James #88

The Tribulation is not a separate dispensation; it is prophecy owed.

Open up in the OT in Daniel chapter nine RF.

I want to give an overview on the prophetic scriptures I closed with last lesson.

Which was pointing to the Tribulation period and then the arrival of the 2nd Advent of Christ.

/It is nearly impossible to conflate or confuse the 2nd Advent or the Tribulation with the Rapture of the Church, if you are well schooled in the prophetic scriptures of eschatology. It is also nearly impossible to believe, that you are currently in the Tribulation today if you are studying your Bible properly. Just the fact that we can clearly see a future period of Tribulation and then a Millennial reign of Christ, points us to the doctrine of dispensations.\

For that matter, as soon as someone acknowledges the differences between the OT and NT, that something new arrived with Christ.

That HE fulfilled all the OT commands; you are then proving the doctrine of dispensations.

As I mention last lesson and have taught on repeatedly, the Tribulation period is not considered a separate age or a new dispensation. It is a prophecy period owed to Israel, also a finally cleansing period to prepare the earth for the last dispensation, which is Christ on earth for a 1,000 years.

The Tribulation is the conclusion of the 5th cycle of discipline for Israel.

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/Jer 30:7 ‘Woe, for that day is great, There is none like it; And **it is the time of Jacob’s distress**, Yet he will be saved from it.

Act 2:20 ‘THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, **BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD COMES**.

(Mat 24:15-31, Dan 9:12-27, Dan 12:1, Ezk 7, Zec 14:1-2, Rev 6:17, Mark 13:19, Hos 1:11, Hos 12:2, Zep 1:14-18, Amos 5:18-20, Joel 2:11-31 ) \

The Tribulation is part of OT prophecy and written about extensively on how it unfolds and brings forth the 2nd Advent of Christ.

For Israel it is owed to them as the final portion of the 5th cycle of discipline.

/The nation of Israel first began to reject the commands of GOD concerning the Sabbath (Exo 16:14-26) and also idol worship (Exo 32:2-5) while still in the early stages of the Exodus. They further rejected other commands concerning the Sabbath, such as a seventh-year rest, a sabbatical year for the land. Lev 25-26 & Jer 25, covers this extensively. For 490 yrs. they rejected the Sabbatical year. They also rejected the Jubilee year (give back to others, property and freedom). God then brought forth the curse of the 70 yrs. of captivity (Babylon).\

Israel continually fell into idol worship and dark practices from the BAAL culture; they continued to bounce back to God and then fall again years later.

God allowed enemies to over-run them several times, as warnings - until HE finally dropped the hammer.

All of this put them into continual cycles of divine discipline which you can rebound back from, until the 5th cycle.

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The problem is by the 4th cycle of discipline you have begun to fall apart as a nation. You lose your identity and strength as a nation.

Poverty and political corruption begin to run rampant in the first few cycles, so that by the 4th cycle - you are a weak nation, usually falling against enemies you once could easily defeat.

In the 4th cycle you have civil unrest within and enemies overthrowing you outwardly. Because you have become weak in mind, in body as a nation, illness, disease and lower standards of life become the norm and even your military is in shambles.

The 5th cycle is believed to have begun with the rejection of Christ as HIS 1st Advent unfolded.

/Lev 26:27 ‘**Yet if in spite of this you do not obey Me**, but act with hostility against Me, 28 then **I will act with wrathful hostility against you**, and I for **My part will punish you seven times for your sins**. (5th cycle of discipline)

This is aligned with Dan 9:24-27 – which points into Babylonian captivity, touches into the 1st Advent of Christ. Christ is rejected then 70 A.D. Isreal is attacked & scattered. It finishes at the 7 years of Tribulation. \

It is believed, that God never calculates time with Israel or any Client nation under discipline, once they are scattered from their land. HE will allow them to regather to a certain degree and then finish this last cycle.

That happens when a peace deal for Israel unfolds and the temple is rebuilt in the Tribulation period.

They will feel safe and secure and resume burnt offerings and rituals. Then the mid-way point opens up to hell on earth.

Daniel 9:24-27 speaks of the 70 weeks in God’s discipline program for Israel.

In Daniel 9 we see the Angel Gabriel speaking in prophetic fashion to enlighten Daniel about the future of Israel;

/Dan 9:24 “**Seventy weeks** (*šāḇûa*)have been decreed **for your people and your holy city, to finish the wrongdoing, to make an end of sin**, to make atonement for guilt, to bring in **everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy**, and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

Your people (Israel) owe something for their wrongdoing, then once it is complete in full – then Everlasting Righteousness will open up (2nd Advent).\

SHA-BOO-AH is often used in the Hebrew to describe a multiplying factor often pointing out years and not simply days, or weeks as we count them.

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/One week equals seven years. The Hebrew word - *“Weeks”* is used in multiplying *“sevens*.” 70 weeks are literally 70 - 7’s, or 490 years. This is not only how that word - *šāḇûa,* is used in its original context, it aligns with several other prophetic terms used for days and weeks equaling years.\

Daniel 9:24 aligns and points us into Numbers 14, the book of Revelation, as well as Ezekiel chapter 4;

/Num 14:34 ‘In accordance with the number of days that you spied out the land, forty days, **for every day you shall suffer the punishment for your guilt a year, *that is,* forty years,** and you will know My opposition.

Ezk 4:6 “When you have completed these *days,* you shall lie down a second time, *but* on your right side, and bear the wrongdoing of the house of Judah**; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for each year**. (Rev 11:3) \

This is very similar to what the Apostle Peter spoke of concerning God’s time table – *a day is like a thousand years to God* (2Pet 3:8).

This is not uncommon in Biblical prophecy to have weeks or days equal years.

These years are divided up and explained starting here in verse 25;

/[Dan 9:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/9/25/s_859025) “So you are to know and **understand *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, until Messiah the Prince**, *there will be* **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; it will be built again, built again, *with* streets and moat, even in times of distress.

Artaxerxes (445 BC) issued the decree to rebuild the city of Jerusalem, seen in Nehemiah 2:1-8, until the walls were actually completed (49yrs).\

Nehemiah faced great distress, opposition and attacks, but he led the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

/7 weeks: 7x7= 49 years. This is the period of time Artaxerxes (445 BC) issued the decree to restore and rebuild the city of Jerusalem in (Neh 2:1-8) until the walls were actually completed. We also see - 62 weeks (three-score and two weeks) x7 = 434 years. The time from rebuilding the walls until the cross of Christ - (30 AD). The Messiah and Prince arrives in Jerusalem to be sacrificed.\

[Dan 9:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/9/26/s_859026) “Then after the sixty-two weeks, the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

The people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city – that was 70 A.D. When the nation of Israel was nearly wiped out and Jerusalem was ransacked by the Roman military, led by Titus - who literally flooded the city w/blood and violence.

From that point forward there is a scattered nation of Israel and war as well as desolation will repeat across the world until the 2nd Advent.

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/[Dan 9:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/9/27/s_859027) “And **he will confirm a covenant with the many for one week**, but **in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering**; and on **the wing of abominations** *will come* **the one who makes desolate**, until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, **gushes forth on the one who makes desolate**.”

This speaks to the Anti-Christ and Satan’s appearance at the 3 ½ yr mark of 7 years of Tribulation owed (one week). 490 years owed, cut off by the Cross of Christ, making it 483 yrs.\

One week is 7 years still yet to come.

The covenant is the pseudo peace treaties that will unfold by the hand of the antichrist in the first few years.

Mid-week would be 3 ½ yrs. That is when it all falls apart and Satan is revealed.

This is the 7 years of Tribulation on earth. Jesus Himself spoke of this future prophecy.

/Mat 24:15 “Therefore when you **see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet**, standing in the holy place—let the reader understand— (Mar 13:14)

Dan 12:11 “And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the **abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be* 1,290 days** (*yôm)*. (Dan 11:31, Rev 11:2, Rev 12:6, Rev 13:5)\

1,290 days points us at the 3 ½ year mark. Notice it is not written in the Hebrew word for weeks that I showed you earlier in Daniel 9:24.

It is a common Hebrew word for a – 24- hour day – YO-UMM.

In Revelation 13:5 it is written as 42 months which is also 3 ½ years.

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If you truly analyze this and get into some of the subtilities of the original language then align the scriptures up, it all makes sense.

/Daniel 9:24-27 they are promised 490 years owed to them (Israel). The 483 years are cut off at the cross—the last seven years are picked up after the Church Age Rapture. The Tribulation is Daniel’s 70th week, in the Age of Israel. These are LUNAR YEARS, of 360 days, because GOD’s plan for this, would unfold in a future time (Church Age) when the measurement of months or years align perfectly in this prophecy.\

We live in an age right now, of 365 days a year, give or take a few days - because our calendars are not 100% accurate.

Ancient calendars of the Hebrews, Greeks or Romans also vary slightly to our modern-day time table.

There are no coincidences inside the plan of God.

Let us close in Hebrews chapter 9 RF.

Remember what Jesus told the religious experts of HIS day, which would do a lot of good for many pastors, or so-called prophets and misinformed Christians hear today;

/Mat 16:2 But He replied to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘*It will be* fair weather, for the sky is red.’ 3 “And in the morning, ‘*There will be* a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ **You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but are you unable *to discern* the signs of the times** (*kairos)*?\

Jesus was telling the religious crowd that they had no spiritual discernment. They could not judge the seasons that were coming upon them.

They did not know the spiritual shift and prophetic changes ready to open up a new age.

Jesus’ spoke of dispensations within HIS parables! HE spoke of mystery doctrine, and yet we have large masses of teachers and Bels, who are either ignorant of it - or even worse, they vehemently kick against it.

Heb 9:24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made by hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

[Heb 9:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/25/s_1142025) nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year by year with blood that is not his own.

/[Heb 9:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/26/s_1142026) Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often **since the foundation of the world**; but now **once at the consummation of the ages He has been revealed to put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself.

The Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union had to occur at the precise age (time period). The – *synteleia ho aiōn-* a fulfilled age or a dispensation completed at the end of an age.\

SO-TALE-AAH HA EYE-ON, the fulfillment and completion of the dispensations of humanity. Because the next age is the 2nd Advent of Christ on earth.

[Heb 9:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/27/s_1142027) And just as it is destined for people to die once, and after this *comes* judgment,

/[Heb 9:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/28/s_1142028) so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time for salvation without *reference to* sin, to those who eagerly await Him.**

Who would eagerly await a Tribulation like the one described in scripture? To eagerly await, means rejoicing in victory and pulled up an away from pain and evil (rapture).\

Remember when Christ returns in the 2nd Advent as the warrior King, there will be a baptism of fire - a moment for all knees to bend and confession then believe. It is a massive purge and regathering of true Israel.