

Seventy Weeks of Years

Daniel 9:24-27

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.

It is this passage of scripture concerning the seventy weeks of years that the doctrinal teaching of a final seven year period, commonly referred to as the tribulation, is found. We learn from this passage of scripture that “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.” We are then given a specific time when the counting of these seventy weeks of years are to begin, “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”. Messiah the Prince being Jesus Christ. However, after the sixty nine weeks including the seven weeks plus the sixty two weeks which is four hundred eighty three years, the Messiah, this being Jesus Christ, will be cut off. This speaking of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, “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.” The people of the prince that shall come, which is the anti-christ, “shall destroy the city and the sanctuary”. The majority view of the Church’s understanding of this is the Roman soldiers destroyed the city Jerusalem and the second Jewish temple in 70 AD. Thus making them the people of the prince that shall come which is referring to the anti-christ. This is one of the reasons that we believe that the Roman Empire which became the Holy Roman Empire will be the kingdom upon the Earth at the time of the seventieth week of years that is yet to be completed because Jesus Christ was cut off out of the land of the living leaving a final week of seven years yet to be fulfilled. Then we are told in reference to “the prince that shall come”, speaking of the anti-christ, whose people destroyed the city Jerusalem and the sanctuary, that “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.” This is the reason why the Church is looking for a peace agreement that will take

place between the anti-christ and Israel concerning the covenant giving by God to Abraham that will be broken by him in the midst or middle of the week of seven years where the anti-christ will cause the animal sacrificing that is now taking place in a future third temple in Jerusalem to be stopped 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 anti-christ will also claim to be god at this time. The Apostle Paul says of him, “Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**” (2 Thess 2:3-4) Therefore we know that this future peace agreement that will take place between the anti-christ and Israel concerning the covenant giving by God to Abraham will also allow them to rebuild their third temple and to once again resume animal sacrificing. Otherwise the anti-christ could not sit “in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

Another important point is if all seventy weeks of years concerning Daniel the Prophet and Israel have already been fulfilled then there would not be a final seven year period of time that people commonly refer to as the tribulation. We also know that Jesus the Messiah was “cut off” as was spoken by the Prophet Daniel and also the Prophet Isaiah. “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? **for he was cut off out of the land of the living;** for the transgression of my people was he stricken.” (Isa 53:7-8)

How we know that a week is representing a seven year period of time.

Genesis 29:18-28

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, **I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.**

19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, **for my days are fulfilled**, that I may go in unto her.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

There is a common misconception concerning the final week of seven years in that the entire seven year period will be tribulation. Actually the scriptures teach emphatically that only the last three and one half years of the week of seven years will be that of great tribulation against the saints of God.

Daniel 7:21-27

21 I beheld, and **the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;**

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, **The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth**, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And **the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings** that shall arise: **and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.**

25 **And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**

26 **But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.**

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

How we know for sure that the tribulation period is actually only the last three and one half years of the final seven week of years or “a time and times and the dividing of time” is shown clearly in multiple places.

Revelation 13:1-10

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, **having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns**, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw **was like unto a leopard**, and his feet were as the feet of **a bear**, and his mouth as the mouth of **a lion**: and **the dragon** gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 **And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying**, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 **And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.**

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 **And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

8 **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. **Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**

In this prophecy speaking of the anti-christ we are told that he would be given power for forty two months and forty two months is three and one half years or “a time and times and the dividing of time” which was spoken to Daniel the Prophet concerning the reign of the anti-christ.

We were also told by the Angel Gabriel speaking to the Prophet Daniel “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.” (Dan 9:27) **The midst of the week is the middle of the week leaving three and one half years.**

During this three and one half years of tribulation we learn something else of great importance as well as establishing that of the final week of seven years; **that it is during the last three and one half years that the tribulation is upon the holy people, the saints of the most High God. This doesn't mean that the nations of the world will not be persecuting and killing Christians** as we have seen this taking place from the time of Jesus Christ even to this very present day where our brothers and sisters are being persecuted and killed for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:1-17

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; **a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:**

This referring to Israel and the twelve tribes of Israel.

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

This is speaking of the birth of Jesus Christ by Israel represented as “a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet”.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; **and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.**

This referring to satan and the one world government depicted as “a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”

4 And **his tail** drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, **for to devour her child as soon as it was born.**

It is here that we learn that one third of the Angels referred to here as stars of heaven were a part of the rebellion against God and the only scripture that let's us know how many Angels sided with satan in the rebellion against God. **Satan failed to devour Israel's child and it was satan that “drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth”.**

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Satan believed that he had won the victory when Christ was crucified on the cross. **“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”** (1 Cor 2:6-8) **However, it was for this very purpose that Jesus Christ gave his life as a sinless sacrifice unto God.** **“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”** (1 Jn 3:8) **“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”** (Heb 2:14-15) **“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”** So Jesus, the child here depicted as the son of Israel, **“her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”** **“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”** (Heb 12:2-3)

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

This is also very important for understanding that the final week of seven years, that it is the second three and one half years that the anti-christ reigns and is given power over the holy people, the saints of the most High God. We are told that Israel **“fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God”** which is her own land where **“they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days”** which is three and one half years long. So during this time Israel will be fed and protection will be given to her for three and one half years.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Many people believe the devil and his angels are already cast out of heaven because Jesus said, **“I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”** (Lk 10:18) However, Jesus could have spoke this as God knowing the end from the beginning and not meaning literally at that time or even referring to what we just read where satan **“drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”** **The reason we know that this is so** is because we see here mentioned that satan depicted as **“a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads”** which is the one world government of the end times **“drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth”** to destroy Jesus the child of Israel and not from **“war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the**

dragon fought and his angels, **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**” We also know this because the woman Israel is fed “there a thousand two hundred and threescore days” of which would have no meaning if you apply it to the time that Jesus spoke the statement, unless he was referring to this war spoken with foreknowledge as God, **nor would it have any meaning if it were referring to the time after his death as a very specific time of days was given here concerning Israel and then we are told specifically at this time** “Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven**”. **Remember the devil is the accuser of the brethren.**

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

It is at this time we see that the devil and his angels is cast out of Heaven into the Earth. It is at this time “the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

This is a crucial statement made as it is at this time that the devil now being cast out of Heaven is coming with “great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” “**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**”

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

This time it wasn't the devil with “his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born” **but rather this time** “Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**” At this time a loud voice in Heaven says, “**Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**” “**And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child**” which we know is Israel. The devil knowing he has but a short time has great wrath and that short time was given to us as “a thousand two hundred and threescore days” which is three and one half years.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, **into her place**, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, **from the face of the serpent.**

We are told this time that “two wings of a great eagle” was given to Israel “that she might fly into the wilderness, **into her place**, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, **from the face of the serpent.**” A time, and times, and half a time being forty two months which is the time that the anti-christ will reign for **and also a thousand two hundred and threescore days in which the dragon gives the anti-christ** “his power, and his seat, and great authority.” “And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” (Rev 13:2) We also know that this beast is symbolic of nations that are present upon the Earth at the time of this final three and one half years of the final seven week of years as was spoken by Daniel the Prophet. “I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: **I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.** As concerning the rest of the beasts, **they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.**” (Dan 7:11-12)

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

This is also something to take notice of. When the dragon realizes he can't prevail in his great wrath it says he “was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**” Notice that those who are described here are those who “keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Israel at this time will still not believe Jesus is their Messiah yet these saints not only keep the commandments of God, they have the testimony of Jesus Christ!

The reason why many people believe the Church will not go through the final seventieth week of years is because the children of God are not appointed to the wrath of God or what is known as the day of the Lord. This is the time that God will execute judgment upon the Earth because of their sins and ungodliness. So the question is when does the day of the Lord actually take place. Some people believe that the entire seven year period is the day of the Lord, so the Church won't be here during that time. This is known as a pre-trib rapture. The trib being short for tribulation. Others believe the day of the Lord will begin in the middle of the week of seven years and this is known as mid-trib rapture. Others believe we will be here the entire seven years and then the rapture will take place and this is known as post-trib.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Verse nine the Apostle Paul plainly tells us “**For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ**”. However, there is much to be said here.

Remember “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: **he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**”

Also remember what was said, “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, **he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.** **And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.** **And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman,** that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood **which the dragon cast out of his mouth.** **And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”**

It is the dragon and his angels that was cast out of Heaven coming down to Earth having “great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” It is the devil who gives the anti-christ “his power, and his seat, and great authority.” It is the accuser of the brethren the devil “who persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child” and it is “the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

This does not sound like the day of the Lord’s wrath, but rather like the wrath of satan! The Church is appointed unto tribulation!

Acts 14:19-22

19 And there came thither certain Jews **from Antioch and Iconium**, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas **to Derbe**.

21 And when they had preached the gospel **to that city**, and had taught many, **they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch**,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through **much tribulation** enter into the kingdom of God.

We read in the epistles of the Church suffering persecutions and tribulations all throughout. The Apostle John was on the isle of Patmos suffering tribulation when he received the book of Revelation. I would also like to share what was said to one of the seven Churches in Asia.

Revelation 1:9

9 I John, who also am your brother, **and companion in tribulation**, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, **for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ**.

This wording of “**for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ**” is exactly what the believers in the final three and one half years are also suffering tribulation for. “**And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**”

Revelation 2:8-11

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

9 I know thy works, **and tribulation**, and poverty, **(but thou art rich)** and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

A person might automatically think when reading the book of Revelation that all the seals, trumpets, thunders, and vials are the wrath and judgment of God. However, listen to what takes place on the fifth seal.

Revelation 6:9-11

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, **I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:**

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

If this was the wrath of God or the judgment of God then why do those of whom are slain cry out “with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” **The answer is that this is not the wrath nor is it the judgment of God taking place.** I believe that this fifth seal is taking place during the last three and one half years of the final seven year week. A clue is given here. These “were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held” and just as we have read from Revelation chapter 12 when the devil is cast out of Heaven to Earth having great wrath we are told “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

What was the answer to their question that they cried out “with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, **dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**” “it was said unto them, that they should rest yet **for a little season**, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, **that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**” Notice that it says “**for a little season**” whereas in Revelation chapter 12 it was said, “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**” This period of time was revealed to us twice in Revelation chapter 12 “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, **that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days**” “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**” Speaking of the anti-christ in Revelation 13:5 “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; **and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.**” Also in Daniel 7:25 “And he shall speak great words against the most High, **and shall wear out the saints of the most High**, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time.**”

So we know without a doubt that the day of the Lord has not yet taken place as of the fifth seal. **We also know that the fifth seal is going to take some time since** “it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, **until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**” We also read what the Apostle John said, “I John, who also am your brother, **and companion in tribulation**, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, **for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.**”

The Church is appointed to tribulation! The Church is not appointed to the wrath of God! The day of the Lord has not yet taken place!

However, when we read the sixth seal we see a very definitive statement made “**For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**”

Revelation 6:12-17

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

So now we know when the day of the Lord will begin and the wrath of the Lamb. It will come with the signs given to us in the sixth seal. It is this wrath of God that we Christians are not appointed to.

Jesus said in Matthew chapter 24:

Matthew 24:15-22

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:)

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

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

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

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.

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.

We can now see that it is in the middle of the week of the final seven years that “**the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place**” takes place. It is at this time we are also told that satan is cast out of Heaven to the Earth having “great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” “And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child” which we know is Israel. Thus why Jesus warns them in Judaea which is the West Bank to “**flee into the mountains**” “**For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**”

Geographically, the West Bank is mostly composed of north-south-oriented limestone hills (conventionally called the Samaritan Hills north of Jerusalem and the Judaeian Hills south of Jerusalem) having an average height of 2,300 to 3,000 feet (700 to 900 metres). - Encyclopaedia Britannica

This is not the wrath of God nor great tribulation by God but rather great tribulation by satan working through the anti-christ making war against Israel and the saints of the most High God “which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” as we are told in Revelation Chapter 12 and also Revelation chapter 6 “when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) **in that day.**

Romans 12:19

19 Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.**

Luke 21:20-22

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

21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

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

These be the days of vengeance and great tribulation of satan persecuting the saints of the most High God! Not the Lord's vengeance upon the Earth! **That is why the anti-christ is given power by satan for he knows he has a short time.** “And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” (Rev 13:2) “and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. (Rev 13:5) “And it was given unto him to make war

with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Rev 13:7)

It is also during this final three and one half years of the final seven week of years that we see the Lord’s two faithful witnesses.

Revelation 11:1-13

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: **and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.**

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified.**

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; **because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.**

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Matthew 24:29-31

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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

These same signs are given in the sixth seal that we read above.

Revelation 6:12-17

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, **and from the wrath of the Lamb:**

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?