

# **Jesus is Coming Back**

## **An Overview**

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## Opening Dialogue

- Day of the Lord is throughout Old and New testament talk about His return
- John 14 2-3
  - 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 ESV
  - Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

# All Prophecy comes from Jesus

What do we mean: Rev 19:10b “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”

- Rev 1:13b-16 one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and wrapped around the chest with a **golden sash**. 14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and **His eyes were like a flame of fire**. 15 **His feet were like burnished bronze** when it has been heated to a glow in a furnace, and **His voice was like the sound of many waters**. 16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and **His face was like the sun shining in its strength**.
- Dan 10:5b-6 there was a man dressed in linen, whose waist had a **belt of pure gold of Uphaz**. 6 His body also was like topaz, **his face had the appearance of lightning**, **his eyes were like flaming torches**, **his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze**, and the **sound of his words like the sound of a multitude**. — Jesus
  - Book of Daniel is important because Jesus Christ made it important
    - Old and New testament have a single story

# **Eschatology/Hermeneutics**

**Eschatology - Study of End Times Prophecy**

**Hermeneutics - Study of Biblical Interpretation**

# Eschatology/Hermeneutics

- How you view interpretation affects your eschatology views
  - Literal interpretation - meaning is obvious from the text
  - Face Value interpretation - scripture does not contradict scripture;
    - Figures of speech need to be understood” comparative language, substitutionary language, and amplification need to be recognized and understood
    - Context of the surrounding scripture is important
    - Scripture should define scripture
  - Allegorical/Symbolic interpretation - text has a deeper spiritual meaning
  - Moral interpretation - interpreting through the law
  - Anagogical interpretation - looking for hidden meanings using Hebrew letters as numbers - Ex: CJ Lovik’s 2023 tribulation
- Best: Bible should interpret the Bible: It does not violate itself, context is important

# Eschatology/Hermeneutics

## Jewish Hermeneutics - PaRDeS

- Peshat - The simple or straightforward meaning
- Remez - The 'hinted' meaning of the text > by following text to other parts of bible to reveal deeper insight
- Drush/Drash - this method is where one derives a D'rash (a type of sermon)
  - Usually by using Jewish oral tradition/Midrash
- Sod - means 'secret' — usually given by the Holy Spirit or an angel

- Jesus used Jewish Hermeneutics

- God's Word is meant to be understood, we are encourage to study it to fully understand



# Four Main Views on the End Times

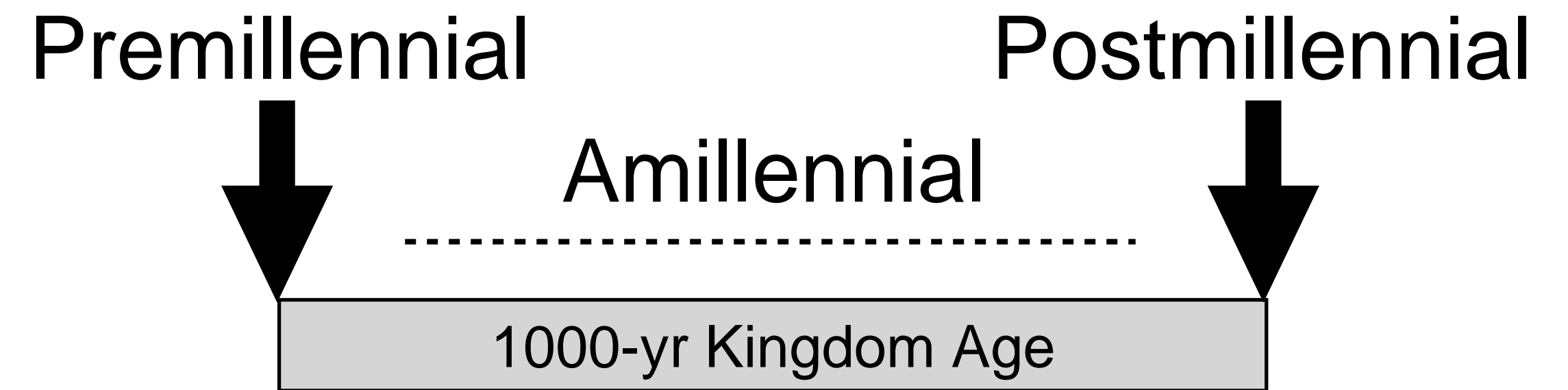
## The four major views of End Times Prophecy

Idealism	Idealist approach marked by a focus on the theology of Revelation. Revelation uses symbols to express timeless principles concerning the conflict between good and evil; it is not about prophecy
Preterism	Preterist contend that New Testament Bible prophecy (Book of Revelation) was fulfilled by the end of first century (around 70 AD when Jerusalem was sacked by Romans), although some see the fall of Rome in AD476 as significant. A modified stance called Partial Preterism states that only the Second Coming of Christ and general resurrection of the dead and the final judgment remains to be realized
Historicism	Historicism attempts to associate biblical prophecies with historical events and identify symbolic beings with historical persons or societies - similar to Preterism, yet looking throughout history
Futurism	The futurist approach understands everything in the Revelation forward to be a prophecy of things that will occur before the Second Coming of Christ.

- Fifth view – Eclectic – Pick and choose what you want

# Futurist Approach

## Millennial Rule



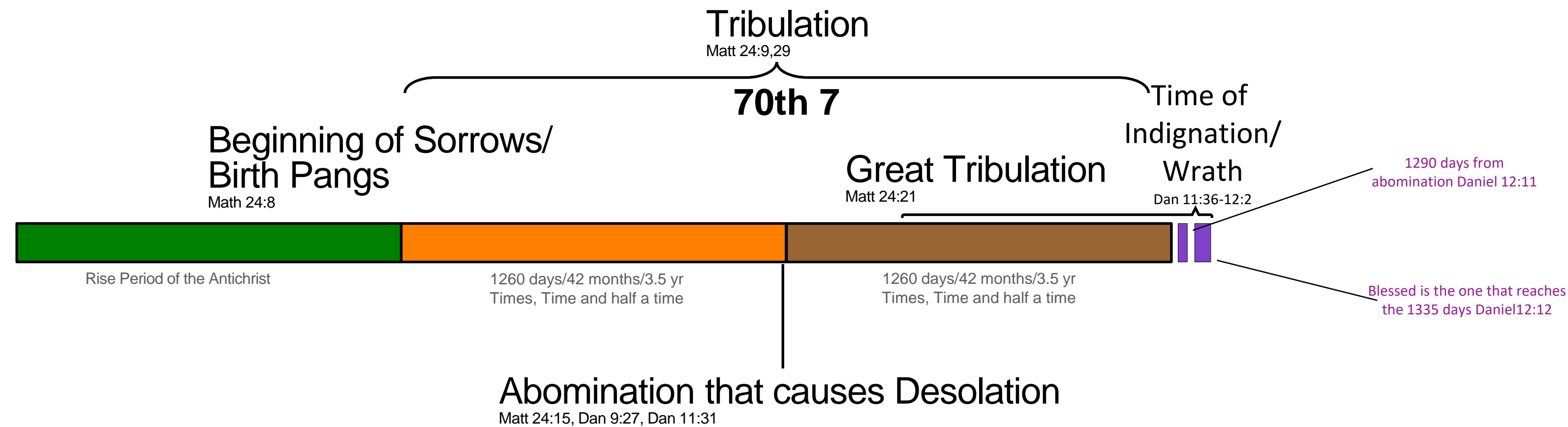
- Premillennial - Jesus comes prior a the millennial rule - literal earthly kingdom
  - Literal interpretation; Most logical interpretation, that is consistent with Old Testament
- Amillennial - no millennial rule/he is ruling from heaven - literal earthly kingdom
  - No real way to sync up with the Revelation/Daniel and other prophets
  - Everything is symbolic -> fraught with the problems of Idealist Approach
  - Did we miss Christ's coming? No!
- Post millennial - Christ returns after men change from hearing gospel - non-literal earthly kingdom
  - 17th century - gospel permeates through world like leaven, then Christ returns
  - Interpretation? Moral/Allegorical - Do we really see the world getting better - No!

- Your view on the Millennial Rule is indicative of how you view all of Eschatology



# Futurist: Tribulation vs Great Tribulation

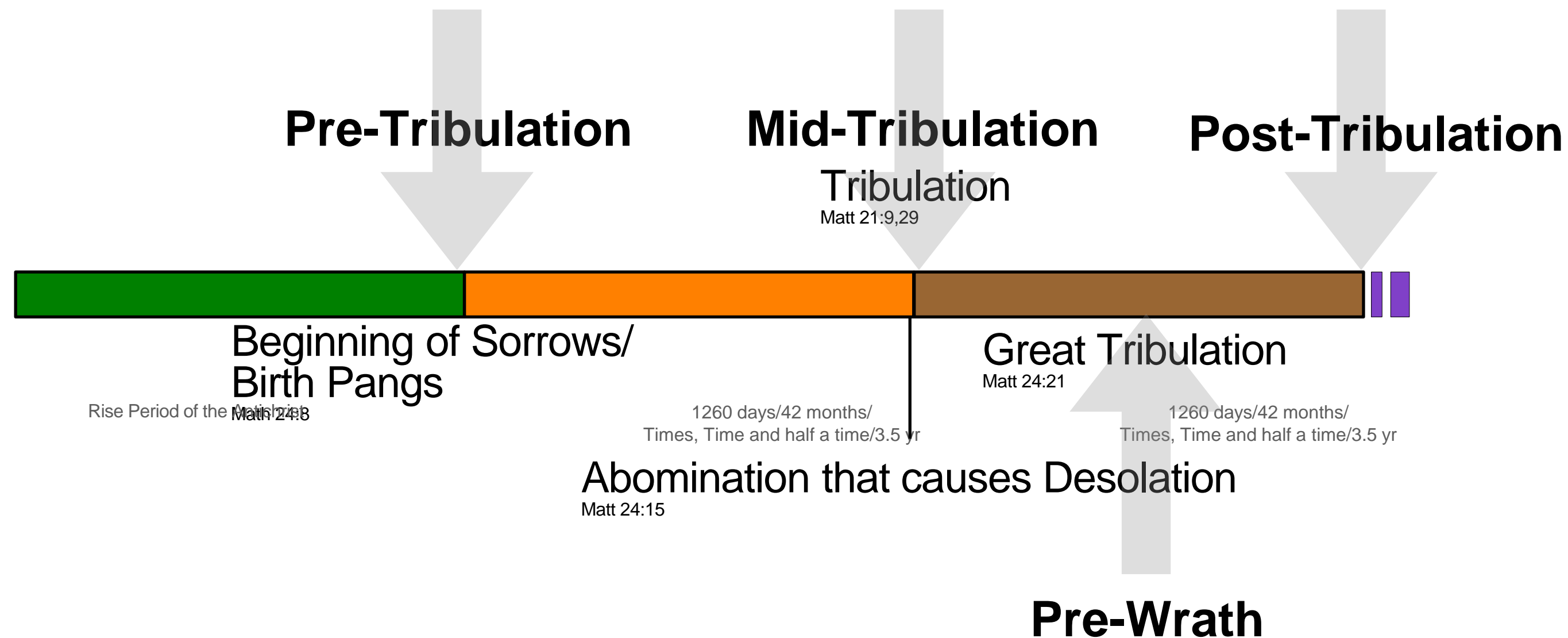
## Daniel's 70th 7/Matt 24



- Tribulation used in other places to denote persecution
  - Matt 24 Christ clearly uses Tribulation to denote a specific time
- Daniel 9 [8, 11] explicitly calls out the Abomination that causes Desolation
- Matt 24 Jesus explicitly confirms that Great Tribulation comes after the Abomination that cause Desolation
- Daniel 8 & 11 calls out the Time of Wrath/Indignation

# Futurist: When is the Rapture?

## The Big Debate



- Pre-Tribulation — Most common view in America; late 1800s
- Mid-Tribulation — 1940s
- Post-Tribulation — 1970s
- Pre-wrath — in between, Depends on your view of when God's Wrath begins

# No man knows the hour

## Definition

- Imminency: The idea that Jesus could come at any time, without warning, and that believers should live their lives as if they could die at any moment. The Bible uses phrases like "soon," "quickly," and "is near" to describe imminent events.
  - Watching: The command to be ready for Jesus' return, as taught by Jesus to his disciples. The Bible encourages believers to "keep watch" and "be ready" because it's not possible to know when Jesus will return.
- The idea of Imminency is that Jesus could come at any moment, the command to watch is a call to be ready for His return
    - These ideas are not mutually exclusive

# It's about the return of the Israelite people

- Dan 9:24 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the wrongdoing, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy Place.
- Dan 12:1 “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; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.
- Dan 12:7b for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish smashing the power of the holy people
- Rev 7:4-8 144,000 of tribes of Israel sealed — Note: CHRISTIANS already sealed 2 Cor 1:22, Eph 1:13, Eph 4:30

**Why does it matter**



# Why does it matter

- Odds of us going through End Times is increasing
- As events unfold, for those that understand, it will become more clear
- But: Christ has told us that false prophets will try to draw many away
- **God's strong delusion for those that won't accept His Son — 2 Thess 2:9-12**

This teaching is to explore

- What will happen
- What to look for
- How to live

- **Our study of eschatology has deepened our walk**
- **When we read bible, it didn't match what we were hearing —> We had to study it for ourselves**

# Bible tells One Story!

Daniel's Prophecies

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Jesus teachings

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The Revelation

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Day of the Lord

## Pharoah's Dream/Joseph's Interpretation

- Gen 41;32 The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that **the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon**

## God's Future is Firmly Set

- Christ's Return/Millennial Rule/Great White Throne/New Heavens & New Earth

# Modules

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- Module 3 Book of Revelation
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