

What GOD Says the Future Holds Will You Be READY ?

God forbid Israel to use divination or a horoscopes to see the future.

We do not look to them either:

Deut 18:9-15 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you

- any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire,
- or that useth divination, (a general term for the various species listed, like witchcraft):
- or an observer of times, (one who pretends to foretell by clouds, planets, or stars; a soothsayer, a fortune-teller who conjures destinies or futures)
- or an enchanter, (a diviner either by means of serpents, or by inspecting the entrails of beasts, the flight of birds, signs, etc.)
- or a witch, (a sorcerer who uses magical fumigations, incense, mist, or smoke)

11 • Or a charmer, (one who uses spells, or a particular conjunction of words, or tying knots or magical charms to unite, to tie together)

- or a consulter with familiar spirits, (one who begs, asks, seeks, enquires of a spirit of a dead one or ghost)
- or a wizard, (a cunning man, a 'knower' as a false prophet who claims communication with familiar spirits)
- or a necromancer. (one who seeks consultation with the dead)

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me (Moses); unto him ye shall hearken; (also see references in Acts 3:22-23; 7:37; John 1:45, of Jesus)

God had future events written down **in scripture** thousands of years ago.

In this message, we will look at several points about the **end times**

.... the future concerning the end of the world when Christ returns.

Point 1: Through Daniel, God prophesied a '70 week event calendar.'

In the 70 weeks, each week is a period of 7 years.

Thus 70 years x 7 years each, is a total of 490 years.

The 70 weeks does not run consecutively, but is split apart into sections.

Point 2: It is commonly believed that 69 weeks have already transpired, and that 1 week (consisting of 7 years) is yet future.

In this study, we will focus our attention on the 70th week.

Point 3: God has **particular things** planned to happen to

- his people, that's Israel
- and their city, that's Jerusalem:

Dan 9:24-25 Seventy weeks are determined

- upon thy people
- and upon thy holy city,

Point 4: God has **listed the particular things** He will bring to pass:

- 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.

Point 5: Here are the sections where **the 70 weeks are broken apart.**

1st, there is 7 weeks. Then is a period of 60 + 2 weeks. $7 + 62 = 69$:

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem (that's where the time begins counting) unto the Messiah the Prince (that's a point where the count stops, breaks, or pauses) shall be **seven weeks**, (then it picks up again for): **and threescore and two weeks:** (a score is 20, so $3 \times 20 = 60$ then +2) the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Point 6: After the 7 weeks, and the 62 weeks --- which total 69 weeks ---
 an event that occurs that is 'outside' the count of 70 weeks:

Dan 9:26-27 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, (referring to Jesus' death, as prophesied in **Isa 53:8**) 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.

Up to this point, in counting, there were 7 weeks, then a gap

then 62 weeks, and then another gap ---

(which is the time we are living now) ---

Point 7: Next is the **final 1 week** which is often called "the 70th week of Daniel" the last week of the prophecy in **Dan 9:24** of 70 weeks.

Point 8: Referring to 'the prince that shall come' who will destroy the city and the sanctuary at the end (from vs. 26) 'he' will make a 7-year agreement with Israel:

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

Point 9: Half way through the 7 years --- at the 3-1/2 year point --- that 'prince' will stop the sacrifice and tribute (offering, gift) and set up the abomination that maketh desolate until the end (see **Dan 8:9-14, Dan 11:31, 12:11, Matt 24:15, Mark 13:14, Luke 21:20-24, Rev 11:2**):

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 (the end, complete destruction), and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Point 10: When the prince makes the covenant he will **masquerade as a man of peace** but his success will be achieved through means of fraud, cheating, guile, and dishonesty:

Dan 11:21-23 And in his (a raiser of taxes, who will be destroyed within a few days, from **Dan 11:20**) estate shall stand up a **vile person**, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but **he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.**

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

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

The apostle Paul wrote often about Christ's return and he told the church of the Thessalonians that the day of Christ would not come until after the 'prince' (called 'that man of sin') is disclosed for who he is:

2 Thess 2:1-4 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, (Note: **We will be gathered together to Him when He comes.**)

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ** is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day** shall not come, (Note: **That is the day of Christ the day Christ will come the day believers will be gathered together unto Him**) except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

4 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.

Likewise, Daniel also described these escapades:

Dan 11:36-37 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall **exalt himself, and magnify himself** above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall **prosper till the indignation be accomplished:** for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall **magnify himself** above all.

Point 11: At mid-way of the 70th week **great tribulation** will come:

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

Matt 24:15-21 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, (**affliction - Mark 13:19; vengeance, great distress, and wrath - Luke 21:22-23** Note: This wrath is not God's wrath against unbelievers -- which believers will be saved from -- but it is **Anti-Christ's wrath against the saints**) **such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

Point 12: It will be such a horrific time, but the days of **great tribulation** will not run all the way through the entire 2nd half of the 70th week

they will be cut short or else no one would be left alive:

Matt 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, **there should no flesh be saved:**

but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Point 13: Also in the midst of the week the man of sin (also called a beast) will be killed by a sword (**Rev 13:14**) and then he will resurrect:

Rev 13:1-3 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.

A vile person the prince of the covenant that man of sin the son of perdition the beast he is also identified as 'the idol shepherd':

Zech 11:17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Point 14: He will have authority over the entire world for the last 3-1/2 years of the 70th week.

Point 15: He will subdue, conquer, and prevail over believers:

Rev 13:4-8 And they worshipped the dragon (the devil - **Rev 12:3-17**) 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.

Daniel also foretold the attacks until God returns with salvation:

Dan 7:21-22 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.

Point 16: A false prophet will arise with great ability to do mighty signs:

Rev 13:13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth **by the means of those miracles** which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to **the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

Point 17: The false prophet will build a statue of the man of sin enable it to talk and force all people everywhere to worship it and take a mark in their right hand or forehead in order to buy or sell or be killed:

Rev 13:15-18 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Point 18: At this half-way time, there will be a falling away from the faith:

2 Thess 2:3 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;

The departure (falling away) is specifically stated to occur in the last days:

1 Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh **expressly**, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

People who have been among believers will leave:

1 John 2:18-19 Little children, **it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come**, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that **it is the last time**.

19 **They went out from us**, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but **they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us**.

They will have made a profession of faith but will not stand the test:

Luke 8:13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which **for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away**.

Jesus reassured the church at Smyrna to submit to the 1st death

to not be affected by the 2nd death:

Rev 2:9-11 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.**

What is the temptation? What is the trial? Anyone who refuses the mark of the beast will face physical death the **ultimate** test of faith:

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that **endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Jesus encouraged the church at Philadelphia to endure temptation:

Rev 3:9-10 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which **say they are Jews, and are not**, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from **the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

Jesus warned His disciples prophetically of the awful times of killing:

John 16:1-4 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, **the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.**

3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

4 But these things have I told you, that **when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.** And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

Paul alerted saints to impending danger in the time when people will not endure sound doctrine, but will turn away from the truth and in the context (2 Tim 4:1-4) of the appearing of the Lord Jesus and His kingdom:

2 Tim 3:12 Yea, and **all** that **will** live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution**.

In the end times, there will be **world-wide persecution** of believers:

Luke 12:4-5 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Saints must refuse the mark of the beast and be willing to die for their faith. Relief from torture or physical death is only a temporary fix but it carries an eternal cost:

Luke 9:24-26 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? (lose his own soul - **Matt 16:26, Mark 8:36**)

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall **the Son of man** be ashamed, **when he shall come in his own glory**, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

After reminding the saints at Corinth about the miserable failures of many in Israel, Paul both cautioned and counselled them to be faithful:

1 Cor 10:11-13 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for **our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come**.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

Paul taught the importance of **faithfulness** in the context of resurrection:

2 Tim 2:10-13 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also **obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.**

11 It is a faithful saying:

For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:

if we deny him, he also will deny us: **(also Matt 10:33)**

13 If we believe not **(betray a trust, be unfaithful, have no belief, disbelieve)**, yet **he abideth faithful (can be relied upon, trustworthy)**:

he cannot deny **(reject, refuse, disavow, contradict)** himself.

God is faithful, and desires that we be faithful unto His coming:

1 Thess 5:23-24 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Again, Paul focused on God's faithfulness, and ours until His coming:

2 Thess 3:1-5 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not **faith.**

3 But **the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.**

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into **the patient waiting for Christ.**

Jesus Himself faced death as a man, and can help us face it without fear:

Heb 2:14-15, 18 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;

15 And **deliver them who through fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

18 For in that **he himself hath suffered being tempted, (Matt 26:39)**

he is able to succour (aid, help, relieve) them that are tempted.

Likewise, James described the joy God gives to those who pass the test:

James 1:2-4 My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye fall into **divers temptations**;

3 Knowing this, that **the trying of your faith worketh patience**.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (see **Heb 2:10, 5:9; Rom 12:1-2, 1 John 4:17-18**)

James compared the unbelievers to those who are believers:

James 5:1-11 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. (**Matt 19:23-24, 1 Tim 6:9-19**)

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered (**Ezek 7:19, Zeph 1:18, Matt 6:19-20, Col 3:1-4**); and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire.

Ye have heaped treasure together **for the last days**.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; (**Luke 16:19-31**) ye have nourished your hearts, **as in a day of slaughter**.

6 **Ye have condemned and killed the just**; (**Matt 10:16-22; 24:9-10**) **and he doth not resist you**.

7 **Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord**.

Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 **Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts:**

for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge **standeth before the door**.

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, **for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience**.

11 Behold, we count them **happy which endure**. Ye have heard of the **patience** of Job, and have seen **the end of the Lord**; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Faithfulness is necessary for God's stewards of His mystery:

1 Cor 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries of God**. (see **Col 2:2**)

2 Moreover **it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful**.

1 Peter 1:6-9 Wherein ye greatly **rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through **manifold temptations**:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, **though it be tried with fire**, might be found unto praise and honour and glory **at the appearing of Jesus Christ**:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye **rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory**:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

In the last days, no one will be exempt from the temptation to escape death:

1 Peter 5:6-11 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**:

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

God's mystery will conclude at the end of the 70th week of Daniel:

Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of **the seventh angel**, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Christ will return at the last (7th) trump, resurrect His saints, and set up His kingdom (Dan 9:24) which will conclude the 70th week:

1 Cor 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery;

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (see **1 Thess 4:14-17, Dan 2:44, 2 Tim 4:1**)

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