

# THE LAST TRUMP ...

*A Defense of Biblical Eschatology*  
- (1 Cor 15:50-58)

## THE END

What Are The Signs of  
The End?

Does The Bible Speak  
of A Coming Seven  
Year Tribulation?



# Eschatology

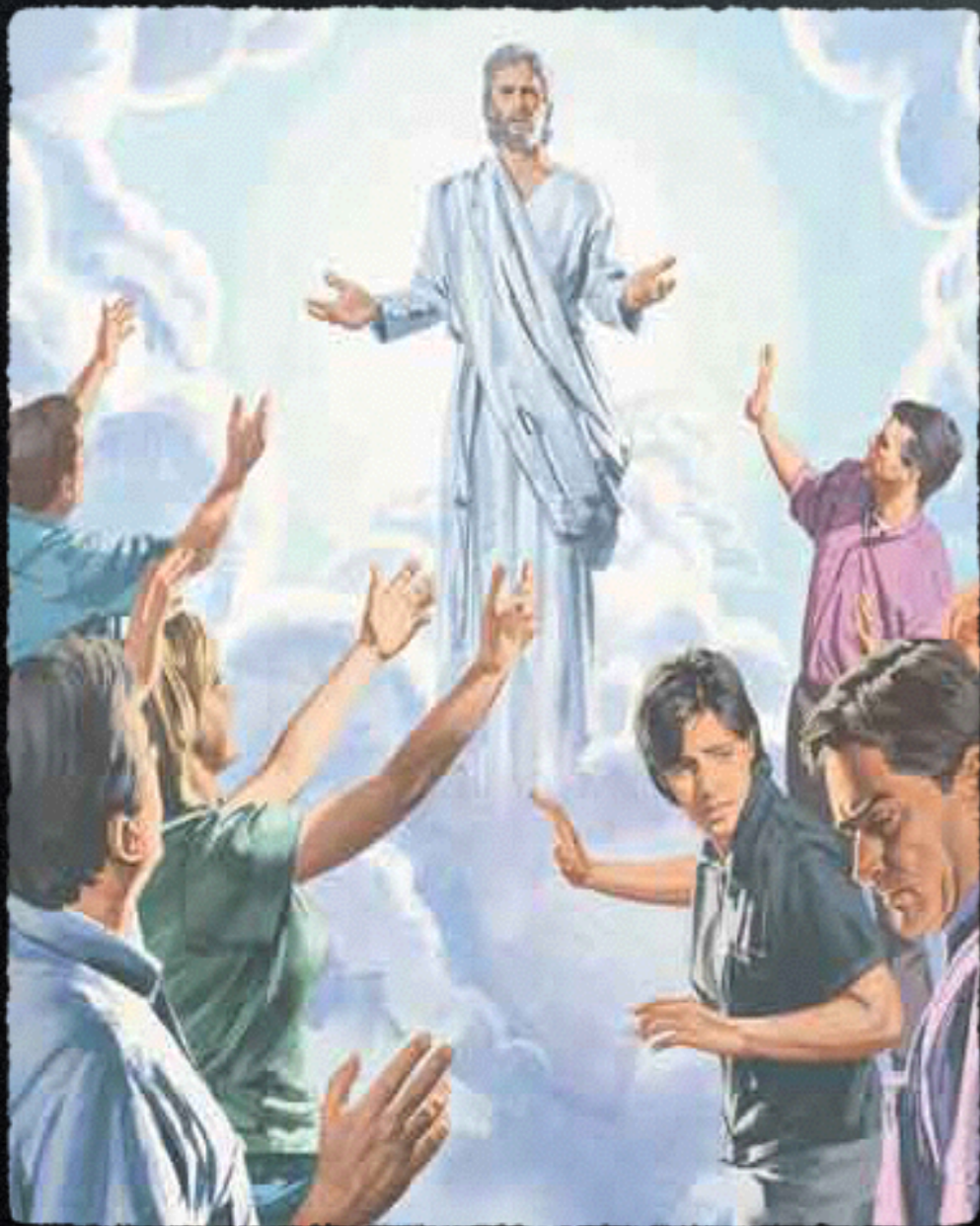


Three Major Views

A MILLENNIAL?  
PRE MILLENNIAL?  
POST MILLENNIAL?

# THE LAST TRUMP

## Biblical Descriptions Of Jesus' Return -



- \* **With noise** – shout, voice of the archangel & the trumpet of God – 1 Thess. 4:16
- \* **With His holy angels** – Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7–8
- \* **Suddenly and unexpected** – 1 Thess. 5:1–4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 22:20
- \* **Visibly** – Acts 1:9–11; Rev. 1:7 “and every eye will see Him” –

# **The Day of the Lord Will Come** **No One Knows When**

## **Matthew 24:36-39 (NKJV)**

<sup>36</sup> "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. <sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.



# The Day of the Lord Will Come No One Knows When



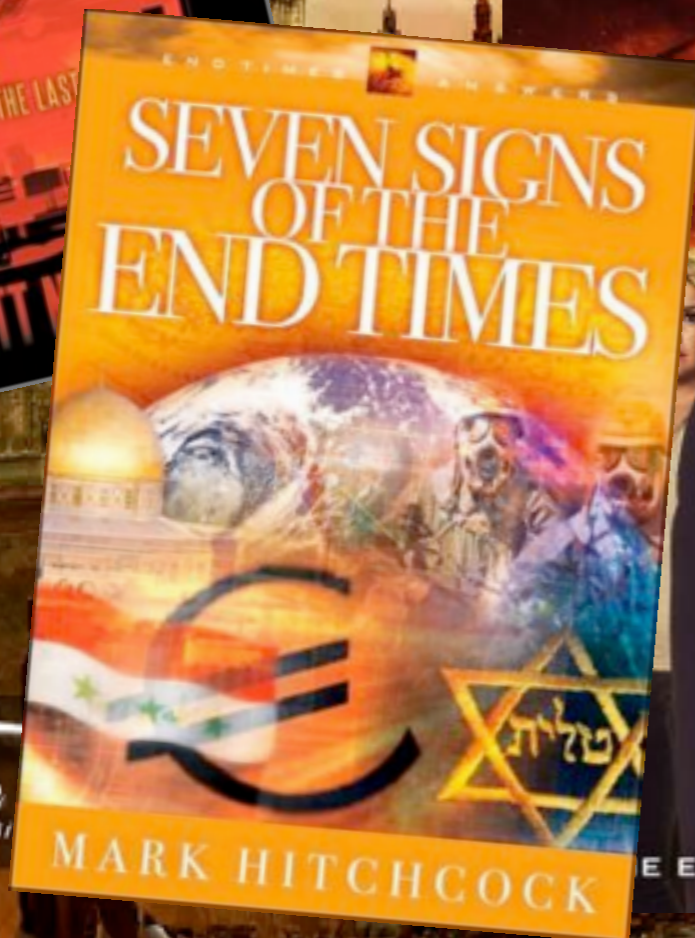
- ✦ Mt 24:42,44 — Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- ✦ Mt 25:13 — Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
- ✦ Mk 13:32 — "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

# The Day of the Lord Will Come No One Knows When



- ◆ 1Th 5:2 — For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes **as a thief** in the night.
- ◆ 2Pe 3:10 — But the day of the Lord will come **as a thief** in the night, . . .
- ◆ Rev 16:15 — "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."

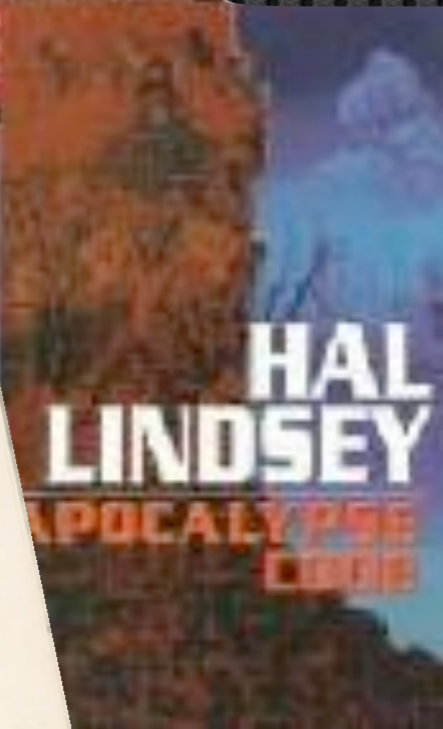
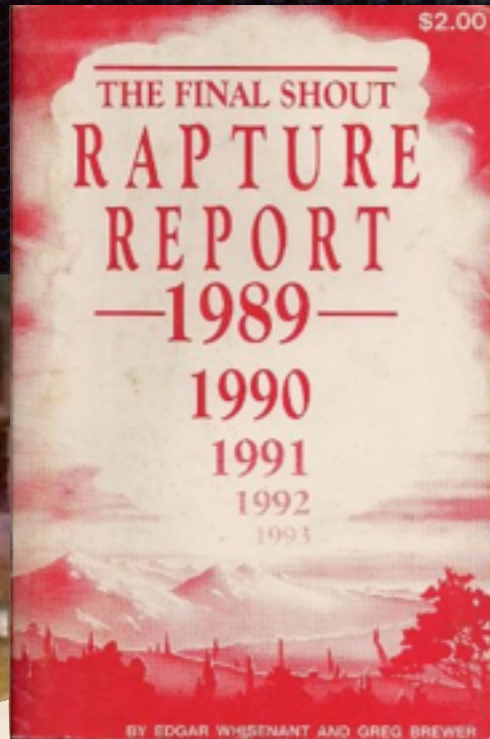
# SIGNS OF THE END TIMES



New Life

COM

# No One Knows When Date Setters - (False Prophets)



- ♦ Hal Lindsey boldly declared that "The Rapture" would occur before Dec. 31, 1981
- ♦ Edgar C. Whisenant's book "88 Reasons Why the Rapture is in 1988" came out only a few months before the event was to take place - Sept 11-13

# No One Knows When Date Setters - (False Prophets)



# No One Knows When Date Setters - (False Prophets)

New Date! October 21  
Judgment Day  
~~May 21~~



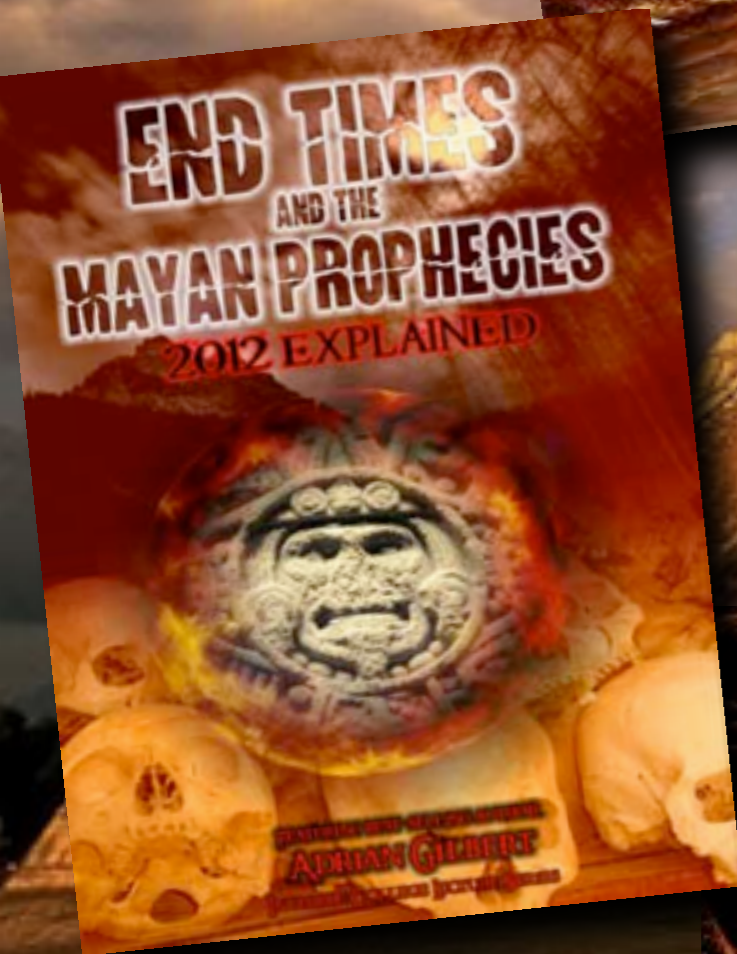
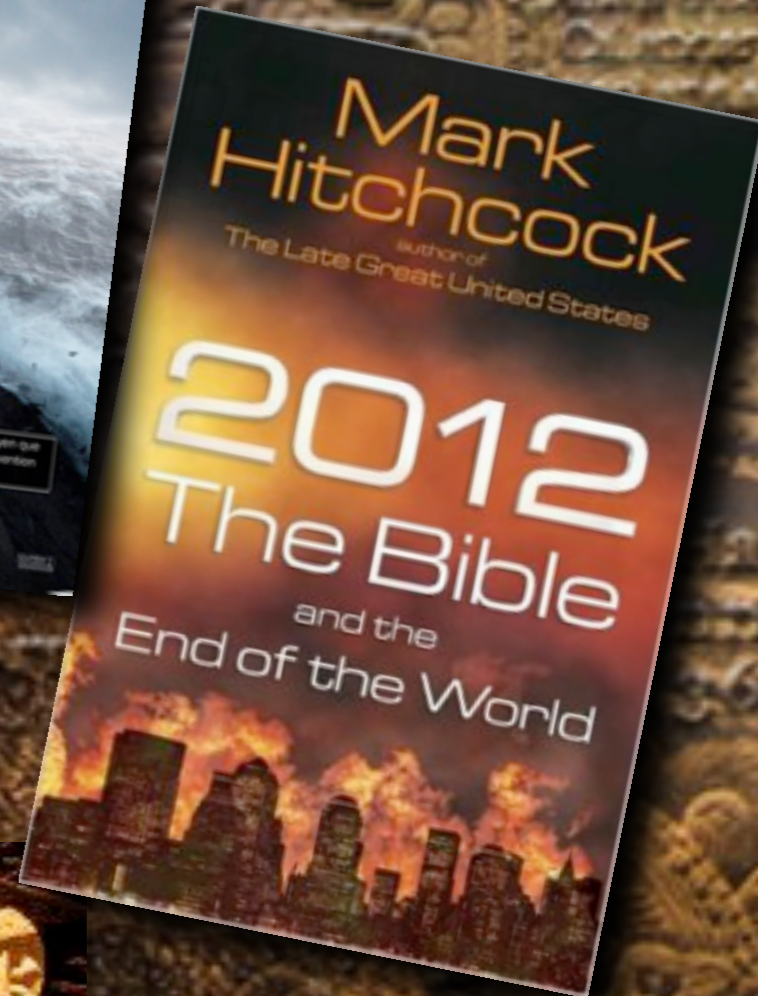
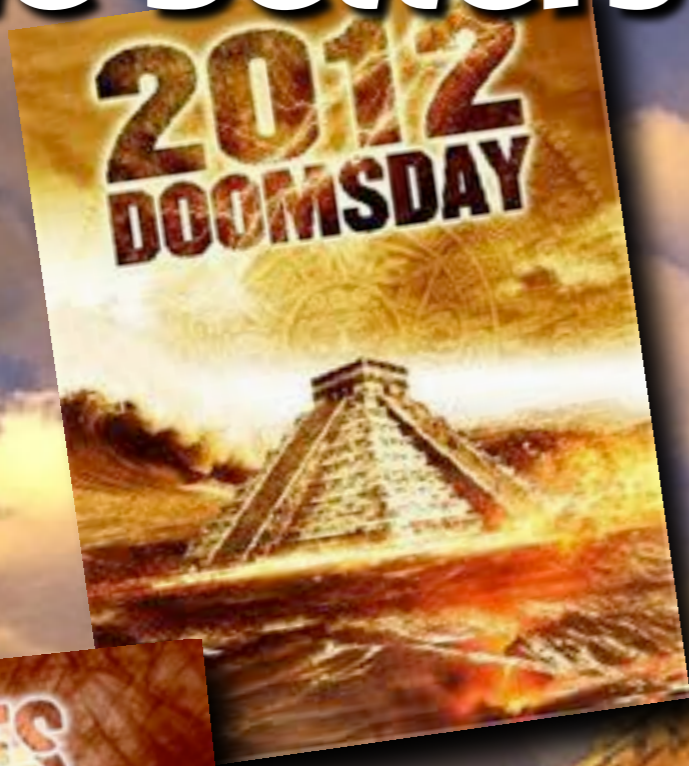
Mon - Fri

Live Open Fo

7:30 - 9 PM

FamilyR

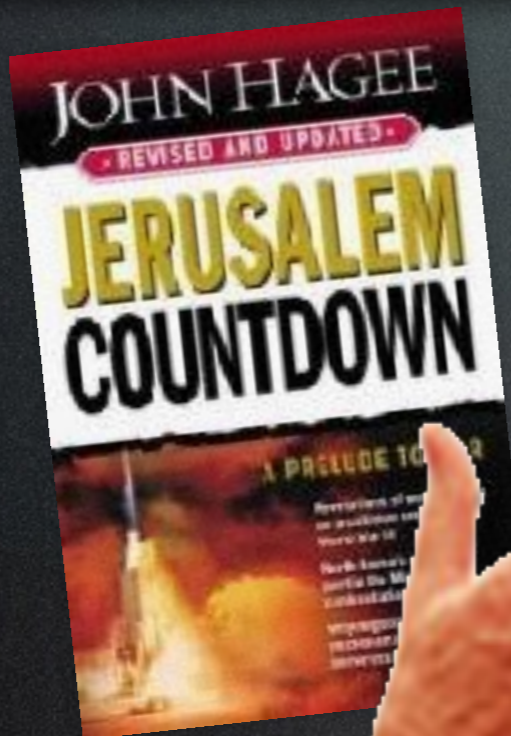
# No One Knows When Date Setters - (False Prophets)



21.12.2012

# THE LAST TRUMP

Many Are WRONGFULLY Applying Fulfilled Prophecies To Current Events

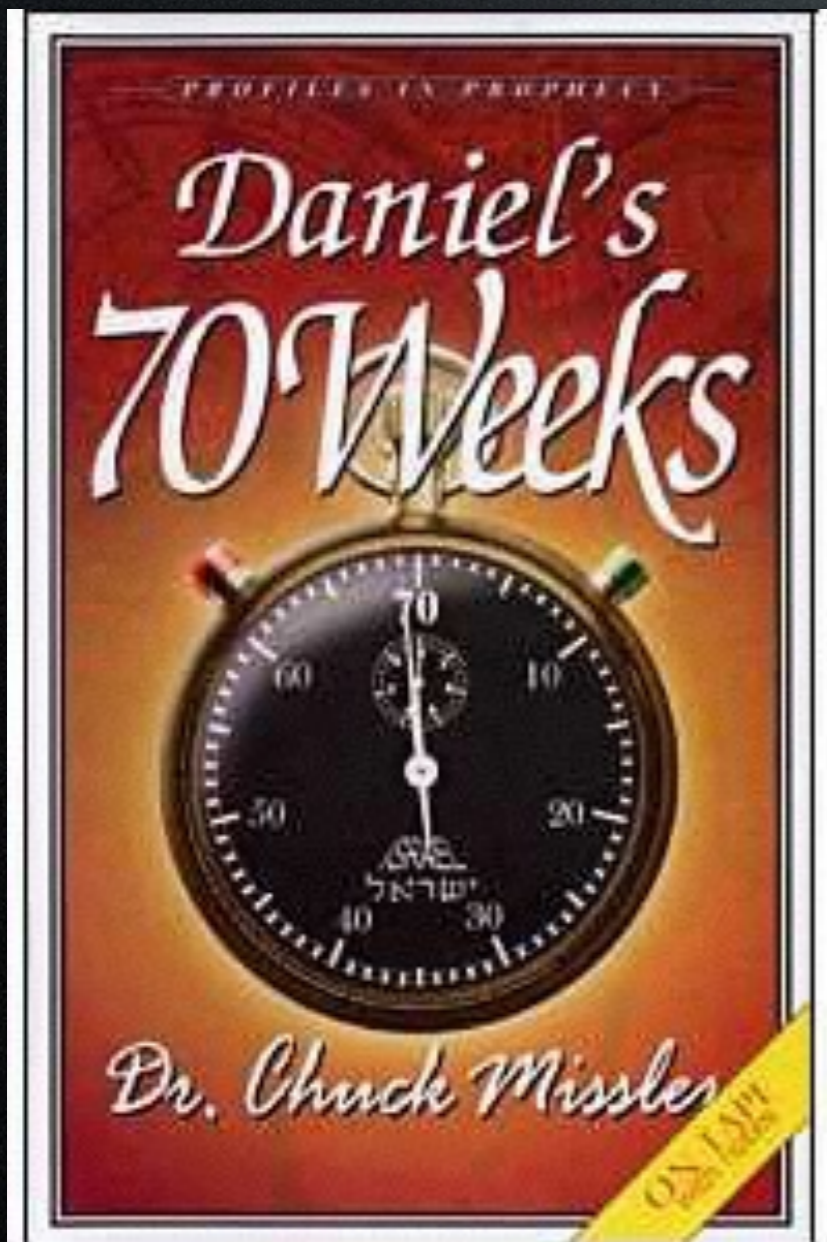


**PROPOSED  
PROOF TEXT:**  
Daniel 9:27  
Matthew 24  
Revelation 6-18

COUNTDOWN TO  
**ARMAGEDDON**

# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

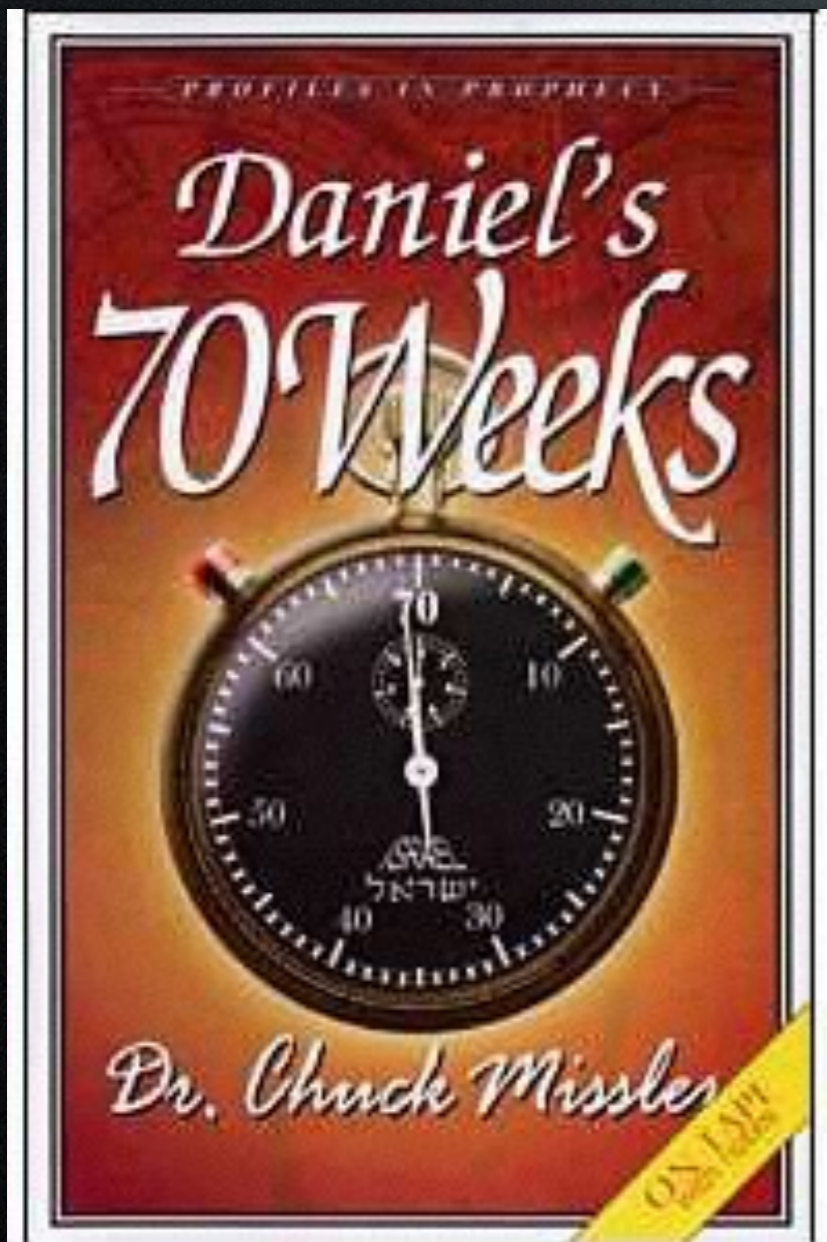


## DANIEL 9:23-27 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> "Seventy weeks are determined  
For your people and for your holy  
city, To finish the transgression, To  
make an end of sins, To make  
reconciliation for iniquity, To bring  
in everlasting righteousness, To seal  
up vision and prophecy, And to  
anoint the Most Holy.

# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

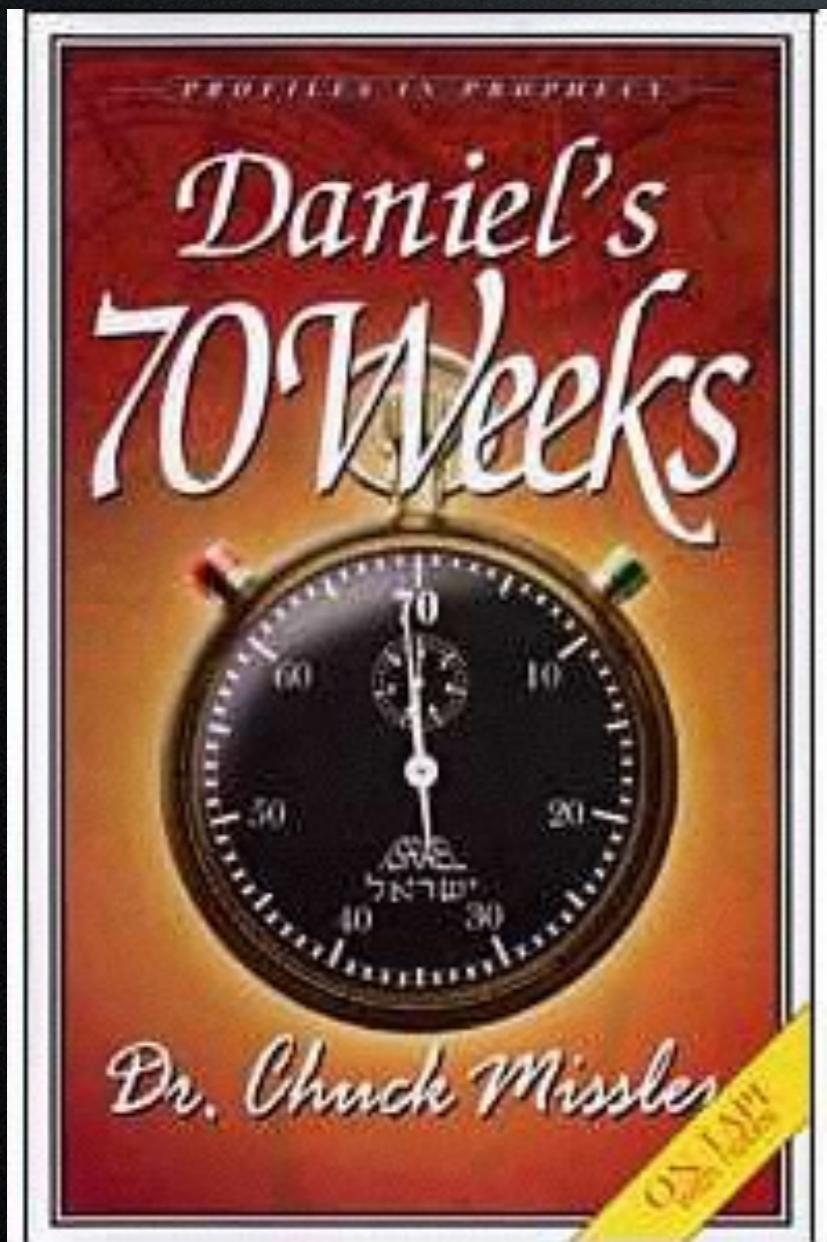


## DANIEL 9:23-27 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> "Know therefore and understand,  
That from the going forth of the  
command To restore and build  
Jerusalem Until Messiah the  
Prince, There shall be seven weeks  
and sixty-two weeks; The street  
shall be built again, and the wall,  
Even in troublesome times.

# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

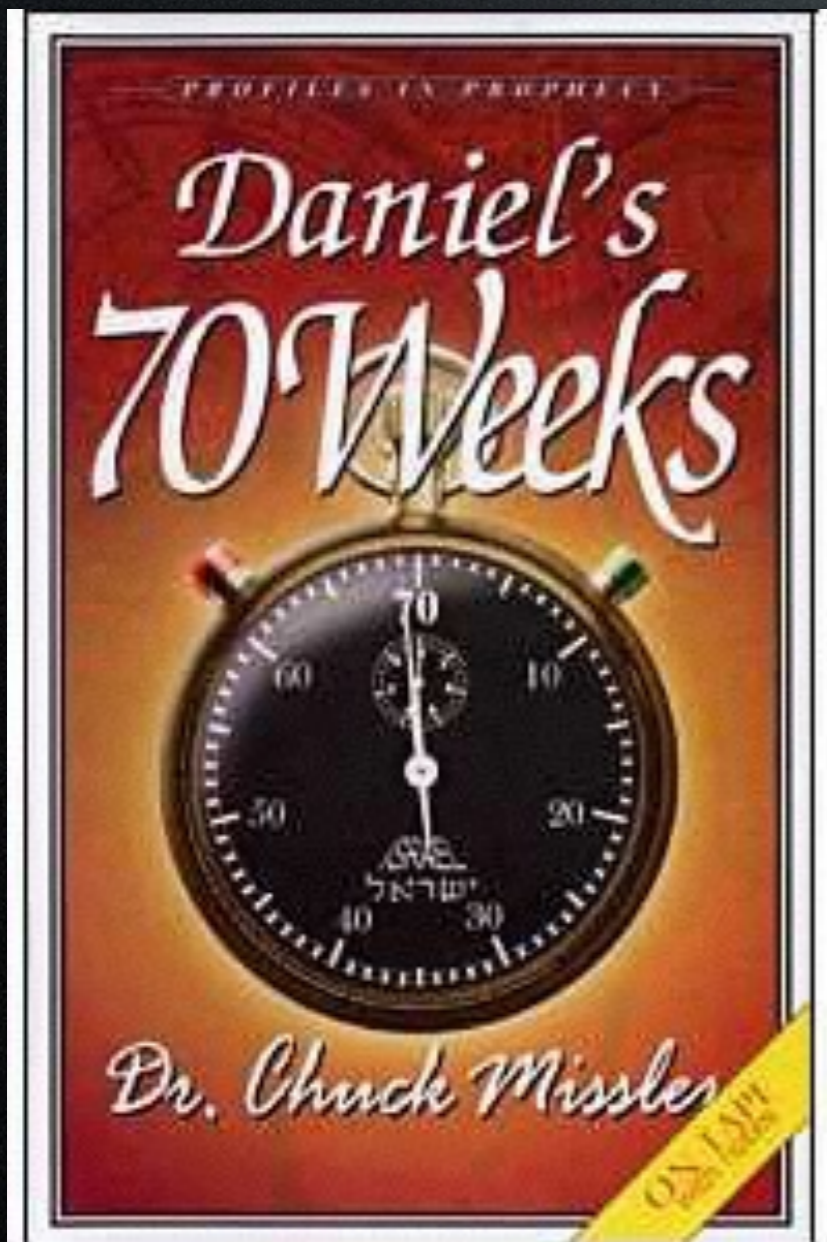


## DANIEL 9:23-27 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11



## DANIEL 9:23-27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> 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."

# THE LAST TRUMP

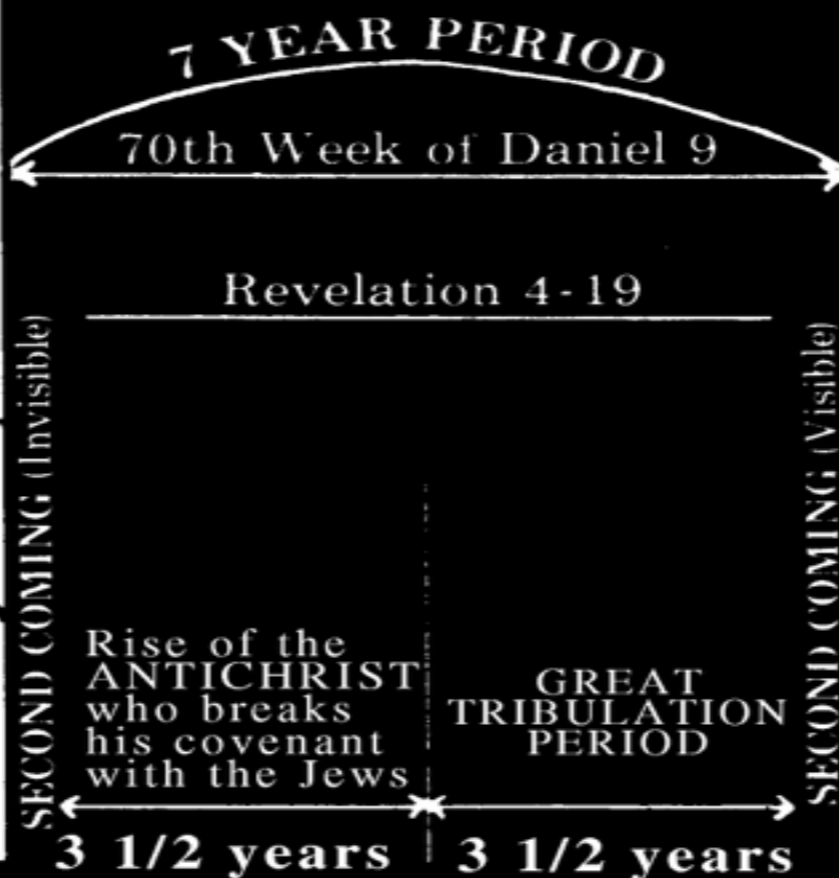
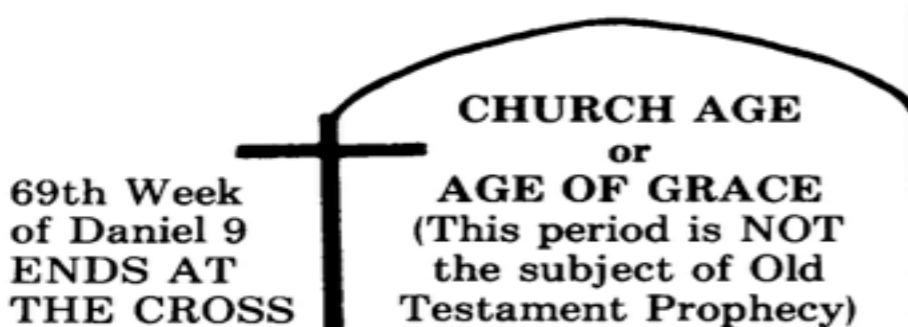
Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

## CHART ON DISPENSATIONALISM

### 7 DISPENSATIONS

1. INNOCENCY - Gen. 1:18 - 3:13
2. CONSCIENCE - Gen. 3:27
3. HUMAN GOV'T - Gen. 8:20
4. PROMISE - Gen. 12:1
5. LAW - Exodus 19:8
6. GRACE - Cross
7. KINGDOM - Second Coming

### 6th DISPENSATION



### 7th Dispensation

### MILLENNIUM

**1000 YEAR REIGN  
OF JESUS ON EARTH IN  
THE CITY OF  
JERUSALEM**

- (1) Jews are to be head of  
**THE NATIONS**
- (2) Temple to be Rebuilt  
and Mosaic Sacrifices  
Reinstated (Ezek. 40-48)

FINAL JUDGMENT

HEAVEN or HELL

↑  
**PROPHETIC  
CLOCK  
STOPS**

↑ **RAPTURE**  
**PROPHETIC  
CLOCK  
STARTS (again)**  
**RESURRECTION  
of the  
RIGHTEOUS**

↑  
**BATTLE  
of  
ARMAGEDDON**  
**RESURRECTION  
of the  
TRIBULATION  
SAINTS**

↑  
**BATTLE  
of  
GOG & MAGOG**  
**RESURRECTION  
of the  
WICKED**

# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

7 sevens

*City rebuilt by 432 BC*

Cut Off

COVENANT  
CONFIRMED

62 sevens

1 seven

69 sevens to Messiah

**Cyrus' Proclamation** 536 BC. - Ezra 1:1-4;  
Isaiah 44:28;45:13

**Artaxerxes** – 457 BC.

**Artaxerxes second decree** – 444,445 BC.

End to sacrifice &  
offering - 30 AD /  
Abomination of  
Desolation  
70 AD / Fall of  
Rome – 476 AD

# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

## Matthew 24:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

## Mark 13:14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

## Luke 21:20-22 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. <sup>22</sup> For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

## MATTHEW 23:33-38 (NKJV)

<sup>33</sup> Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? <sup>34</sup> Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,



# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

**MATTHEW 23:33-38 (NKJV)**

<sup>35</sup> that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

<sup>36</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.



# THE LAST TRUMP

Abomination of Desolation - Daniel 9:24-27; 12:11

**MATTHEW 23:33-38 (NKJV)**

<sup>37</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! <sup>38</sup> See! Your house is left to you desolate; ...



# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24



**MATTHEW 24:34 (NKJV)**

<sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24



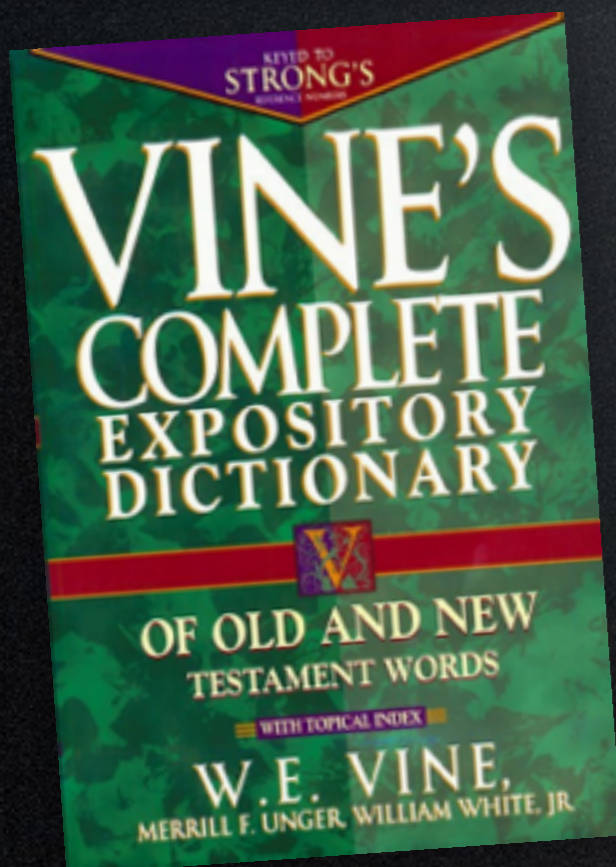
Hal Lindsey

WE ARE THE  
GENERATION (JESUS) WAS  
TALKING ABOUT! I say that  
because, unmistakably, for the  
first time in history, all the  
signs are coming together at  
an accelerating rate"

*(Hal Lindsey, The 1980's: Countdown To  
Armageddon, p. 162).*

# THE LAST TRUMP

## The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24



**GENERATION** - γενεά, *genea* - Strong's: [<G1074>](#) Noun

**Usage Notes:** . . . that which has been begotten, a family; or successive members of a genealogy, [Matt. 1:17](#), or of a race of people, possessed of similar characteristics, pursuits, etc., . . . **of the whole multitude of men living at the same time, Matt. 24:34; Mark 13:30; Luke 1:48; Luke 21:32; Phil. 2:15, and especially of those of the Jewish race living at the same period, Matt. 11:16**, etc. Transferred from people to the time in which they lived, the word came to mean "an age," i.e., a period ordinarily occupied by each successive generation, say, of **thirty or forty years**, [Acts 14:16](#); [Acts 15:21](#); [Eph. 3:5](#); [Col. 1:26](#); see also, e.g., [Gen. 15:16](#).

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

**MARK 8:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign?

Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation."

"This Generation"



# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

LUKE 11:50-51 (NKJV)

<sup>50</sup> that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, <sup>51</sup> from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

“This Generation”



# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

LUKE 17:25 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> But first He must  
suffer many things  
and be rejected by  
this generation.

“This Generation”



# THE LAST TRUMP

## The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

Matthew 24:33-34  
(NKJV)

<sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near--at the doors!  
<sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

Mark 13:29-30  
(NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near--at the doors! <sup>30</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

Luke 21:31-32  
(NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

**OCCURRED DURING THE GENERATION THEN LIVING!**

# THE LAST TRUMP

## The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24



- \* "You" – 2, 4, 9, 15, 20, 23, 25, 26, 33
- \* "False Christ" 5 – (Acts 5:36, Theudas, 8:9, Simon)
- \* "Wars, rumors, Natural Disasters & persecution, Betrayal" – 6-13

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

## WARS & RUMORS OF WARS

(Tacitus, *The Histories*, 1:2).

“The history on which I am entering is that of a period rich in disasters, terrible with battles, torn by civil struggles, horrible even in peace. Four emperors fell by the sword; there were three civil wars, more foreign wars, and often both at the same time.”

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

## FAMINES

(Josephus - Antiquities, 20:2:5).

"Now her coming was of very great advantage to the people of Jerusalem; for whereas a famine did oppress them at that time, and many people died for want of what was necessary to produce food withal, queen Helena sent some of her servants to Alexandria with money to buy a great quantity of corn, and others to Cyprus, to bring a cargo of dried figs"

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

## PESTILENCES

(Tacitus, The Annals of Imperial Rome, 12:43)

"Many prodigies occurred during the year. Ominous birds took their seat on the Capitol; houses were overturned by repeated shocks of earthquake, and, as the panic spread, the weak were trampled underfoot in the trepidation of the crowd. A shortage of corn, again, and the famine which resulted, were construed as a supernatural warning."

# THE LAST TRUMP

## The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

### EARTHQUAKES

J. Marcellus Kik (An Eschatology Of Victory, p. 93).

"And as to earthquakes, many are mentioned by writers during a period just previous to 70 A.D. There were earthquakes in Crete, Smyrna, Miletus, Chios, Samos, Laodicea, Hierapolis, Colosse, Campania, Rome, and Judea. It is interesting to note that the city of Pompeii was much damaged by an earthquake occurring on February 5, 63 A.D."

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24



- \* "Gospel of the kingdom preached" – 14 (Col 1:6,23)
- \* "Abomination of Desolation" – 15 – (Dan. 9:27; 12:11; Luke 20-24)

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

## ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION



Jesus gave the Olivet discourse in about 30 A.D.; Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus, the Roman General, in 70 A.D.

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

## **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION**

(JOSEPHUS - THE WARS OF THE JEWS, 4:3:10).

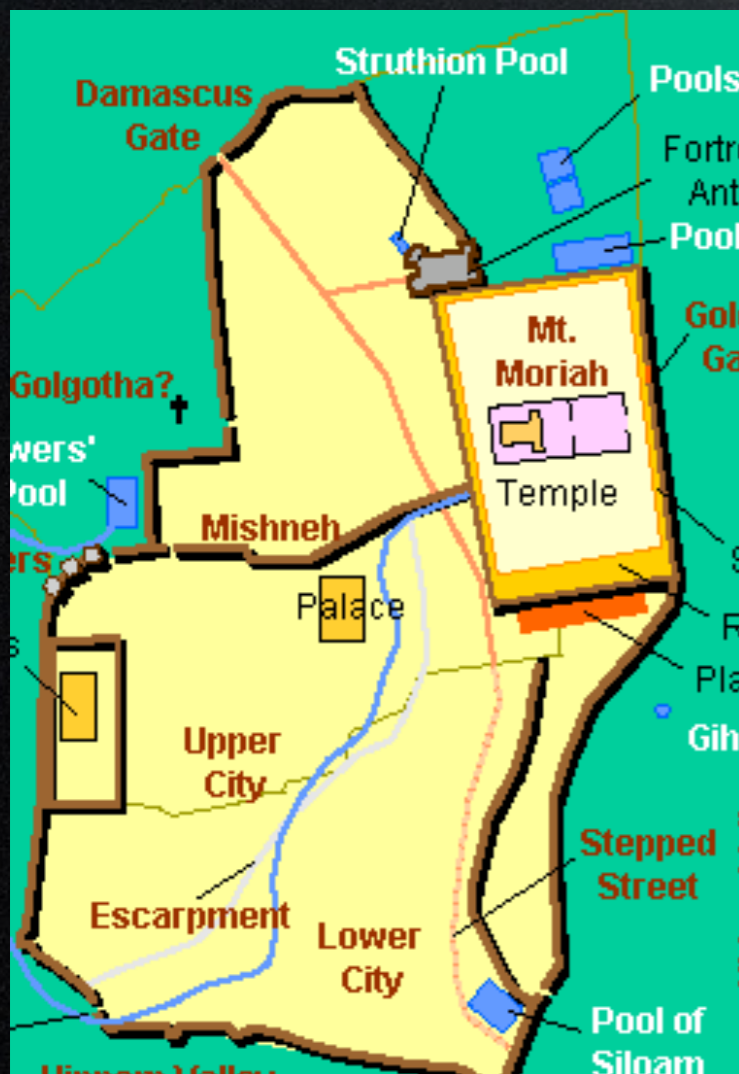


"Agnus stood in the midst of them, and casting his eyes frequently at the temple, and having a flood of tears in his eyes he said, 'Certainly, it had been good for me to die before I had seen the house of God full of so many abominations, or these sacred places that ought not to be trodden upon at random, filled with the feet of these bloodshedding villains'"

# THE LAST TRUMP

## The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

### “A LOCAL TRIBULATION” 16-28



- ✦ Those in Judea flee . . . (16)
- ✦ On the house top . . . (17)
- ✦ In the field . . . (18)
- ✦ The pregnant . . . (19)
- ✦ Pray that your flight may not be in the winter or on the Sabbath . . . (20)

**WAS ESCAPABLE**

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

**“JUDGMENT UPON NATIONAL ISRAEL”**  
27-35 (23:34-38)



**APOCRYPHAL  
LANGUAGE  
DESCRIBING  
JUDGMENT UPON  
NATIONAL ISRAEL**

- ✧ Babylon (Isa. 13:10, 13)
- ✧ Edom (Isa. 34:4-6)
- ✧ The Peoples (Isa. 51:5-6)
- ✧ Judah (Jer. 4:1-6, 23-28)
- ✧ Egypt (Ezek. 32:7-8)
- ✧ The Nations (Joel 3:15-16)
- ✧ Nineveh (Nah. 1:1-5)
- ✧ Israel (Amos 8:1-2, 9)

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

**“JUDGMENT UPON NATIONAL ISRAEL”**

27-35 (23:34-38)



**APOCRYPHAL  
LANGUAGE  
DESCRIBING  
JUDGMENT UPON  
NATIONAL ISRAEL**

Over 1 million Jews died  
in the destruction of  
Jerusalem – thousands  
more were killed outside  
of the city and in other  
cities in Judea – over  
97,000 were carried  
away captive . . .

# THE LAST TRUMP

## The Signs & Great Tribulation of Matthew 24

Matthew 24:33-34  
(NKJV)

<sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near--at the doors!  
<sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

Mark 13:29-30  
(NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near--at the doors! <sup>30</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

Luke 21:31-32  
(NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

**OCCURRED DURING THE GENERATION THEN LIVING!**

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18

REVELATION 1:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,



“Shortly Take Place”

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18

REVELATION 1:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed is he who reads  
and those who hear the  
words of this prophecy,  
and keep those things  
which are written in it;  
for the time is near.



“Shortly Take  
Place”

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18

REVELATION 1:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Write the things which  
you **have seen**, and the  
things which **are**, and  
the things **which will**  
**take place** after this.



“Shortly Take  
Place”

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18



“Shortly Take  
Place”

REVELATION 22:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me,  
"These words are faithful  
and true." And the Lord  
God of the holy prophets  
sent His angel to show His  
servants the things which  
must shortly take place.

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18



“Shortly Take  
Place”

REVELATION 22:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> And he said to me,  
"Do not seal the  
words of the prophecy  
of this book, for the  
time is at hand.

# THE LAST TRUMP

The Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18



“Shortly Take  
Place”

REVELATION 22:10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

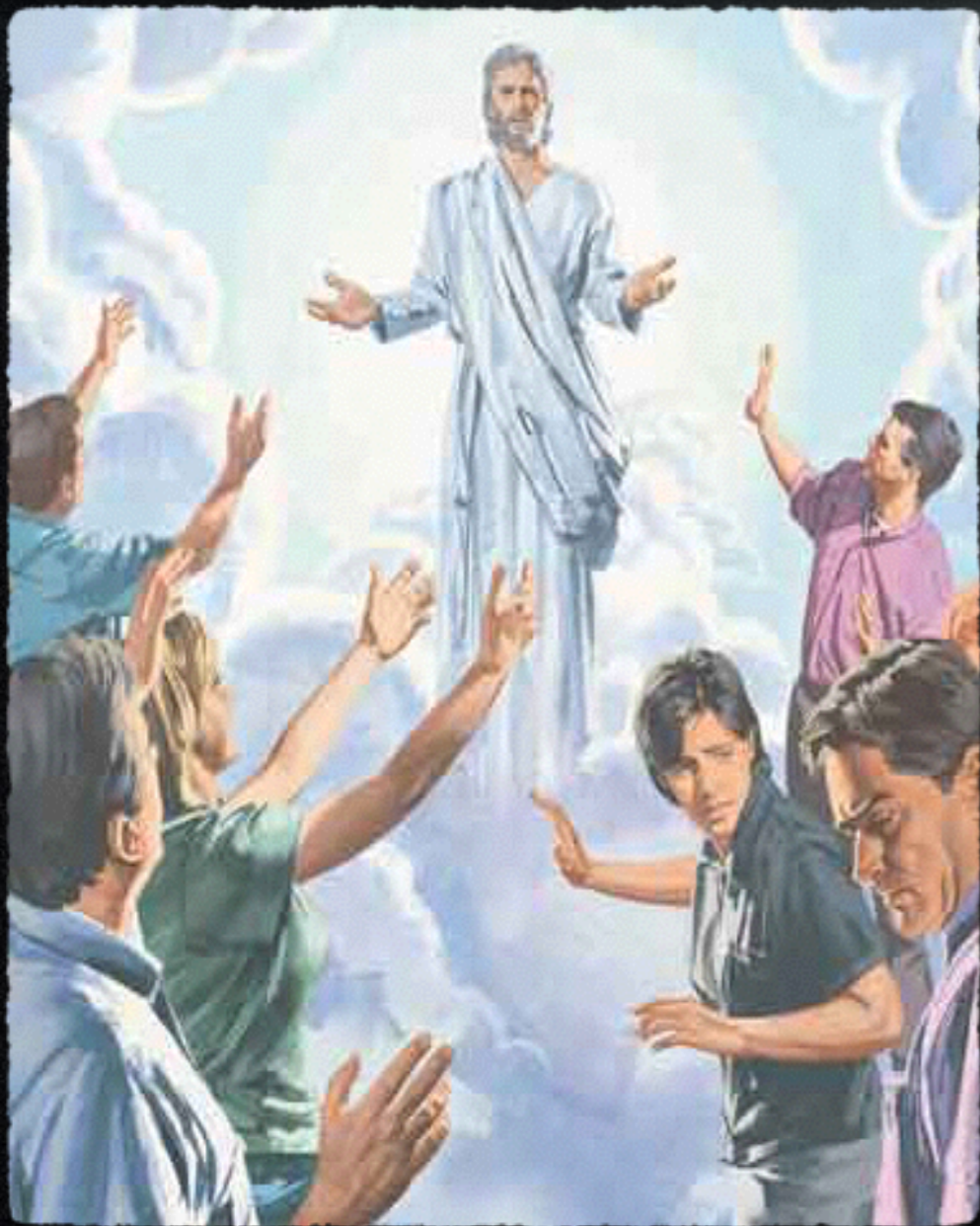
# THE LAST TRUMP

## The Great Tribulation of Revelation 6-18

- ✦ 1. Written PRIMARILY to encourage Christians then living.
- ✦ 2. Written largely in symbolic language, . . . must strive to be certain interpretation agrees with the context of the book AS WELL as with the rest of the Bible!
- ✦ 3. Uses O. T. terminology with New Testament meaning . . . .over 400 allusions to the Old Testament are made in Revelation.
- ✦ 4. Must seek to grasp the vision or series of visions as a whole without pressing the details of each symbol.
- ✦ 5. Understand the difficult passages in the light of clearer passages. Make all interpretations consistent with the teaching of the whole Bible.

# THE LAST TRUMP

## Jesus Will Return -



- \* **With noise** – shout, voice of the archangel & the trumpet of God – 1 Thess. 4:16
- \* **With His holy angels** – Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7–8
- \* **Suddenly and unexpected** – 1 Thess. 5:1–4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 22:20
- \* **Visibly** – Acts 1:9–11; Rev. 1:7 “and every eye will see Him” –

# THE LAST TRUMP

## Jesus Will Return -



### 2 PETER 3:10–14 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

# THE LAST TRUMP

## Jesus Will Return -



2 PETER 3:10–14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

# THE LAST TRUMP

## Jesus Will Return -



2 PETER 3:10–14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;



# THE LAST TRUMP ...

*A Defense of Biblical Eschatology*  
- (1 Cor 15:50-58)

## THE END

What Are The Signs of The End?  
Does The Bible Speak of A Coming Seven Year  
Tribulation?

**Charts by Don McClain**

Prepared & Preached February 21, 2016

West 65<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ / P.O. Box 190062; Little Rock AR 72219 / 501-568-1062

Email – [donmcclain@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donmcclain@sbcglobal.net) - <http://w65stchurchofchrist.org/coc/>

# 1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (NKJV)

<sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

# 1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (NKJV)

<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “*Death is swallowed up in victory.*” <sup>55</sup> “*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*” <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

# 1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (NKJV)

<sup>57</sup> But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

