



“And I saw... a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.”  
(Revelation 5:1) [Artist's depiction]

# The Entire 70th Week of Daniel Is Not the Wrath of God

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1. Nowhere in Scripture are the first four seals of Revelation referred to as manifestations of God's Day of the Lord wrath.
  2. God's wrath is not spoken of until after the sixth seal. (Revelation 6:16-17)
  3. If the entire 70<sup>th</sup> Week is God's wrath, the first seal representing false christs (Matthew 24:5) would therefore teach that God will send false christs to deceive His own elect.
  4. If the entire 70<sup>th</sup> Week is God's wrath then He will be responsible for the martyrdom of the saints [who will persevere in the face of Antichrist's persecution] during the fifth seal. (Revelation 6:9; 13:7, 10; *cf.* 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:9)
  5. **The great tribulation** (Matthew 24:21) **is called the wrath of Satan in the Book of Revelation.** (Revelation 12:12)
  6. If the entire 70<sup>th</sup> week is the Day of the Lord, then Antichrist will prevail during the time when Isaiah says, "the Lord alone shall be exalted..." (Isaiah 2:12, 17)
  7. Christ affirms that the end [of the age—the eschatological Day of the Lord] comes after the first two seals (Matthew 24:6) and after the persecution of Antichrist (Matthew 24:9-10) is in progress (Matthew 24:13-14)
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# Prophetic Conditions Prior to the 70th Week of Daniel

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1. A general moral decay in society (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:1-4)
  2. A general spiritual decay in the Church (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:5)
  3. A general corruption in religious thought (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1, 7)
  4. Widespread acceptance of evolutionary thinking (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:3-7; Romans 1:18-20)
  5. A focus to rebuild the Temple in Israel (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3-4)
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# Prophetic Events Prior to the 70th Week of Daniel

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1. Unbelieving Jews return to Israel (Deuteronomy 30:1, 5-9) **Already fulfilled in 1948**
  2. Jerusalem regained by Israel (Daniel 9:24, 27b) **Already fulfilled in 1967**
  3. Rebuilding the temple on the Temple Mount (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3-4)  
[May occur during the first half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week] **???**
  4. The consolidation of three Aryan nations to form a coalition of power north of Israel  
(Ezekiel 38:6, 15; Daniel 7:8, 24; Revelation 17:12-13) **???**
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# Critical Events at the Midpoint of the 70th Week

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01. Satan is cast out of heaven to earth. (Revelation 12:12)
  02. Satan empowers Antichrist. (Revelation 13:12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:9)
  03. The Restrainer's protection is removed. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:7; Daniel 12:1)
  04. The "man of lawlessness" [Antichrist] is revealed. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3)
  05. The abomination of desolation takes his place in the temple. (Matthew 24:15)
  06. The covenant with Israel is broken. (Daniel 9:24)
  07. Antichrist exalts himself above all others. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:4)
  08. The worship of the world is demanded by Antichrist. (Revelation 13:3-4, 12, 14b-15)
  09. The Babylonian Harlot is destroyed. (Revelation 13:3-4, 8, 12-15; 17:16)
  10. The everlasting gospel and a warning to those who would take Antichrist's mark is given to the world by God's angelic messengers. (Revelation 14:6, 8-9)
  11. The two witnesses begin their ministry. (Revelation 11:1-14)
  12. The persecution of faithful Israel (*the woman*) and the true church (*the rest of her offspring who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus*) begins. (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:20b, 22-23)
  13. The apostasy or the "falling away on account of my [Christ's] name" begins. (Matthew 24:9-12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3)
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