he will try to destroy humanity. Israel's conversion to Messiah will bring the return of Christ.

Israel's Position

To understand the return of Christ we need to understand the unique position of Israel in the Earth. Through Israel, God accomplishes his work on Earth. Israel's rejection of Messiah allowed the Gentile nations to partake of the covenant relationship that God established with Abraham and his descendents.

6And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

Exodus 19:6

23And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods?

2 Samuel 7:23

6"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:6

The Church, the believing body of Jews and Gentiles never nullified God's relationship with Israel. The rejection of Messiah put Israel's position on hold until a righteous generation was ready to accept the Messiah earlier rejected by most of Israel.

During the 70th Week, God deals with Israel. A select portion of Israel goes into hiding in the mountains of Judea, to be cared for 1260-days or 3.5 years. According to Zechariah, during this period 2/3 of Israel dies in this period of testing. Satan in an all out war attempts to destroy every remaining Jew or believer in Jesus Christ because of his rage. (Revelation 12:17)

8 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the Lord, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

Zechariah 13:8-9

To this generation Jesus said the following statement before he left the Temple in Jerusalem.

for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Matthew 23:39

Jesus warned Jerusalem, they will not see Him until they acknowledge He came in the LORD's name. The nation will have to accept Him as their Messiah, before He returns.

The conversion of this generation will bring the return of Messiah. What will cause this generation to see Christ? The events in Daniel's 70th week will transform Israel. During this period Israel will turn to Jesus as Messiah and will pray for his return. The seeds planted in the first half of the tribulation will bear fruit in the 2nd half of the 70th week.

Israel's survivors, hidden in the Earth and elsewhere will cry out to Jesus as Messiah, at the end of the 70th week. Christ will return with the angels and saints to begin the Messianic Kingdom with an obedient Israel.

The Day of the Lord

The *Day of the Lord*, referred to 19 times in the Old Testament., is a period of judgment and dread on the Earth.

6Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.⁷ Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, 8And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

Isaiah 13:6-8

The Day of the Lord ends with the return of Messiah. However, before Messiah/Christ returns, most people on the Earth will die. Almost 50% die in the first three and half years, the result of war, Others die from cosmological disasters affecting water and food supplies. An innumerable number suffer for their faith in Christ, sing praises in Heaven (Revelation 6:9, 7:9-17, 15:2). This leaves the remaining survivors, those in hiding for their faith, and those who choose the Antichrist and his Kingdom. The second group, receives the wrath of God, as they unite in their assault against God.

The survivors, the ones marked with the name of the Beast, 666 head toward Jerusalem in their final assault on God. The river Euphrates is dried up to make their journey easy. Unknown to them, they are

heading for eternal judgment, they think they are coming to make war against God, but they are being gathered for judgment.

The Conversion of Israel

The spiritual conversion of Israel is pictured for us in the book of Joel. Joel 1 tells Israel to pray and seek God as the armies of the world pictured as locusts gather against her. Like Daniel in the lions den saved by God's angel, Israel will be surrounded by the lions of the Earth. Her only hope will be in the Messiah rejected by an earlier generation.

- 13 Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; Wail, you who minister before the altar;
Come, lie all night in sackcloth, You who minister to my God; For the grain offering and the drink offering
Are withheld from the house of your God.
- 14 Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the elders And all the inhabitants of the land
Into the house of the LORD your God, And cry out to the LORD.
- 15 Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand;

Joel 1:13-14

The armies pictured for us in the 2nd chapter of Joel bring darkness and gloom on the earth. As spiritual blindness leaves Israel, the words of the prophets come to life. An instruction manual, a guide for Israel's physical and spiritual survival will unfold as they see themselves living out verses written almost 2700 years earlier.

- 1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;
For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand:
- 2 A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over
the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such
after them, Even for many successive generations.

Joel 2:1-2

This coming confrontation between Israel and the nations of the World will bring about the conversion of Israel. Sometime after the invasion and conquest of Israel at the "Midpoint" of Daniel's 70th week, Israel will rebel against the armies of the Antichrist. During this rebellion the people of Israel receive supernatural powers to throw off the conquering armies. Picture of an eighty-year-old man fighting like King David or descendants of David fighting like superman might be hard to fathom. However, the "Day of the Lord" will be unlike any day in the history of humanity. Days when the spiritual realms merge with physical as the armies of Satan make their final stand against God. In that day, God will empower Israel to fight back in supernatural power.

6In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.

7"The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. 8In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.

Zechariah 12:6-8

All the nations will be gathered to Israel for a final assault on the God of the universe.

The Kings of the Earth gathered

The exact events of what will lead the nations of the earth to Israel are not entirely clear. There are several theories and opinions. One theory, has armies from the East coming against The armies of the Beast after the capital of the Beast is destroyed in Revelation 18. Another theory, the armies of the east unite with the armies of the Beast after demonic signs and wonders are performed in alliance against God. Regardless of the reason, the worldwide meeting is at Armageddon and Jerusalem. The purpose is Satanic and the result of demonic signs and wonders (Rev 16:13). These signs and wonders gather the nations, under Satanic delusion.

40"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a



whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. 41He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. 42He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. 44But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. 45And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

Daniel 11:40-45

Rebellion will cause the gathering of the nations to Israel. The gathering of nations is pictured in both Old and New Testaments. The nations are being gathered for judgment.

9It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:9

Joel links these days to the gathering of the captives of Judah and Jerusalem. When the captives are gathered, the nations of the Earth will also be gathered for judgment. The Valley of Jehoshaphat has been identified by the Jewish writer Kimchi as the Kidron Valley which separates Mt. Olives from the Eastern wall of the Temple Mount. Here is where the nations will be judged by the Messiah.

- 1 "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,
- 2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.
- 3 They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy as payment for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.
- 9 Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.
- 12 "Let the nations be awakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.
- 13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow— For their wickedness is great."
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.
- 15 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.

Joel 3:1-3, 9-15

12Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Revelation 16:12-16

17Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Revelation 19:17-19

The Glorious Appearing of the Lord

After Israel's conversion, the prayer for Messiah's return is answered with the 2nd coming. Following the

“Wedding of the Lamb” and the “Wedding Supper”. Christ will return with his bride to Earth to judge the nations. The picture of his appearing is in both Old and New Testaments.

From Isaiah we see The Glorious return of Christ from Edom. According to Daniel 11:41 Edom escapes out of the hand of the Antichrist. Edom could be where the elect of Israel have been preserved for 1260 days at the start of the last half of the tribulation. When the “Abomination of Desolation” took place. (Rev 12:6, Matthew 24:16)

- 1 Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah,
This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—
“I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”
 - 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?
 - 3 “I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.
 - 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.
 - 5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold;
Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me.
 - 6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth.”
- Isaiah 63**

From Edom, Christ will proceed to Jerusalem to those who earlier rejected Him. In that day there will be great morning in the land of Israel. Israel will mourn over their lost and recovered relationship with the God of the Universe. Zechariah compares this weeping to the lost of a firstborn son. When Jesus came the first time He wept over Jerusalem and the pain and suffering they would go thru because their rejection. Jesus saw what could have been. The future glories of Jerusalem will be realized when Jesus comes to the generation of Israel that waits for him.

41Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Luke 19:41

Israel at the end of the tribulation period will understand the Messiah was Jesus. Their understanding leads to the return of Christ as promised in Matthew 23:39. Jesus will return as King Messiah, who will reign over the earth with his saints.

10“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zechariah 12:10-11

- 3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.
- 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east.
And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west,
- 9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—
“The LORD is one,” And His name one.12And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet,
Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.
- 13 It shall come to pass in that day That a great panic from the LORD will be among them.
Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand;
- 14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:3-4,9,12-14

25“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Luke 21:25-28

29“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:29-31

Matthew, Luke and Zechariah present the view of men looking Heaven word for the coming of

redemption. The nation will look up and see the Son of man coming in power and glory, the earth will not rejoice at his coming, He is coming for judgment. Israel will weep, because at this point they will understand the one rejected and defamed was God Himself, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, rejected for thousands of years as Messiah was the Messiah. Now He comes with great glory and the host of Heaven, to rescue Israel from the Gentile nations.

Those in the gentile nations will mourn because of the coming judgment. The survivors of Armageddon, and those throughout the earth will be gathered to be judged.

Revelation presents the view of the redeemed in Heaven, John is writing from the prospective of those about to return with Christ to the earth. Chapter 19, shows the armies of Heaven led by King of the Universe, Jesus the Messiah, along with the armies of heaven, the saints and angels. The saints are pictured as clothed in white linen riding on white horses.

11Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:11

The Elect Gathered

Jesus returns with the saints and angels of Heaven. The Church is his bride and will reign with the Messiah. Those believers who came to Christ during the tribulation period and were not killed, but are in hiding will be gathered by the angels.

Matthew 24:31

31And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Believers resurrected

In Luke 19:12-27 we read about the parable of the master who goes into a distant country to receive a kingdom. Before he goes he entrusts to his servants his possessions. Each servant is given possessions to his ability. When the master returns his servants are rewarded based on what they did with the goods entrusted to them. Some are given cities to rule over in the masters kingdom based on their faithfulness.

This parable is for believers to show them in the Kingdom of Messiah they will be rewarded for their service. Saints will rule the Earth with the King of the Earth. Even those killed by the Antichrist for refusing the mark and holding to their witness will be given authority in the kingdom of Messiah.

21I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

27Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

Daniel 7:21,27

4And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4

The Nations and Angels Judged

The nations and the angels who rebelled will be gathered for judgment. Paul in I Corinthians writes, "We shall judge angels". These are the angels who rebelled with Satan, and tempted and possessed humanity since the fall. This is one of the rewards Jesus will give to his faithful to bear his authority in the earth.

3Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

I Corinthians 6:3

There will be a transition to the Kingdom of Messiah as nations will be judged for their actions

during the tribulation period. Some nations will not enter the Messianic Kingdom others will. Nations will be judged on how they treated the saints during this period.

This judgment is for those who are alive at the return of Christ. Those who died without Christ are not part of this judgment. This judgment is to determine who will enter the millennial kingdom of Messiah.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Matthew 25:31-32

Daniel is told that he will receive his inheritance at the end of days. Daniel along with the saints will participate in the Kingdom of Messiah. The judgment period of the Messianic kingdom appears to be 45 days long. Daniel 12 tells us those who reach the 1335 days will be blessed. The daily sacrifice was taken away 30 days prior to the abomination of desolation being set up. 30 days + 1260 days = 1290 days. At the end of the 1260-days is the return of Christ. One thousand three hundred thirty five days are 45 days after the return of Christ. Daniel writes, blessed are those who come to the 1335th day. Therefore, we can logically conclude these 45 days were a period of judgments and assignments in the Kingdom of Messiah, a transition period.

11 "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 "But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

Daniel 12:11-13



Antichrist & False Prophet cast into the Lake of Fire.

The Two Human beings the Beast and false prophet will be the first occupants of the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire will be the permanent dwelling of those who dwell in Hell. Hell is temporary holding cell till the eventual judgment of all who will stand before the throne of God to be judged of their sins.

In the Lake of Fire they will be fully cognizant and aware of their fate.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 19:20

Satan bound for 1000 years

Satan will loose the physical body of the beast and be cast into Hell. In Hell Satan will be mocked and ridiculed by those who were terrified by him. The dwellers of Hell will be in wonder how such a weak looking person could have been so fearsome to the world. This period of Satan humiliation will last during the Millennium. At the end of this 1000 year period Satan will be released to test the nations.

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Revelation 20:1-3

3 It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, 4 that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

"How the oppressor has ceased, The golden city ceased!

5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, The scepter of the rulers;

6 He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke, He who ruled the nations in anger, Is persecuted and no one hinders. 9 "Hell from beneath is excited about you, To meet you at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, All the chief ones of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones All the kings of the nations.

10 They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?

11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you,

And worms cover you.' 12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my

throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;
 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'
 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, And
 consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,
 Who shook kingdoms, 17 Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of
 his prisoners?'
Isaiah 14:3-6,9-21

Satan called the King of Babylon in Isaiah 14, literally becomes King of Babylon. Satan, who entered the Antichrist at the midpoint of the 70th week, becomes king of New Babylon, indwelling the person of the Antichrist. Babylon is rebuilt and becomes the capital city of earth during the tribulation period. Satan becomes king when he enters the Antichrist and assumes his power in his person.

At the second coming, Satan is separated from the Antichrist who is cast into the lake of fire along with the false prophet. Satan is bound, his power is removed and he is thrown into hell to the amazement of its occupants.

Saints assignments given

What role will the saints serve during the Millennium? We know from scripture what the 12 disciples will be doing this period. Jesus told them they will rule over the 12 tribes of Israel, during the regeneration. The regeneration is the resurrection period, the period promised to Daniel in the 12 chapter when Daniel was told he will rise to his inheritance.

28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.
 30 "But many who are first will be last, and the last first.
Matthew 19:28-30

In the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-29 and the parable of the Minas in Luke 19:11-27, Jesus tells his church what role they will serve when he returns. He compares himself to a man traveling to a far country to gain a kingdom. When he has attained his kingdom, he returns to reward his servants. His reward is based upon faithful service in the master's absence.

In the same way the saints both in the Old Testament and New Testament are promised the Kingdom in the period of Messiah. Currently, the kingdoms of the earth are ruled by men in an earthly system. In the Millennium the kingdoms will be ruled by Christ, through his saints who will represent him over the kingdoms of the earth.

The saints will serve three roles according to scripture. They will be rulers, judges and priest over the millennium. As the population of the earth, grows during the thousand year period saints will be established over a repopulated earth.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
Revelation 20:6

And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."
Revelation 5:10

18 'But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'
 22 "until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.
Daniel 7:18,22

Following the Wedding of the Lamb, the bride of Christ, and Christ prepare for the kingdom of Christ. The saints will rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years.
The Bema seat (Christ's judgment) of rewards has taken place.



Following the return of Christ with the saints and angels. The angels go throughout the earth and gather the elect.

The nations are also gathered, before the throne of Christ (Matthew 25:31-46) This is the judgment to determine who will enter the Millennium.

The sheep and goat judgment.

The fallen angels will also be judged by the saints I Corinthians 6:3

The nations of the Earth are gathered to Jerusalem. Satanic deception and lying wonders deceive the nations. Men gather thinking they will battle God
At the return of Christ, the nations gathered against Jerusalem will literally melt away as described in Zechariah 14:12.



The redeemed and resurrected saints rule and reign with Christ during the millennium. The 12 apostles are judges over the 12 tribes of Israel. (Matthew 19:28). Saints are given assignments positions of authority over Christ's kingdom.

30 days

1260 days Last Half of the Tribulation (Daniel 12:7)

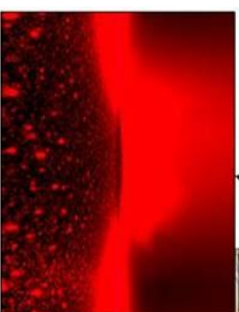
45 day establishment periodMillennium

Satan at the return of Christ is bound for a thousand years. He is addressed as the King of Babylon in Isaiah 14. Upon entering Hell, with his power removed the occupants of Hell are amazed that this one individual being who seems winnisch could make the nations tremble.

During the Millennium Satan is bound. His power to tempt and test the nations is not present in the physical earth.



The Antichrist and False prophets are the first two occupants of the Lake of Fire, the eventual place of judgment for those in Hell.



Hell



Lake of Fire

Daniel 12:1-12 tells us the from stopping of Sacrifice and the setting up of the abomination of desolation there will be 1290 days.

30 + 1260 = 1290

Daniel goes on to say blessed are those who arrive at the 1335 days. 45 days longer then the 1290 days.

Since Christ returns at the end of the 1290 days, the 45 day period is transition period. During this time the nations are judged and saints given their millennium assignments