

God's Plan for Jerusalem

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Why is this chart on Jerusalem Associated with the study of Ezekiel?

Ezekiel's prophecy ([Click here](#) for Historical Timeline of Ezekiel) deals with God's final warnings and reasons for the complete destruction of the holy Temple and the holy city of Jerusalem. Ezekiel's prophecies were fulfilled in 586BC with the final burning of the city, but this was not to be the final "end" of God's discipline on His holy city and the chart and Scriptures below are an attempt to provide an overview of the five "mountain peaks" of prophecy centered around the city of Jerusalem. A proper understanding of the pivotal role of Jerusalem in God's plan for the ages, will greatly aid a proper understanding of all other end time events. This chart represents a synopsis and is not meant to be all inclusive. Note that this chart is based upon a literal interpretation of the Scriptures and otherwise assumes no predisposition to any one specific school of interpretation or "systematic theology". For example, if John writes "1000 years" the approach is to interpret this as a literal 1000 year period of time.

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The Old City of David

"Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (ie, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. The inhabitants of [Jebus](#) said to David, "You shall not enter here." Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion ie, the CITY OF DAVID... Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore it was called the CITY OF DAVID & he built the city all around from the [Millo](#) even to the surrounding area; and Joab repaired the rest of the city & David became greater and greater for the LORD of hosts was with him" (1Chr 11:4, 5, 11:7, 8, 9)

"THE END" OF JERUSALEM AS PICTURED IN 6 PROPHETIC "PEAKS"

	MOUNTAIN PEAK 1	MOUNTAIN PEAK 2	MOUNTAIN PEAK 3	MOUNTAIN PEAK 4	MOUNTAIN PEAK 5	MOUNTAIN PEAK 6
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WHAT IS THE SIGN OF THIS PEAK?	Sketch, Side, Starvation, Shaving (Ezekiel 4-5)	Jerusalem Being Surrounded	Abomination of Desolation (Antichrist) Standing in Holy Place	Nations of the World Surround Jerusalem at end of Great Tribulation	Beloved City Surrounded by Nations (Gentiles) Deceived by Satan	"Bride Adorned for Her Husband"
WHAT SCRIPTURES SUPPORT THIS EVENT?	Ezekiel 4-7 (many others in OT)	Lk 19:41-44, Lk 21:20-24	Mt 24:3, 15, 21 Je 30:3,7 Rev 11:1, 2 2Th 2:3-4 Da 7:11, 12, 13ff+ Da 9:27	Zech 12:1-9+ Zech 14:1-9+	Rev 20:7-10	Rev 20:11, 21:1, 2, 3, 4 2Pe 3:10, 11, 12, 13, Mt 24:35 Is 65:17, 66:22
WHAT CHARACTERIZES THIS "MOUNTAIN"?	City Besieged The End has come Ezek 7:2 Remnant Preserved Ezek 6:8, 9 Restoration Predicted Ezek 33:1-39:1ff	Jews did not recognize Time of Messiah's (first) Visitation	Begins... "Great Tribulation" Mt "Jacob's Distress" (Jer 30:7)	City Surrounded Messiah Returns & Fights Zech 14:3-5+ Jewish Remnant Saved Zech 13:8-9+ Ro 11:25-26+	1000 Year Millennial Reign of Messiah on Earth Fire devours rebels Satan > Lake of Fire	New Heavens & Earth The Holy City: New Jerusalem (new = qualitatively brand new)
WHEN IS IT FULFILLED? (By Whom?)	586BC (BABYLON)	70AD (ROME)	Second Half of Daniel's 70 th Week (Antichrist & "REVIVED ROME")	At the end of the Second Half of Daniel's 70 th Week (aka The Great Tribulation)	AT END OF THE 1000 REIGN (SATAN DECEIVES MANY GENTILES TO REVOLT)	AFTER HEAVEN & EARTH PASS AWAY
HOW ARE THE TIMES DESCRIBED?	TIMES OF THE GENTILES Lk 21:24 (from conquest by Nebuchadnezzar until the destruction of the antichrist)				Righteousness... forevermore - Da 9:24+	RIGHTEOUSNESS DWELLS 2Pe 3:13+

JERUSALEM THE FIRST MAJOR PROPHETIC PEAK

586BC: DESTRUCTION BY BABYLON
TIMES OF GENTILES BEGIN

Ezekiel 4-7 Remember that **Ezekiel 4-24** describes God's judgment on Judah and the desolation of Jerusalem

[Ezekiel 4:1-2](#) (SKETCH SIGN)

Now you son of man, get yourself a brick, place it before you, and **inscribe a city on it, Jerusalem.** Then lay

siege against it, build a siege wall, raise up a ramp, pitch camps, and place battering rams against it all around...

Ezekiel 4:4 (SIDE SIGN)

As for you, lie down on your left **side**, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; you shall bear their iniquity for the number of days that you lie on it....

Ezekiel 4:9 (STARVATION SIGN)

But as for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and spelt, put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself; you shall eat it according to the number of the days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days...15 Then He said to me, "See, I shall give you cow's dung in place of human dung over which you will prepare your bread."

Ezekiel 5:1-2 (SHAVING SIGN)

...take a sharp sword; take and use it as a barber's razor on your head and beard. Then take scales for weighing and divide the hair. 1/3 you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city...1/3 and strike it with the sword all around the city & 1/3 you shall scatter to the wind...

Ezekiel 6:8 (MOURNING REMNANT SPARED)

However, I shall leave a **remnant**, (click note on remnant) for you will have those who escaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries. 9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captive, how I have been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes, which played the harlot after their idols; and they will loathe themselves (see Zech in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations. 10 Then they will know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them.

Ezekiel 7:2

And you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel, '**Anend! The end** is coming on the four corners of the land. 3 'Now **the end** is upon you, and I shall send My anger against you; I shall judge you according to your ways, and I shall bring all your abominations upon you.

JERUSALEM THE SECOND MAJOR PROPHETIC PEAK

70AD: DESTRUCTION BY ROME
DISPERSION OF JEWS

Luke 19:41, 42, 43

And when He approached, He saw **the city** and wept over it saying "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. for the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, 44 and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you **did not recognize the time of your visitation** (If they had recognized and received Jesus as their Messiah, He would have set up His kingdom but they did not so He will return as described below to set up His 1000 year kingdom and fulfill His covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob). (cf prophecy of Jesus' "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem = Zech 9:9, 10 [Gap between v9 and v10 - latter to be fulfilled at His Second Coming], Mt 21:4,5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Mk 11:9,10 Lk 19:37,38, 39, 40, Jn 1:49, 12:14,15 19:15)

Luke 21:20, 22, 23, 24

But when you see **Jerusalem** surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is at hand. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of the city depart, and let not

those who are in the country enter the city 22 because these are days of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people, 24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword and will be led captive into all the nations; and **Jerusalem** will be **trampled under foot** by the Gentiles until the **times of the Gentiles** be fulfilled. (Comment: [Click times of Gentiles charted out.](#) In context, the sign of **Jerusalem surrounded by armies** was a reference to the future siege and destruction by the Roman General Titus in A.D. 70. However, before the Romans could capture Jerusalem, they had to lay a long siege lasting some 143 days. Josephus claimed that nearly a million people were killed by the Romans, and over 100,000 taken captive, when Titus captured the city. But for those who heeded Jesus' warning, presumably believers, the vision of Jerusalem surrounded by Roman armies would be the signal to flee to the mountains. The historian Eusebius reports that before the destruction of Jerusalem, Christians, apparently following this warning, left the city and took refuge at Pella, a little town east of the Jordan near the Sea of Galilee. This historically verifiable event is a picture of the yet future sign that Jesus described in Matthew 24:15 concerning the abomination of desolation standing in the Jewish temple. In regard to when the **times of the Gentiles** began some observers conclude from Luke 20 that it began in 70AD, but most authorities believe these times began with Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of Jerusalem in 586BC.)

Dr. John Walvoord feels that...

The **times of the Gentiles** began in 605 BC. when Nebuchadnezzar (a Gentile) and his armies conquered Jerusalem and took the first captives to Babylon. Since then there have been times when Israel had possession of Jerusalem temporarily, but they did not have permanent possession. At the time Jesus was on earth, though Israel was in Jerusalem, it was under the control of the Gentiles (Rome). That has continued to the present time. Even today Israel controls Jerusalem because of military support from the United States (and they still do not control the most valuable land in Jerusalem... Temple Mount, which is controlled by Gentiles!). According to Daniel's prophecies, the **times of the Gentiles** will not end until the end of the Great Tribulation which is future. The section of prophecy in [Luke:20-24](#) should be distinguished from the other prophecies dealing with signs of the end because [Luke 21:24](#) has already been literally fulfilled while the other aspects of its signs, as in [Matthew 24](#) and [Mark 13](#), are yet to see complete fulfillment. Only Luke gives the specific answer to signs of the destruction of Jerusalem." (Walvoord, J. F. The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook. Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books)

Revelation 11:1,2

And there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Rise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. 2 "And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the **nations** (Gentiles - so clearly indicating that these are still "**the times of the Gentiles**"); and they will **tread under foot THE HOLY CITY** for **forty-two months**. (a three and one-half year period, the last half of the "Tribulation" or Daniel's Seventieth Week) -- better classified under the "Third Major Mountain Peak" as this prophecy refers to events in the second half of **Daniel's 70th Week** (see [Daniel 9:27](#) below) (See **notes** [Revelation 11:1, 11:2](#))

A study of Daniel 2 provides an excellent overview of the succession of Gentile nations that would trample Jerusalem underfoot. Daniel first states Nebuchadnezzar's dream:

Daniel 2:31-36 -**note**

You, O king (**Nebuchadnezzar**), were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome.

32 The head of that statue was made of fine **gold**, its breast and its arms of **silver**, its belly and its thighs of **bronze**,

33 its legs of **iron**, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 You continued looking until a **Stone** (the second coming of Messiah, the Rock and Redeemer [Ps 19:14](#), of [Isa 28:16](#), [Lu 20:18](#) at the end of the Great Tribulation crushing the Gentile armies of the world and the antichrist [Rev 19:11-21](#)) was cut out without hands (speaking of His supernatural aspect - no human help needed), and it struck the statue on its feet of **iron** and **clay**, and crushed them.

35 Then the **iron**, the **clay**, the **bronze**, the **silver** and the **gold** were crushed all at the same time and became

like chaff from the summer threshing floors and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. (When Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation, the Seven Year period described by Daniel in Da 9:27 -notes) But the **Stone** that struck the statue became a great mountain (mountain in scripture often = kingdom, in this case the Millennial Kingdom) and filled the whole earth (Messiah will rule over all the earth during His 1000 year rule).

36 This was the dream; now we shall tell its interpretation before the king...

Then Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream...

Daniel 2:37-45 -note

You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory; 38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of **gold**. (First of five Gentile kingdoms to rule over or "trample" Jerusalem: Babylon 605 - 539BC)

39 And **after** (marks time sequence) you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you (Second Gentile kingdom to trample Jerusalem: Medo-Persia 539 - 330BC),

then (remember that "then" is an important conjunction in prophetic passages as it marks sequence of events) another third kingdom of **bronze** (Third Gentile kingdom to trample Jerusalem: Greece under Alexander the Great 330 - 63BC), which will rule over all the earth.

40 **Then** (time phrase indicating sequence of events) there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as **iron** (Fourth Gentile kingdom to trample Jerusalem: Rome 63BC) inasmuch as **iron** crushes and shatters all things, so, like **iron** that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

41 And in that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's **clay** and partly of **iron**, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of **iron**, inasmuch as you saw the **iron** mixed with common **clay** (Fifth Gentile kingdom to trample Jerusalem: Greece).

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of **iron** and partly of **pottery**, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. 43 And in that you saw the **iron** mixed with common **clay**, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as **iron** does not combine with **pottery** (Most conservative authorities equate the 10 toes with the "Revived Roman Empire" - the statue above is relatively accurate but "European Union" is conjecture and not a definite fact).

44 And in the days of those kings (What days? The days of the 10 kings = the Revived Roman Empire) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom (Millennial Kingdom in which the "Stone", the Messiah reigns for 1000 years) which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms (All the Gentile kingdoms which trampled under foot are in turn crushed forever by the Messianic Millennial kingdom), but it will itself endure forever.

45 Inasmuch as you saw that a **Stone** (Messiah) was cut out of the mountain without hands (speaks of supernatural aspect) and that it crushed the **iron**, the **bronze**, the **clay**, the **silver**, and the **gold**, (at Christ's second advent {See notes on [Rev 19:11ff](#)}, all the kingdoms of men will be crushed at one time bringing in the Millennial Kingdom of Messiah, the King of kings) the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy." (Nebuchadnezzar's dream symbolized the ultimate end of the "times of the Gentiles" and their domination of Israel brought about quickly by the second coming of Christ.)

JERUSALEM

THE THIRD & FOURTH MAJOR PROPHETIC PEAKS

SOMETIME FUTURE AT THE END OF THIS AGE
THE GREAT TRIBULATION
THE TIME OF JACOB'S DISTRESS

And as He (Jesus) was sitting on the Mount of Olives (in His last week prior to His sacrificial death), the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? (and in verse 15 He warns them of a time of great danger for Israel)..."

15 (Here is the "sign" Jesus told them to watch for) "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (reference to the antichrist = man of lawlessness of [2Thes 2:3-4](#) = beast of [Rev 13:2ff](#) = little horn of [Daniel 7:8](#)) which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place let the reader understand (the "holy place" indicates there must be a rebuilt Temple)..."

21 for then there will be a **great tribulation** (refers to the last 3.5 years of Daniel's 70th week) such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall." (worse than the Babylonian and Roman destructions of Jerusalem)

Jeremiah 30:3,7 (note) Keep in mind that the context of these verses is a prophecy of the future restoration for Israel (Jeremiah 30-33 is known as the "Book of Consolation")

Jeremiah records...

3 For, behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah

7 'Alas! for that day is great (What day? the "great tribulation"). There is none like it; and it is the **time of Jacob's distress**, but he will be saved from it."

Israel's Future Restoration In Parallel Passages

Jeremiah 30:7	will be saved
Daniel 12:1	will be rescued
Zechariah 13:8, 9	I will bring the third part through the fire
Romans 11:26	all Israel will be saved

Daniel 12:1 (note) "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a **time of distress** such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time (THIS TIME PHRASE IDENTIFIES THIS AS A ONE TIME OCCURRENCE, THE SAME DESCRIPTION GIVEN FOR THE GREAT TRIBULATION); and at that time your people (ISRAEL), everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued (Romans 11:26-27-note, Zechariah 12:10-14-note, Zechariah 13:1-note, Zechariah 13:8-9-note).

Comment: Daniel's **Time of Distress** = Jesus' Great Tribulation

Jeremiah's **Time of Jacob's Distress**

Now at that time (What time? For context you need to read the previous chapter, especially beginning in Da 11:36-note, {note the phrase "the indignation" = the "time of distress", etc} which describes the reign of the antichrist), Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a **time of distress** such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

Zechariah 12:1-3+ - Zechariah 12-14 should be read as a "unit" for these passages refer to the same time period and events.

The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him, 2 Behold, I am going to make **Jerusalem** a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. 3 And it will come about in that day that I will make **Jerusalem** a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it....

Zechariah 12:10-14+ And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they (in context God is referring primarily to the Jews who) will look on Me whom they have pierced and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born....

Zechariah 13:8+ And it will come about in all the land" Declares the LORD "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish but the 3rd will be left in it. **13:9** And I will bring the 3rd part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined & test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name & I will answer them. I will say, 'They are My people,' & they will say, 'Jehovah is my God.'" (compare parallel passage Daniel 12:10-note which in context also refers to the time period of the "Great Tribulation" or "Jacob's distress")

Zechariah 14:1+ Behold a day is coming for the LORD when...I will gather all the nations against **Jerusalem** to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. **3** Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. (Describing the Second Coming as in notes on [Revelation 19:11ff](#))

Romans 11:25-29+ - Paul explains what happens to the Jews who place their faith in Messiah when He returns (as described in the previous passages in Zechariah and the following passage from Revelation) at the end of the **Great Tribulation**

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles (not the same as the "times of the Gentiles" which is more of a term of judgment on Israel) has come in 26 and thus **all Israel will be saved** ("All" who place their faith in Messiah, but from Zechariah we know that this "all" is only a "Remnant" of one third-click note on remnant); just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER (See description of Messiah's "deliverance" in, [Rev 19:15 \(note\)](#) and [2Thes 2:8 below](#)) WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." **27** "AND THIS IS MY COVENANT (God keeps His covenant - this statement is based on His unconditional, eternal covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, see [Ge 12:1-3](#) which reaches its fullness in the "New Covenant" first prophesied in [Jer 31:31-40+](#) - read those verses to see how "permanent" it is) WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." **28** From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers **29** for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable (compare [Isaiah 66:14](#)) (See **notes** on [Romans 11:25; 26; 27; 28; 29](#))

Revelation 19:11-21+ In this passage the **Stone** of Daniel 2 (above) crushes all the Gentile kingdoms of the world (Cf [Zech 14:3](#) above)

And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. **12** And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. **13** And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. **15** And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations (~Gentiles) and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. **16** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." **17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God; **18** in order that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." **19** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat upon the horse, and against His army. **20** And the beast (**antichrist**) was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat upon the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh." (And thus end the "times of the Gentiles that began with [Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC](#)) ([Rev 19:11-21+](#))

2Thessalonians 2:1-10+ Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him, **2** that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the **Day of the Lord** has come. **3** ([note](#)) Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless **the apostasy** (a specific turning away from a prior religious allegiance - as this event is associated with the mention of the antichrist in the following section, this apostasy could be a turning away of Jews from Jehovah and to the Antichrist who Daniel teaches will make a covenant with them) comes first, and the man of lawlessness (the Antichrist) is revealed (means to be shown clearly in regard to his evil nature, implying that in the first 3.5 years of Daniel's Seventieth Week, his true nature is veiled), the son of destruction, **4** ([note](#)) who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God (his incredibly blasphemous act will set in motion the last 3.5 years of the Tribulation, the period Jesus referred to as "The Great Tribulation", the inception of which could be identified clearly when the Antichrist stood in the rebuilt Jewish Temple - see [Mt 24:15, 21](#)). **5** Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling

you these things? 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. 7 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. 8 And then that **lawless one** (the man of lawlessness, the son of destruction = the antichrist) will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming (describes same event as described above in Rev 19:11-15); 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

Daniel 9:24-27 (See notes Daniel 9:24; 25; 26; 9:27)

24 (The angel Gabriel presents the following as an answer to Daniel's prayer) "Seventy weeks ("seventy sevens" of years = 490 years) have been decreed for your (Daniel's) people (the Jews) and your holy city (Jerusalem), to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. (the Temple in Jerusalem)

25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree (click note on when this decree was issued; see also [Ice's article - When Does the Prophecy Begin?](#)) to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (The end of the 7 weeks {7 x 7 = 49 years} and 62 weeks {62 x 7 = 434} corresponds to Messiah's entry into Jerusalem in the last week of His live. See chart summary of this time period; see also [Ice's explanation](#)); it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 **Then after** the 62 weeks (the 7 weeks + the 62 "sevens" - after the 483 years) the **Messiah** will be cut off (Crucifixion of Christ) and have nothing, and the people (Romans) of the prince who is to come (Antichrist) will destroy the city and the sanctuary (Fulfilled in history - 70AD Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple). And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 And **he** (refers to the lawless one, the antichrist, the little horn, the man of sin, the beast) will make a firm covenant with the many for one week (7 year period = "Daniel's 70th Week"), but in the middle of the week (In the midpoint at 3 1/2 years) he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate (see Jesus' commentary above in Mt 24:15, 21), even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." (See commentary **notes** Daniel 9:24; 25; 26; 9:27)

JERUSALEM

THE FIFTH MAJOR PROPHETIC PEAK

END OF THE 1000 YEAR REIGN
SATAN'S FINAL ASSAULT ON THE BELOVED CITY

Revelation 20:7-10 - Note that the momentous end times events described in Revelation 19, 20 and 21 can be assessed in chronological order assuming one interprets these passages literally and not allegorically. For a better understanding of John's description in Revelation 20, examine the context beginning at least at the return of Christ (which terminates the Great Tribulation and initiates the 1000 year reign of Christ) in [Revelation 19:11 \(note\)](#) and observe the events that logically, and chronologically transpire through the glorious time depicted in [Revelation 21:2 \(note\)](#).

And when the 1000 years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison (having been bound for 1000 years) and will come out to **deceive** the **nations** (the Gentiles - indicating that sin still infects mankind even in face of the Messiah reigning from Jerusalem for the previous 1000 years! And they cannot say the devil made me do it because he is incarcerated!) which are in the 4 corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city (clearly this is the city of Jerusalem), and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (See **notes** [Revelation 20:7;20:8; 20:9; 20:10](#))

Isaiah 9:6, 7 note Note that Isaiah 9:6 refers to Messiah's first coming and Isaiah 9:7 to His second coming to sets up His Millennial government kingdom.

9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

9:7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and **righteousness** from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this."

JERUSALEM

THE SIXTH & FINAL MAJOR PROPHETIC PEAK

After the First heaven & earth pass away
"I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW"

Peter's declaration that the **heavens will pass away... earth will be burned up** corresponds to John's description in **first heaven and the first earth passed away**

Peter declares that...

the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. 11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for **new heavens and a new earth**, in which **righteousness** dwells. (See **notes** 2Pe 3:10; 11; 12; 13)

John writes...

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, 4 and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." 5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." (See **notes** [Rev 21:1](#); [21:2](#); [21:3](#); [21:4](#); [21:5](#))

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN FOR JERUSALEM

The Five Prophetic Peaks Paralleled Chronologically
With the Major Prophetic Events Impacting Jerusalem

O LORD, revive Thy work in the midst of the years.

In the midst of the years make it known.

In wrath remember mercy

-- Habakkuk 3:2+

SEGMENTS OF TIME	AT LEAST 2000 YEARS	SEVEN YEARS	1000 YEARS	?	FOREVER
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PROPHETIC PEAK #1 Jerusalem destroyed by Babylon 586bc			PROPHETIC PEAK #2 Jerusalem destroyed by Rome 70ad	PROPHETIC PEAK #3 Jerusalem sacked by Gentiles/Saved by Messiah at the end of Daniel's 70th Week	PROPHETIC PEAK #4 Jerusalem surrounded by Nations at the end of 1000 yr	No place found for earth & heaven	PEAK #5 New Jerusalem After all passes away
			"THE CHURCH AGE"	DANIEL'S 70th WEEK The Tribulation	Great Tribulation ends w return of Messiah as King of kings & defeat of antichrist who is cast into Lake of fire at beginning of 1000 yr reign		All things new
			BEGINS: Pentecost Acts 2 ENDS: Rapture of church 1Th 4:13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (note) When is Rapture? Most likely prior to Daniel's 70th Wk	Antichrist makes firm covenant w Israel for 7 years - Temple rebuilt Antichrist breaks covenant after 3.5 yr	BEGINS: Antichrist desecrates Holy Temple - Abomination of desolation initiates 3.5 yr Great Tribulation = Jacob's Distress ENDS: Return of Christ - Rev 19:11- note	Christ reigns from Jerusalem David reigns over Israel Saints reign with Christ	Heaven & earth passed away
Babylon 605-538bc	Medo Persia 538-330	Greece 330-63bc	Rome 63bc --	Revived Roman Empire (What is it? Can't be dogmatic - many favor European Union when composed of 10 nations)	Messiah Reigns 1000 Years	Great White Throne Jdgmt Rev 20:11, 12, 13, 14, 15	Eternity Righteousness dwells
THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES BEGINS = Babylon tramples Jerusalem underfoot ENDS = Jesus the Stone of Daniel 2 crushes Antichrist and all the Gentile powers at end of Daniel's 70th Week Synonymous Time Phrases = This Age, This present evil age (Gal 1:4) The next age is the 1000 year reign of Christ = The Messianic Age					Satan bound 1000 yr but released & deceives countless Gentiles to rebel one last time against the beloved city - devoured by fire & Satan cast into Lake of fire	Heavens pass away w roar & elements destroyed w intense heat & earth & works burned up	New Jerusalem Comes down from God Made ready as a bride adorned for her husband

	<p>THE LAST DAYS BEGINS = Jesus' first appearance Heb 1:2 (note) ENDS = Probably when Jesus returns (cannot find a specific Scripture) MAIN POINT = Believers are living in the Last Days</p>			<p>Unbelievers cast into Lake of fire</p>	
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BELOVED OF GOD, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR & WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR? "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the **present age, looking** for the Blessed Hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deed... Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness **looking** for and hastening the coming of the day of God... **eagerly waiting** for the hope of righteousness... **waiting eagerly** for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body... **longing** to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven... for our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we **eagerly wait** for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ... from heaven, Whom (God) raised from the dead, that is Jesus, Who delivers us from the wrath to come... Therefore, beloved, since you **look** for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless... there is laid up... the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to... all who have **loved His appearing.**" (Titus 2:11-Titus 2:11; 12; 13;14; 2Pe 3:11, 12-note; Gal 5:5, Ro 8:23-note, 2Cor 5:2, Php 3:20-note, 2Th 1:10, 2Pe 3:14-note, 2Ti 4:8-note)

Lake of Fire
 ... they will be tormented day & night forever and ever
 Mt 25:41 Mk 9:43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 Mt 5:29, 30
 Re 19:20, 20:10, 14,
 15-notes [Re 19:20](#); [20:10](#); [14](#); [15](#)