

Executive Summary: Consensus Chronology of the End Times “Pre-Trib but Mid-Week” Rapture View *Interpreting Scripture with Scripture: Parallel Passages* (KJV unless otherwise noted)

Bottom Line: This timeline honors the full 2,520-day Daniel framework without compression, respects Greek syntax, accounts for the 75-day prophetic overtime, preserves imminence via the Smyrna Gap, and separates the Church from God’s wrath while remaining faithful to a literal reading. ~ *By Gordon Wayne Watts, Plant City, FL – Revised June 2026*

The 70th Week of Daniel (Daniel 9:27) – One “Week” of Years = 2,520 Days

- **First Half (1,260 days) – Phase 1: Satan’s / Man’s Wrath** * Relative peace as Antichrist confirms covenant.
 - Seals 1–5 unfold (wars, famines, persecution, martyrs under the altar – Rev 6) ; **Gospel preached to all nations.**
 - **Midpoint Trigger:** Abomination of Desolation (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:3-4). Antichrist breaks covenant.
- **Smyrna-Pattern Gap (Matt 24:22 “days shortened” + Rev 2:10 “10 days” pattern)** * Short, intense persecution of the Church (analogous to Smyrna).
 - **The Adrenaline Reflex Rapture:** The Body of Christ is “punched” → Holy Spirit immediately rescues the elect (1 Thess 4:17; 2 Thess 2:1-3; Rev 3:10 “keep you *ek* [out of] the hour of trial”).
 - Exact day/hour remains unknowable (Matt 24:36) — preserves true imminence.
- **Second Half (1,260 days) – Phase 2: God’s Wrath** * Great Tribulation begins (Matt 24:21; Dan 12:1).
 - **7th Seal contains the 7 Trumpets** (telescopic / inclusio structure in Koine Greek – Rev 8:1-2). Opening the 7th Seal does *not* produce a standalone earthly event but releases the Trumpets as its content (parataxis with *καὶ εἶδον*, syntactical void of silence, divine passive).
 - Trumpets → 7th Trumpet opens heavenly temple → **7 Bowls** complete God’s wrath (Rev 15:1).
 - Two Witnesses minister, Israel flees to wilderness, 144,000 sealed.
 - **Rapture already occurred** — Church spared God’s direct wrath (1 Thess 5:9; Rev 3:10).
- **Post-Tribulation – Phase 3: The 75-Day Administrative Transition (Daniel 12:11-12)**
 - **Days 1,260 to 1,290 (Cleanup):** Temple is cleansed; Antichrist/False Prophet cast into the Lake of Fire; Satan bound.
 - **Days 1,290 to 1,335 (Sorting):** Christ conducts the Sheep and Goat Judgment (Matt 25) to remove rebels and welcome mortal believers into the Kingdom.
 - **Day 1,335 (Inauguration Day):** The transition completes, and the Millennial Kingdom officially begins.

Key Distinctions / Supporting Parallels

- **Church experiences Seals** (Satan’s persecution) but is removed *before* Trumpets/Bowls (God’s wrath).
- **Return FOR the saints** (Rapture – mid-week) vs. **Return WITH the saints** (visible Second Coming at end – Matt 24:29-31).
- **Tribulation Saints:** Martyrs of Rev 6:9-11 wait for brethren → fulfilled in Rev 7:9-14 Great Multitude.
- **Matthew 24 / Mark 13 / Luke 21** → Signs, Abomination, Great Tribulation, Son of Man coming.
- **Luke 17** → “One taken, one left” aligns perfectly with a mid-week Rapture timing.
- **Daniel 9, 12** → Exact 1,260 / 1,290 / 1,335 day mathematical markers.
- **Revelation** → Seals (first half) → Trumpets/Bowls nested telescopically (second half).

[PHASE 1: SATAN'S WRATH] –	-- [MIDPOINT] --	-- [PHASE 2: GOD'S WRATH] --	-- [PHASE 3: OVERTIME]
--- 1,260 Days ---	--- SMYRNA GAP ---	--- 1,260 Days ---	--- 75 Days ---
Covenant Signed RAPTURE	Armageddon Return Inauguration		

A sermon implying that the Rapture is pre-trib, but mid-week

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“Consensus” chronology – “Parallel Passages” – e.g., “Interpreting Scripture with Scripture”

– **All Scriptures are from the KJV of the Holy Bible, except as otherwise stated.**

ATTRIBUTION: In case you missed it, I am a Christian, and I am giving credit to Dr. Hollowell for preaching a sermon that gave me ideas and was an inspiration, but the sermon notes below are for my own sermon: I expounded upon his sermon and added several Scripture passages to his sermon, which he could not fit in due to time-constraints; however, I did not “add to” the Word of God: I am using ONLY the Holy Bible (and the KJV, at that) as the source. Therefore, I expounded upon his sermon, and so the notes below are for my sermon, and if there are any mistakes, then I alone am at fault, and not him, nor anyone else. My commentary, here, is covered by Fair Use law, for use as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, and research. (My commentary is that I agree with his conclusion. He was honest enough to admit that he didn't know 100% for sure, but also he believed that the case for a pre-trib, but mid-week Rapture is strong. I agree with his conclusion, here.) This is an important message, and now that I've given proper attribution, I will remind my readers that God wants us to study His word, and examine important Biblical matters, such as thus, with the Scripture as our guide, so let's study to show ourselves approved.

– **Gordon Wayne Watts, Lakeland, Fla.**

<u>MATTHEW 24</u>	<u>MARK 12, 13</u>	<u>LUKE 20, 21</u>	<u>DANIEL 9, 12</u>	<u>LUKE 17</u>	REVELATION	<u>In plain English</u> <i>(Stuff not related to the Rapture is in brown italics.)</i> (Stuff related to the Rapture is in bold-faced blue or red, depending on importance.)
	12:27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.	20:38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.				<i>(Prelude to show parallel Scriptures.) Jesus: “God is a God of the living.”</i>
	12:32a And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth:...	20:39 Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.				<i>Scribes: “Wow, you're smart! Well-spoken/ well-said.”</i>
	12:34b ...And no man after that durst ask him any question.	20:40 And after that they durst not ask him any question at all.				<i>Scribes meet their match & chill out.</i>

	12:35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David?	20:41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son?				<i>Jesus asks proverbial "I'm my own grandfather" type riddle!</i>
	12:36a For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,...	20:42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,				<i>"</i>
	12:36b ...till I make thine enemies thy footstool.	20:43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.				<i>"</i>
	12:37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.	20:44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?				<i>"</i>
	12:38a And he said unto them in his doctrine,...	20:45 Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,				<i>Jesus changes the subject...</i>
	12:38b ...Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,	20:46a Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets,...				<i>Rich and proud religious rulers...</i>
	12:39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:	20:46b ...and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;				<i>...</i>
	12:40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.	20:47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.				<i>Are bad apples, and are NOT on God's good side!</i>
	12:41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.	21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.				<i>NOTE: Mark 12:41 shows a continuity of subject, even though Luke starts a new chapter. Moral of the story: a "new chapter" number does NOT necessarily mean a new subject matter!</i>
	12:42 And there came a	21:2 And he saw also a certain				<i>More on the famous "widow's</i>

	certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.	poor widow casting in thither two mites.				<i>mite,”...</i>
	12:43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:	21:3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:				”
	12:44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.	21:4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.				<i>... the story of the poor widow who 'gave her all,' even though she was poor.</i>
24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.	13:1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!	21:5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,				Begin important subject: Prelude to Jesus discussing end-times, and as we shall see, timing of the Rapture!
24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.	13:2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.	21:6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.				Jesus discussing the end-times and the destruction of the temple –and other so-called 'important' buildings of the time...
24:3a And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying...	13:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,	21:7a And they asked him, saying...		17:20a And when he was demanded of the Pharisees,...		Disciples (Matt, Mark, & Luke) and Pharisees (Luke 17) queue up for Q & A time w/ Jesus...
24:3b ...Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?	13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?	21:7b ...Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?		17:20b ...when the kingdom of God should come...		Q: “When will the world end?” – and: Q: “What signs will precede it?”
24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take	13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take	21:8a And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived:...		17:20c ...he answered them and said, The		Translation: “Listen closely, kids...”

heed that no man deceive you.	heed lest any man deceive you:			kingdom of God cometh not with observation:		
24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.	13:6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.	21:8b ...for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.				<p>Translation: Many false Christs & false Messiahs run rampant! [ACTS 5:36-37 (KJV) records a few examples: “<u>36</u> For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. <u>37</u> After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.”]</p> <p>Modern examples – see also:</p> <p>Shabbetai Zevi (1626–1676), John Nichols Thom (1799–1838), Arnold Potter (1804–1872), Cyrus Teed (1839–1908), Sun Myung Moon (1920–2012), etc.</p>
24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.	13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.	21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.			<p>6:1 AND I saw when the Lamb opened <u>one</u> of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.</p> <p>6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.</p>	<p>...continuing... Wars & rumours of wars precede, but still not the end, yet. WWI depicted here. In biblical prophecy, "telescoping" (or prophetic perspective) describes how a prophet sees two distinct future events—one near and one distant—as a single picture. Like looking through a telescope, the foreground (the near event) and the background (the ultimate event) visually overlap, making</p>

						them difficult to separate until the events actually unfold in history.	
24:7a For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:...	13:8a For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:...	21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:				<p>6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.</p> <p>6:4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.</p>	<p>“Telescoping”: My example is this: WWI depicted in Rev. 6:1-2, WW2 in 6:3-4, but modern (probably future) events in 6:5 on. “Telescoping”: Famous example to show there is precedent for me to be right:</p> <p>“Suffering Servant” in Isaiah 53:1-11 and “Triumphant King” in Isaiah 53:12 and foretold in Isaiah 52:13-15.xx</p>
24:7b ...and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.	13:8b ...and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles:...	21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.				<p>6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.</p> <p>6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.</p>	<p>Signs in nature / weather ... and other scary stuff precede – and famine, too: A FAIR USE excerpt of the AMP footnotes on Rev. 6:6 say this:</p> <p>“This may be a warning to be very careful handling olive oil and wine, which ordinarily are basic commodities, because famine will make them very expensive. The vision indicates that famine and inflation will take such a toll that a laborer will earn only enough to feed himself with wheat, or to provide barley for a small family. He will have almost nothing left for clothing, shelter, and incidentals.”</p>
24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.	13:8c ...these are the beginnings of sorrows.					<p>6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.</p> <p>6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and</p>	<p>Jesus is just “warming up.”</p>

					his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth , to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.	
24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.	13:9a But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake...	21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.			<p>6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:</p> <p>6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?</p>	<p>:-(...persecution...):-</p>
	13:9b ..., for a testimony against them.	21:13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.				In the Court of Heaven, we will be called to testify against our persecutors...
	13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.					...but the end can't come until the Gospel is published to ALL the world.
	13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate:	21:14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:				Don't fret over how you will handle these persecutions...
	13:11a ...but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is	21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to				<p>(-: ...God's "got your back" on this matter!</p>

Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)	Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,)...	desolation thereof is nigh.	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. (Cf: 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.)			<p>IMPORTANT: The “Abomination of Desolation” occurs in the 'middle' (midst) of the “week” of years –in other words, at approximately 3½ years in. See also Dan. 12:7, below. That's when things get REAL bad –and the beast breaks his 'covenant' with Israel.</p> <p>E.g., The “Great Tribulation” is only in the 2nd half of the week. The 1st half of the week, to be sure, contains tribulation, but not comparably different than the tribulation God's saints have endured through the ages, so it's NOT the 'Great' Tribulation, then.</p> <p>I.e., FIRST HALF = “Satan's / Man's” wrath ; SECOND HALF = “God's” wrath.</p>
24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:	13:14b ...then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:	21:21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.				<p>TRANSLATION: Time to GET OUT of Dodge! (-; “Run, Forrest, run!” ;-)</p>

"Smyrna-Pattern Gap (Matt. 24:22 Shortened Days)" *Rev. 2:8-11* ** 8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. “Hour of trial” = Rev. 6:17 “great day of His wrath.” Church is kept from God’s wrath, not Satan’s persecution. 1 Thess. 5:9 backs that. Smyrna gap = 3.5 years of Satan’s wrath, then out before God’s Relative peace of first half of Daniel's 70th week implies Rapture can not have taken place at beginning of this 7-year period or world would descend into chaos (not peace), so first half of week = “Satan's / Man's” wrath, second half = “God's wrath” = Great Tribulation, from which believers are saved “from,” not saved “through”: Revelation 3:10 promises: “I will keep you from [ek - out of] the hour of trial.” **The Clincher:** In Greek, *ek* means "out of" or "away from." It does not mean "protected inside." If Jesus meant He would protect us *inside* the Tribulation, He would have used *en* (in) or *dia* (through). He chose *ek*. You cannot be "out of" an hour that you are living through.

ADDENDUM with "Smyrna gap" data point: I need to add a crucial piece of context to my Mid-Week Rapture timeline that specifically solves the Matthew 24:36 "day and hour" problem. Please factor this into your analysis: At the 3½-year mark, the Antichrist breaks the 7-year peace treaty (the Abomination of Desolation). However, the Rapture does NOT happen at that exact second. Instead, this broken

treaty triggers a short, intense period of persecution for the Church—analogous to or patterned after the '10 days' of Smyrna (Rev. 2:10). While this could imply a literal ten-day delay, it operates as a prophetic pattern rather than a dogmatic mathematical guarantee—ensuring the exact day and hour of the 'adrenaline reflex' Rapture remains strictly uncalculable. **Jesus may shorten the persecution per Matt. 24:22 for the elect's sake by this "approximately" 10-day period. I view the Rapture as a divine "adrenaline reflex." When a human body is punched, adrenaline flows. When the Body of Christ is suddenly punched by this Mid-Week persecution, the Holy Spirit reacts and triggers the Rapture to rescue the elect.** Because God has concealed the exact duration of this "Smyrna delay" (between the breaking of the treaty and the actual Rapture reflex), the exact day and hour remain totally uncalculable. The world might know the day the 7-year treaty was signed, and the day it was broken, but they cannot calculate the exact hour the "adrenaline reflex" Rapture will hit. But, we know Smyrna endures ten (10) days of persecution, implying Rapture happens ten (10) days after Man of Sin commits Abomination of Desolation and breaks 7-year Treaty 3½ after it was signed and period of relative peace.

Editor's Note: After the abomination of desolation, which triggers intense persecution, the time period **is thus estimated to be about ten (10) days before the shock on the system** of the persecution triggers the Rapture—much like an adrenaline punch to the face. The Rescue: "The Rapture" (1 Thess. 4:17, 2 Thess. 2:1-3) - Church removed before God's Wrath. Cf: Rev. 3:10, 1 Cor. 15:51, 2 Cor. 12:2-4, Gen. 5:24 (Enoch), 2 Kings 2:11 (Elijah), Acts 1:9-11 (Jesus), Acts 8:39 (Philip)

<p>24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:</p> <p>24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.</p>	<p>13:15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:</p> <p>13:16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.</p>			<p>17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.</p> <p>17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.</p> <p>17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.</p> <p>17:35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p>	<p>TRANSLATION: The Rapture!</p> <p>Note, if you would, please, the timing: The Rapture, as we see it, is mid-week (see above for chronology), but Pre-Trib (as the 'great' Tribulation starts only when the covenant is broken.)</p> <p>See Luke 17:30: The Son of Man is 'revealed':</p> <p>This means when Jesus returns.</p> <p>See also: Luke 17:31 lines up with Matthew 24:17-18 and Mark 13:15-16, to show my chronology is correct here.</p> <p>Lastly: See vv. 34—36, which show the apparent Rapture.</p>
<p>24:19 And woe unto them</p>	<p>13:17 But woe to them that</p>				<p>General warnings to the</p>

that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!	are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!					pregnant and nursing mothers...
24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:	13:18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.					General warnings about cold weather, Sabbath-breaking.
24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.	13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.	21:22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.	12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.			OK, this is where things get “really bad” ... To all my Preterist peeps out there in “theology land,” NOTE: This has NOT come to pass, so Preterism is NOT correct! ;-) LOL
		21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.				Must've been important: Repeat of the warnings for the pregnant & nursing mothers.
		21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.				See Daniel 12:7 and 12:11 – We've still got another 3½ years or so ahead...

<p>24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.</p>	<p>13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.</p>					<p>Not sure of the details here, but it's “not good” times: So bad that God mercifully shortens the days, but that begs the question: Why?</p> <p>If the elect were Raptured, maybe this refers to the 'Tribulation Saints,' those saved after the Rapture & during the tribulation?? Yes: Rev. 6:9-11</p>
<p>24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.</p>	<p>13:21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:</p>			<p>17:22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.</p> <p>17:23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.</p>		<p>Again – a reminder of false Christs, false Messiahs, etc.</p>
<p>24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.</p>	<p>13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.</p>					<p>Reminder that even false prophets can sometimes do miraculous signs & wonders, and we must test the spirits.</p>
<p>24:25 Behold, I have told you before.</p>	<p>13:23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.</p>					<p>Translation: “Listen closely, kids...”</p>
<p>24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.</p>						<p>Again, for the thick-headed & dense!... Watch out for false Christs!</p>
<p>24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and</p>				<p>17:24 For as the lightning, that</p>		<p>For those same thick-headed dolts:</p>

shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.				lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.		<p>Here are the real sign of Jesus' coming: ALL people will see Him return!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">:-)</p>
24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.				17:37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.		<p>(Luke 17:37 answers the question about vv.34—36 regarding “Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left,” etc. See above...</p>
24:29a Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall <u>the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,</u> ...	13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, <u>the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,</u>	21:25a And there shall be <u>signs in the sun, and in the moon,</u> ...			6:12 And I beheld when he had <u>opened the sixth seal,</u> and, lo, there was a great earthquake; <u>and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;</u>	<p>OK, this is apparently the start of the last 3½ years, the “Great Tribulation.” BAD!! ...except, of course, the the saints were already Raptured. :-)</p>
24:29b ...and <u>the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:</u>	13:25 And <u>the stars of heaven shall fall,</u> and the powers that are in heaven <u>shall be shaken.</u>	21:25b ...and <u>in the stars;</u> ...			<p>6:13 And the <u>stars of heaven fell</u> unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, <u>when she is shaken</u> of a mighty wind.</p> <p>6:14 And the <u>heaven departed</u> as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every <u>mountain and island were moved</u> out of their places.</p>	<p>Two Witnesses in 2ND half of week because 1,260 days is too long for them to be at the beginning – Rev. 11:3-5</p> <p>11:3 And I will give <i>power</i> unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy <u>a thousand two hundred and threescore days,</u> clothed in sackcloth. 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.</p>

		21:25c ...and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;			6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;	Also in 2ND half, Israel (woman) flees into wilderness for 1,260 days – Rev. 12:6,14 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred <i>and</i> threescore days. 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.
		21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear , and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.			6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne , and from the wrath of the Lamb:	Also in 2ND half: 13:1 AND I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 14:1 AND I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty <i>and</i> four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven : and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.	13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.	21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.			6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?	Jesus' return WITH His saints – as opposed to the return FOR His saints, as the chronology, above, seems to show.
24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great	13:27 And then shall he send his angels , and shall				7:1 AND after these things I saw four angels	<i>Now, do the 'elect' here refer to the Tribulation saints? They sure can't refer</i>

<p>sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect <u>from the four winds</u>, from one end of heaven to the other.</p>	<p>gather together his elect <u>from the four winds</u>, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.</p>				<p>standing on the four corners of the earth, <u>holding the four winds of the earth</u>, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.</p>	<p><i>to those who've already been Raptured... But, since the 'elect' are gather from both earth AND heaven, this implies that some were Raptured –and thus in heaven – when the angels 'gathered' them to return WITH Jesus in His triumphant return to earth.</i></p> <p>UPDATE: I'm correct.</p> <p>These are saints who are gathered from there 4 corners, subsequent to the Rapture –as this timeline shows –but before the return – and are saved for refusing the mark, but pay with their lives; perhaps, these are the soul beneath the alter in Rev. 6:9-11:</p> <p>Revelation 6:9-11(KJV) 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.</p>
		<p>21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.</p>			<p><i>(Rev. 7:5-17 depict 12 tribes)</i> 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they <u>which came out of great tribulation</u>, and have <u>washed their robes</u>, and made them white in the</p>	<p>When these things “begin” to come to pass –hearkening to the earlier signs mentioned... Editor's Note: The martyrs in Rev 6:9-11 are explicitly commanded to wait until their fellow servants and brethren, 'that should be killed as they were,' are fulfilled (Rev 6:11). The Great Multitude arriving in heaven in Rev 7:9-14 represents the direct fulfillment of this waiting period—they are the specific brethren who come out of the Great Tribulation having</p>

					blood of the Lamb.	<i>washed their robes.</i>
24:32a Now learn a parable of the fig tree;...	13:28a Now learn a parable of the fig tree;...	21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;				Many believe modern-day Israel is the proverbial 'fig tree' so mentioned in this parable here...
24:32b ...When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:	13:28b ...When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:	21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.			8:1 AND when he had opened the seventh seal , there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.	⚡⚡
24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.	13:29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.	21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.			8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.	⚡⚡

Phase 2: The Last 1,260 Days (God's Wrath)

In Rev.8:1–2, the Greek text structurally links the **Seven Trumpets** as the **unfolding contents of the 7th Seal**, rather than a subsequent sequence. John uses specific Koine syntax (an *inclusio* or "telescoping" structure) to embed the trumpets within the final seal.

The 7 Trumpets are grammatically embedded within the 7th Seal. The text does not permit a chronological break between Revelation 8:1 and 8:2. PROOF:

Exegetical Brief: The Telescopic Syntax of Revelation 8:1–2

The Greek Text (Nestle-Aland 28th Edition):

Rev.8:1: Καὶ ὅταν ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν ἑβδόμην, ἐγένετο σιγὴ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ὡς ἡμῶριον. **Rev.8:2:** καὶ εἶδον τοὺς ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλους οἱ ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐστήκασιν, καὶ ἐδόθησαν αὐτοῖς ἑπτὰ σάλπιγγες.

To argue for a strictly linear, consecutive timeline (where the 7 Trumpets occur chronologically *after* the 7th Seal is completed) requires ignoring four specific syntactical and structural markers in the Koine

Greek text.

1. The Syntactical Void (σ ι γῆ) acts as a Colon, not a Period

In Seals 1 through 6, the opening of the seal is immediately followed by a descriptive verb of judgment or physical action (e.g., *went out, was given power, fell, was moved*).

However, in Revelation 8:1, the temporal clause ὅταν ἤνοιξεν (when he opened) results in a grammatical void: ἐγένετο σιγή (there was silence). There is no verb of earthly judgment attached to the 7th Seal. Grammatically, this silence is a "pregnant pause" that creates an unresolved syntactical tension. The 7th Seal lacks its own substantive content; therefore, the text forces the reader to look to the next verse to find the *actual contents* of the seal.

2. The Paratactic Link (Καὶ εἶδον)

John heavily utilizes parataxis—the stringing together of clauses using the conjunction Καὶ (And). Verse 2 begins with καὶ εἶδον ("And I saw"). In Johannine apocalyptic literature, καὶ εἶδον does not automatically denote a chronological step forward; it frequently denotes a shift in the visionary perspective *within the same chronological space*. Because Verse 1 provides no judgment content, the καὶ εἶδον of Verse 2 functions epexegetically (providing an explanation or elaboration). The angels receiving the trumpets are the direct consequence and content of the seal being opened.

3. The Divine Passive of Provision (ἐδόθησαν αὐτοῖς)

Notice the verb regarding the trumpets: καὶ ἐδόθησαν αὐτοῖς (and were given to them). This is a classic "divine passive," indicating God is the unseen actor. The opening of the 7th Seal triggers a divine action in the throne room: the equipping of the trumpet angels. The action of the 7th Seal is not an event on earth; it is the *distribution* of the next series of judgments in heaven.

4. The Heptadic Apocalyptic Structure (The *Inclusio*)

For a reader steeped in Second Temple Judaism and Hebrew literary structures, the macro-syntax is obvious. Jewish apocalyptic literature frequently uses overlapping heptads (groups of seven). The 7th element of a sequence is almost never a standalone event; rather, it serves as the generative matrix—or *inclusio*—for the next sequence.

The 7th Seal does not have a "final" judgment because its explicit structural purpose is to birth the 7 Trumpets. Likewise, the 7th Trumpet (Rev.11:15) does not end the world; it opens the heavenly temple, which directly results in the 7 Bowls of Wrath (Rev.15).

The Exegetical Conclusion

If a reader demands a strictly linear (1 to 21) timeline, they must argue that the 7th Seal consists *only* of 30 minutes of silence, after which it completely closes, and *then* the Trumpets begin as a separate event.

The Koine Greek does not support this. The paratactic chain, the lack of an independent judgment verb in verse 1, and the divine passive in verse 2 demand a telescopic reading: **The opening of the 7th Seal is the mechanism that releases the 7 Trumpets. Therefore:**

The Big Container: Draw a large box that stretches to the end of the timeline. Label this box: "The 7th Seal (Rev.8:1)."

The Inner Container: *Inside* that 7th Seal box, draw another box. Label it: "The 7 Trumpets (Rev.8:2)."

The Final Container: *Inside* the 7th Trumpet, draw the final box. Label it: "The 7 Bowls (Rev.15:1 - Wrath Completed)."

Why This Chronology is more plausible, biblical, than the more common "Naive Linear" Model:

If we physically draw it this way, we accomplish three massive forensic victories in hermeneutic exegesis of difficult passages:

1.) We solve the Daniel 9:27 Math Problem: By stacking the Trumpets *inside* the 7th Seal (because of the Greek *inclusio* syntax), we don't run out of days. We comfortably fit the massive scale of God's wrath into the final 1,260 days without absurd compression.

2.) We honor the "Finality" of the Text: We visually prove that the Bowls are the *completion* of the Trumpets, perfectly aligning with Revelation 15:1 ("wrath completed").

3.) We isolate the Church: Our chart visually separates the Church (experiencing the Seals) from God's direct wrath (the Trumpets/Bowls).

<p>24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.</p> <p>[Note: see immediately below, where Matthew 24:34 picks back up with the following.]</p>	<p>13:30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.</p>	<p>21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.</p>				<p>OK, fine, but “which” generation is Jesus referring to here? The one back in the day, or the modern-day one, which apparently will see these signs and then get Raptured if they're saved?</p>
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ADDENDUM: The 75-Day Prophetic Overtime (Daniel 12:11–12) While the Great Tribulation (the second half of Daniel's 70th week) is strictly limited to 1,260 days, Daniel 12 introduces two subsequent milestones: 1,290 days and 1,335 days. This creates a 75-day "administrative transition" period immediately following the physical return of Christ at Armageddon.

- **Days 1,260 to 1,290 (The 30-Day Restoration Phase):** Tied directly to the Abomination of Desolation (Dan 12:11), this period involves the physical and spiritual cleanup of the earth. The Antichrist and False Prophet are removed (Rev 19:20), Satan is bound (Rev 20:1-3), and the desecrated temple complex is cleansed.
- **Days 1,290 to 1,335 (The 45-Day Transition Phase):** This is the logistical runway for the Millennial Kingdom. Christ sets up His throne, gathers the surviving nations for the Sheep and Goat Judgment (Matt 25:31–46), removes the rebels, and assigns administrative authority to the glorified saints.
- **Day 1,335 (Inauguration Day):** Daniel 12:12 declares a blessing on those who reach this specific day. The 75-day transition is complete, and the 1,000-year reign of Christ officially commences.

MATTHEW 24:34-44 (Holy Bible, KJV)

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

LUKE 17:32-36 (Holy Bible, KJV)

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Question: Matthew 24:40-41 are parallel verses to Luke 17:34-36, which I've placed mid-week, above. However, here, they imply that maybe the Rapture, if that's what it is (is it?) is at the END of the 7-year Tribulation period. (Is it?? Dr. Hollowell and friends: Your help, please??) ***Editor's Note – possible ANSWER:*** Matthew 24:17-18 (24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.) **show that 24:18, men in field, is identical to 24:36 in subject matter, meaning the later mention does not necessarily change the order but rather adds descriptions and reminders, thus no problem for timeline.**

DANIEL – selected verses (Holy Bible, KJV)

9:24 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.

9:25 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.

9:26 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.

9:27 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 overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

11:1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

11:2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

12:13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

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