

Eschatology - Class 2

Revelation 5:1-7 NKJV - *“And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.”*

Jesus is the only person who ever lived on the earth who is worthy to take the scroll. Currently, Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father but here He is standing because He just got back from the earth to pick up the church.

Revelation 5:8-10 NKJV - *“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.””*

This will be the best church service you've ever been to!

These 7 seals will take us through the entire 7-year tribulation period.

Revelation 6:1-2 NKJV - *“Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.”*

Some have erroneously said this was Jesus. He has a bow, but no arrows are mentioned. Weaponless! A crown had to be given to him, that's certainly not Jesus.

This is the anti-Christ.

Revelation 6:3-4 NKJV - *“When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.” Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.”*

This means war. Some call this World War III.

II Thessalonians 2:1-4 NKJV - *“Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the **man of sin** is revealed, **the son of perdition**, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”*

The man of sin is one of the terms the Bible uses to describe the antichrist. Notice it says a falling away first. This falling away has always puzzled people. This is a defection, revolt, apostasy.

Apostasy - a defection from the truth

This signifies people moving from the faith. We see that today in our culture in many ways. There has been a moving away from the truth to where now basic understanding of simple concepts, people are confused about. ie: male, female, etc.

II Thessalonians 2:6-8 NKJV - *“And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”*

Who is the one restraining the antichrist here on the earth that will be taken out of the way? Some have said THE HOLY SPIRIT. No, it can't be the Holy Spirit because there will be people on the earth saved during the tribulation. It must be the church!

So we see the antichrist coming on the scene at the beginning of the tribulation. Let's look at a few things that will happen right at the beginning of this period.

Daniel 9:27 NKJV - *“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.”*

At the beginning of the tribulation, the antichrist will make a covenant with Israel for 7 years. But in the middle of the 7 years he will break that covenant. With the second seal being opened, we see war. Where is this war fought and who all is involved?

Ezekiel 38:1-6 NKJV - *“Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you,*

O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.”

Magog - Russia

Meshech - Moscow region

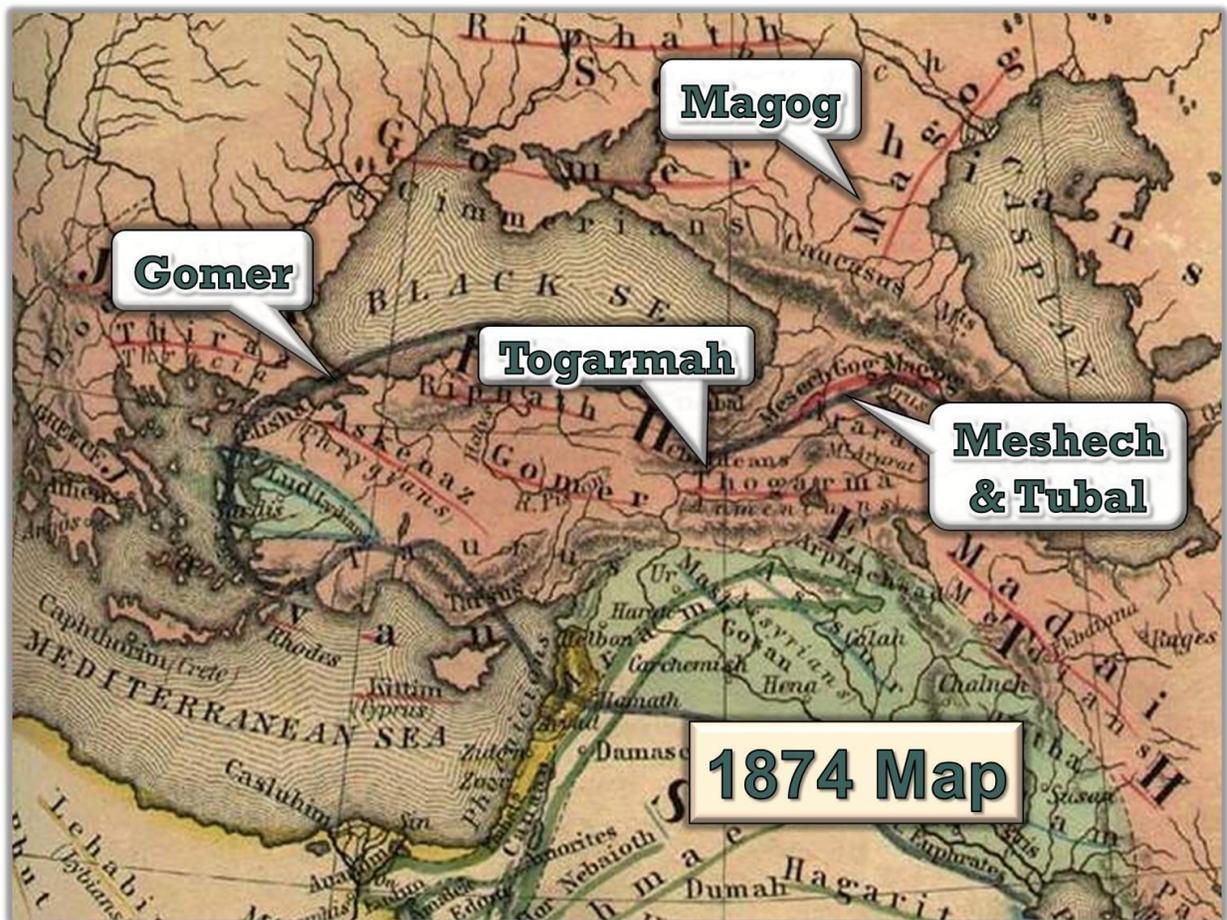
Tubal - Tobolsk/Russia

Persia - Iran

Cush - Sudan/Ethiopia

Gomer - Eastern Europe / Turkey

Togarmah - Turkey/Caucasus



God is addressing all of these nations and telling them that He is against them!

Ezekiel 38:9-12 NKJV - *“You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.” Thus says the Lord God: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will*

make an evil plan: You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'— to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land."

This coalition of armies are going to unite and attack Israel. They see them as vulnerable and they are going to try and take wealth from them.

This war likely takes place at the beginning of the tribulation coinciding with the opening of the second seal. Israel is in their land, dwelling securely. This war cannot be the battle of Armageddon because it involves different nations.

Ezekiel 38:18-23 NKJV - *““And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord God, “that My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.” ”*

God is going to supernaturally intervene and destroy these armies attacking Israel.

Ezekiel 39:9 NKJV - *““Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years.”*

For 7 years they will be cleaning up and burning the mess, all during the tribulation. What an amazing event and it happens right at the beginning of the tribulation at the opening of the second seal. This isn't the antichrist; this is Russia and her proxies trying to go after Israel.

Biblical names of the antichrist: little horn, man of sin, son of destruction (prediction), lawless one.

Now let's take a few minutes and look deeper at what the Bible says about this man of sin, son of perdition, the antichrist.

Where does he come from?

Daniel 7:7-8 NKJV - *““After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring,*

breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words."

The 4 beasts Daniel saw were 4 empires: Medes, Persian, Greek, Roman. The 4th beast listed here as the Roman empire. (See graphic)

This little horn that rises up is the antichrist. It rises up amongst 10 other horns, which are leaders from the former Western division of the Roman Empire. Of these 10 countries, 3 of them will oppose him and be destroyed. So again, we see war. But this gives us some clarity of where he will come from, he won't be American. He will come from the European area.

(Italy, Spain, France, North Africa, Germany, England, Portugal, Switzerland)
The "10 horns" of the Western Division of the Roman Empire fit in these modern countries.

Great Orator

Daniel 7:11 NKJV - *"I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame."*

Pompous - Huge or domineering words. Great words.
People will enjoy listening to him because of how eloquently he speaks.

Great Ability

Daniel 8:24 NKJV - *"His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people."*

He is a very powerful leader. His authority and power comes directly from Satan (Rev 13:2-4)

LGBTQ+

Daniel 11:37 NKJV - *"He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all."*

He does not follow the religious background of his fathers. He does not have the desire of women. The antichrist will be a part of the LGBTQ+ community and a worldwide champion of their cause!

Revelation 11:8 NKJV - *"And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."*

The great city is Jerusalem. The antichrist will move his headquarters to Jerusalem during the tribulation period, and the city will be called Sodom because of the moral degradation that will happen there, like in Sodom and Gomorrah in the OT.

Daniel 7:20 NKJV - *“and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.”*

Fellows - associates. This is the feminine use of the Hebrew word.

The antichrist will be a champion of the LGBTQ+ community and people will blindly follow him because of this.

Revelation 6:5-6 NKJV - *“When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”*

This speaks of famine on the earth. Food shortages in various places around the world. (Matthew 24:7)

Revelation 6:7-8 NKJV - *“When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”*

These are the 4 horseman of the apocalypse. They ride throughout the 7-year period of time in the tribulation. **Power was given to them over only 1/4th of the earth.**

There will not be a 1 world government. The antichrist will not be able to take control of everything. He is a failure!

Revelation 6:9-11 NKJV - *“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.”*

These are the martyrs of the tribulation. This means that there will be Christians on the earth during the tribulation period. Some could have missed the rapture, some could have accepted Jesus during the tribulation because we are going to see the gospel being preached all over the place during the tribulation.

Revelation 6:12-17 NKJV - *“I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?””*

This is at the end of the tribulation. It will be obvious, and instead of repenting, people will be trying to hide themselves from God.

DANIEL'S "SEVENTY WEEKS"

DAN. 9:24-27

84 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 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.

85 Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks:

DANIEL'S "SIXTY NINE" WEEKS

B.C. 445 **7-WEEKS**

49-YEARS

TO THE REBUILDING OF JERUSALEM
NEH. 3-6.

the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

62-WEEKS

4-34-YEARS

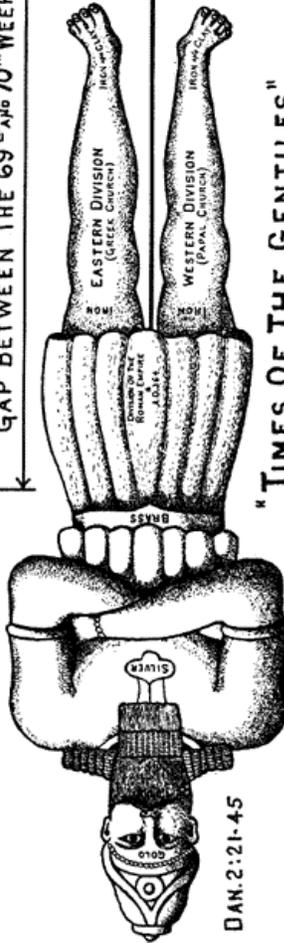
TO "MESSIAH THE PRINCE"
DAN. 9:25-26, ZECH. 9:9, MATT. 21:1-11

THE PRESENT DISPENSATION OF "THE CHURCH" WAS NOT REVEALED TO DANIEL

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
A.D. 70

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.

GAP BETWEEN THE 69TH AND 70TH WEEK



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27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overpreparing of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

DANIEL'S "SEVENTIETH" WEEK

MIDDLE OF THE WEEK

3 1/2-YEARS
TIME TIMES + A HALF
4-2-MONTHS
1260 DAYS

ZECH. 14:4

THE REVELATION
I. THESS. 1:7-10, REV. 19:11-21

"TIMES OF THE GENTILES"

LUKE 21:24

1/25/19

