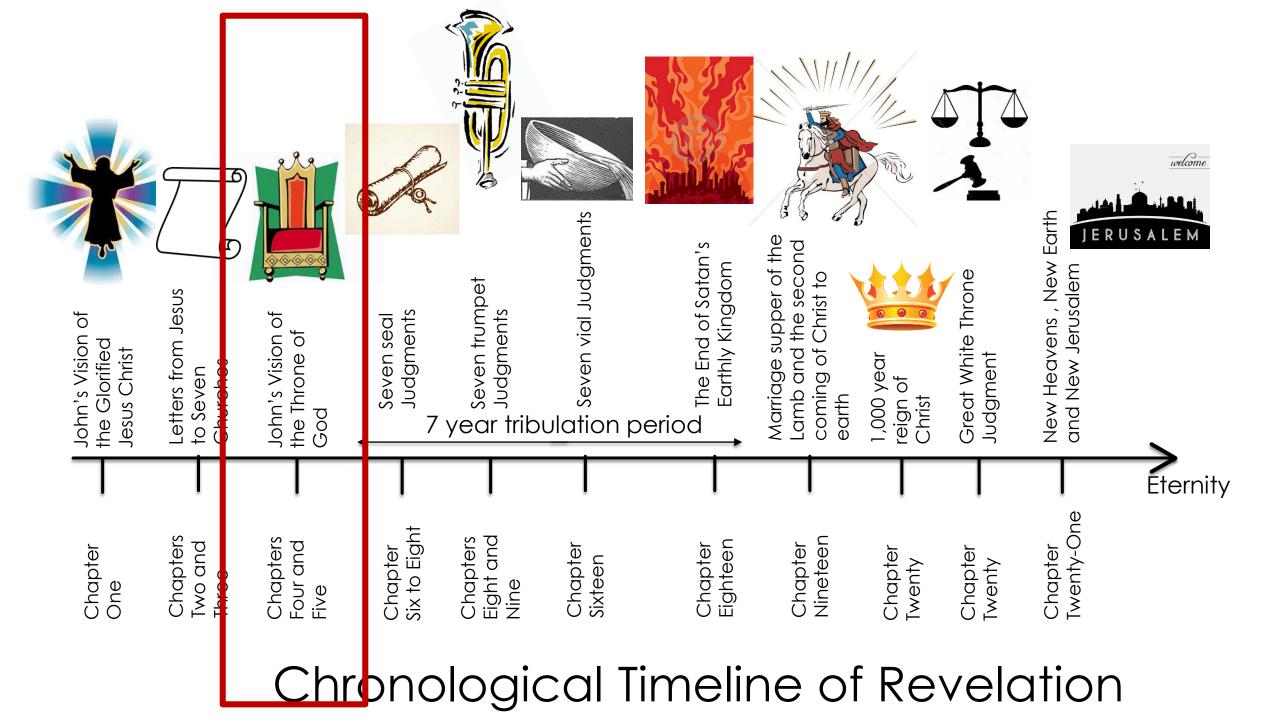
Revelation Chapter 6

The Seventieth Week



What is the seventieth week and what does it have to do with Revelation?

Dan 9:24-27

Each of the weeks in this passage is a period of SEVEN years

70 weeks X 7 years = 490 years

The seventy weeks began when Artaxerxes commanded NEHEMIAH to restore and rebuild Jerusalem

Neh 2:5,8 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it... And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

This occurred in the year 444 B.C.

From the time of Artaxerxes decree to Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem was 483 years (5 March 444 B.C. to 30 March 33 A.D.) or 69 weeks

What happened to the seventieth week?

Christ instituted a PAUSE between the 69th and 70th week

→ He set the nation Israel aside for a time

Mat 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Note: He has not FORSAKEN them!

→ He instituted the CHURCH

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Shortly after the Rapture, the Church Age will end and the seventieth week (the last seven years) will commence

It will begin with a PEACE TREATY signed with the nation Israel

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Who is the "he" referred to in Daniel 9:27?

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"I am so glad you asked!"

...behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...

Who is the rider of the white horse?

Is it Christ?

No, because He will return at the END of, not at the BEGINNING of the tribulation (70th week)

The rider will be an earthly human being

- ...behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...
- 1. He will be an IMPOSTER, a counterfeit of Christ and His coming kingdom
- 2. He will be a conqueror (symbolized by the white horse, crown and bow).
- 3. He will conquer the world through the promise of PEACE (note that he has a bow but no arrows).

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The Middle East will be the epicenter of this peace accord.

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A peace treaty will be signed with Israel, but will eventually be broken

- ...behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...
- → This world ruler will possibly be "swept" into power by a world mandate for peace
- → A charismatic yet "humble" personality who will gain favour with the world populace
- → He will attain absolute world DOMINATION

...behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...

We have an even clearer picture of who this person is:

2Th 2:3-4 ...that man of sin...the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God...shewing himself that he is God.

...behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...

- 1. He will be empowered by SATAN
- 2. He will vehemently oppose God and God's people
- 3. His will be the only government: a counterfeit of Christ's future government

Isa 9:6 ...And the government shall be upon his shoulder...

...behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer...

4. He will most likely be a gentile

Rev 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea

Can this person be identified today?

The Second Seal of Judgment

...And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth...

This is the SAME world ruler riding a different horse

This time he is carrying a sword

The "utopia" he promised the world is beginning to crumble

The Second Seal of Judgment

...And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth...

There will be opposition to his rule

He will be forced to crush his OPPOSERS

This will lead to global WAR, with entire nations being destroyed

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Jesus described this period in future history

Mat 24:4-8 Take heed that no man deceive you. ⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. ⁶ And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Finally, notice this:

V2...a crown was given unto him...

V2...power was given to him...

He receives his power and authority from GOD.