

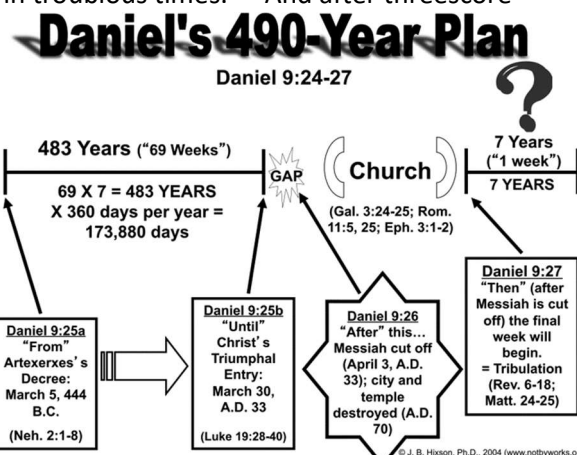


- *Apostasy. Defection from truth.*

and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. <sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

- *Antichrist. This sets off the time of Great Tribulation on earth and the JSoc in heaven.*

**Daniel 9:25-27** 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: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. <sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: 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. <sup>27</sup> 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 overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.



## Clear verses for the imminent return of Christ.

*No prerequisites for 1 Thess 4:13-18 and 1 Cor 15:51-57.*

**Luke 12:40** <sup>40</sup> Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

**1 Corinthians 1:7-8** <sup>7</sup> So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>8</sup> Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52** <sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**Philippians 3:20-21** <sup>20</sup> For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look [1s Person, Plural, Present Tense, Verb] for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>21</sup> Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** <sup>10</sup> And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**1 Thessalonians 3:13** <sup>13</sup> To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-17** <sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**2 Timothy 4:8** <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**Titus 2:12-14** <sup>12</sup> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; <sup>13</sup> Looking [P,Pl, V] for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

**Hebrews 9:27-28** <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: <sup>28</sup> So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**Hebrews 10:37** <sup>37</sup> For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

**James 5:7-9** <sup>7</sup> Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. <sup>8</sup> Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. <sup>9</sup> Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

**1 Peter 1:5** <sup>5</sup> Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**2 Peter 3:11-14** <sup>11</sup> Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, <sup>12</sup> Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. <sup>14</sup> Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

**1 John 2:28** <sup>28</sup> And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

**1 John 3:1-3** <sup>1</sup> Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

**Jude 1:20-21** <sup>20</sup> But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Revelation 3:11** <sup>11</sup> Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

**Revelation 22:7** Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

**Revelation 22:12** <sup>12</sup> And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

**Revelation 22:17** <sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

**Revelation 22:20** <sup>20</sup> He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

*See also...*

**John 14:1-4** <sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. <sup>4</sup> And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Acts 1:7-11; 1 Cor 4:5; Gen 49:18; **Rom 8**; 2 Tim 4:1; 1 Thess 5:1-2; 2 Thess 2:1; Heb 10:24-25; 1 Peter 4:7; Rev 1:3;

**Colossians 3:1-4** <sup>1</sup> If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

## Clear verses for the Day of Christ = The judgment seat of Christ.

- What day is “the day of Christ?” In Bible study, **usage** determines **meaning**. So, run the xrefs.
- 1 Corinthians 1:7-8** So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: (RAPTURE) <sup>8</sup> Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.* (JSoC)
- 1 Corinthians 5:5** To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- 2 Corinthians 1:14** As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also *are ours* in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:
- Philippians 1:9-11** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; <sup>10</sup> That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.
- Philippians 2:14-16** Do all things without murmurings and disputings: <sup>15</sup> That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; <sup>16</sup> Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
- Philippians 4:5** <sup>5</sup> Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20** For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? <sup>20</sup> For ye are our glory and joy.
- 2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.
- 2 Timothy 1:16-18** The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: <sup>17</sup> But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me.* <sup>18</sup> The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

“The day of Christ” is what day? **The Judgment Seat of Christ.**

See also: Rom 2:16

**Romans 2:16** In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

**Romans 14:10-13** <sup>10</sup> But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. <sup>12</sup> So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. <sup>13</sup> Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

**2 Corinthians 5:8-11** <sup>8</sup> We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

**To make 2 Thess 2:1-3 into a timeline for the rapture (not the Day of Christ / Judgment Seat of Christ) to take place is to wrest the Scriptures. Don't do that.**

## Revealing of the man of sin. Vs 3-8

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-10** <sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. <sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: <sup>9</sup> *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

### 1. The antichrist **revealed**: “That wicked”

- “that man of sin” *This is a title **unique** to the antichrist.*
- He is revealed after the assassination and “resurrection” **Rev 13**

### 2. The antichrist **rebellious**: “I will be like the most High”

- Vs 4. This is why he’s called the antichrist.
- This is why Satan **hates** in the **incarnation** of Christ! *Understand...  
Where the mystery of GODLINESS worked to reveal God in the flesh...*

**1 Timothy 3:16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

TODAY: The mystery of iniquity is working to **manifest Satan in the flesh!** **Vs 7-8**

**2 Thessalonians 2:7** For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

This is why history has been filled with many antichrists!

### 3. The antichrist **restrained**. “what withholdeth” “he who now letteth will let”

**FIRST: The mystery of iniquity is at work.**

*The RESTRAINER is **holding** the **revealing** of the antichrist **back**.*

**SECOND: There is a restrainer. Vs 6-7**

The restrainer is a **what**. Vs 6 That withholds the revealing of the antichrist.

The restrainer is a **HE**. Vs 7. That hinders his revealing.

He will be **removed** out of **the antichrist’s way**. Vs 7.

**What and Who is he? (2 possibilities—you pick or don’t.)** *This is a hard passage—don’t divide over it.*

Today (the primary ID) this is the person of the Holy Spirit indwelling Christ’s bride.

**The position that the Holy Spirit being the one letting IS a biblically defensible position.**

KEY: The **Holy Spirit** is both a **what** and a **he**.

#### WHAT.

**Romans 8:16** <sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**Romans 8:26** <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**1 John 5:6** <sup>6</sup> This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

#### HE.

**John 14:16-17** <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

**John 15:26** <sup>26</sup> But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

**John 16:13** <sup>13</sup> Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

#### **What are Christ's followers intended to be?**

**Matthew 5:13-16** <sup>13</sup> Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. <sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**Philippians 2:16** <sup>16</sup> Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

**Titus 1:9** <sup>9</sup> Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

#### ***The majority LFF take. A secondary application.***

**2 Thessalonians 2:7-8a** For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed,

The headwound (Rev 13:3) takes everything out of the way and the man of sin can be revealed..

*At the midpoint of the 7-year peace treaty the antichrist is cut down. Rev 13:3 also Zech 11:17*

That removal allows him to be resurrected as "the son of perdition!" Who?

Satan is entered into him—and its bad, is just like Judas.

**John 6:70** Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

**John 17:12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

**The antichrist (and satan) is in his own way until he is removed (death) and then revealed ("resurrected")**

Vs 8 "And then shall that Wicked be revealed"

**2 Thessalonians 2:8-12** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: <sup>9</sup> *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: <sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## **Matthew 24 and the Fig Tree**

<sup>32</sup> Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:

- In Matthew 21:19, we see that the fig tree is a picture of self-righteousness.

**Matthew 21:19** And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

*And in this case, self-righteous Israel. It was cursed.*

*In Luke 13:6-9, it says if there is no fruit on the tree, it should be cut down, as Israel was. We find*

*the fig tree also in Luke 21:29. In Mark 11:13-14,21, Jesus cursed the fig tree, and in Mark 13:28, He wants us to learn a lesson from the fig tree. Jeremiah 24:2-8 also gives us an allegory about figs.*

**Luke 13:6-9** He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

**Luke 21:29** And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

**Mark 11:13-14** And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

**Mark 11:21** And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

**Mark 13:28** Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

**Jer 24:2-8** One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt.

- Verses 32-35 –The parable of the fig tree.  
The fig tree represents **the national life** of the Nation of Israel  
*The “fig tree” was “planted” in 1948.*

**Isaiah 66:8** Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

*Some say the “leaves” budded in 1967? (The six day war) How can we know?*

*The “fruit” appears on the fig tree, possibly at the time of the rapture - So 2:8-13. How can we know?*

<sup>33</sup> So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. <sup>34</sup> Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

- How long is the length of a generation? There are a few ways to calculate it biblically. *(see below). Or, it could simply be the generation that witnesses the events that Christ is speaking of that will take place in the great tribulation. “When you see it coming, it won’t be long, till I come.” Pretty simple, yet we will enclose some comments about a generation.*

The Jewish historian, Israel Eldad, was quoted by Time magazine as saying, "We are at the stage where David was when he liberated Jerusalem. From that time until the construction of the Temple by Solomon, only one generation passed. So it will be with us."

100 years? Compare Ex 12:40 with Gen 15:16.

*Since we know Israel was in Egypt for 430 years (Exodus 12:40), the statement from Genesis 15:16 makes a generation more than 100 years.*

70 or 80 years?

**Psalm 90:10** The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

*David's statement in Psalms 90:10 put a generation at 70 years.*

*Some believe the life of Christ to be the example of the length of a generation, who lived 33 1/2 years.*

*What about the generational timeline in Matt 1? (roughly  $2000/(14 \times 3) = 47.62$  yrs)*