



# **APOSTASY EXPRESSED**



# REVIVAL OR APOSTASY

Daniel's 70th Week



# IS ANTICHRIST REAL?

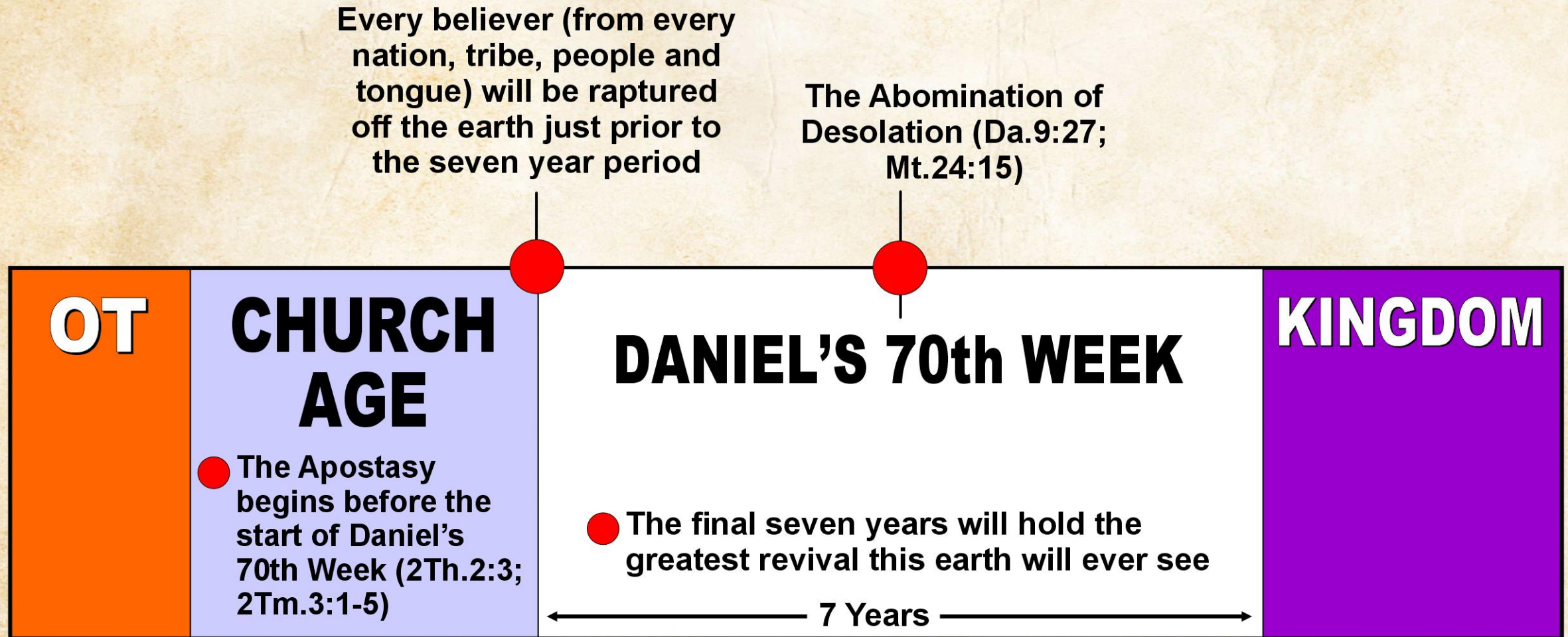
- **Only 49% of protestant churches teach that the Antichrist is real.**
- **Of that number, only a fifth (9%) believe we are going to face the Antichrist.**
- **Less than 10% of Protestants teach to be prepared.**
- **Percentages of Catholics and Orthodox churches are much lower.**





# POPULAR PRETRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE VIEW

*Are We Expecting Revival or Apostasy in the Last Days?*



● What will seem like a revival during this time, will actually be the apostasy!



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**REVELATION 7:9**





**<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup>And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

**REVELATION 7:13-14**



**After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands (Rv.7:9)**

- **During Daniel's 70th Week we find a great multitude martyred from every nation, tribe, people and tongue.**
- **Pretribers believe these are new “tribulational” saints because of a great ‘revival.’ To Pretribbers this happens at the end of the 70th Week.**
- **Prewrathers believe these are all believers up to that time that have been raptured.**





# ELIJAH THE PROPHET

1 KINGS 18



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- **Elijah went head to head with the prophets of Baal to prove whose God was real.**
- **The test was to see whose God could send down fire from heaven to burn a sacrifice that had been placed on an altar.**
- **After hours of praying, the prophets of Baal could not get their god to send down fire.**
- **Then it was Elijah's turn. Elijah prayed to the only living God, the God of Israel.**





# ELIJAH THE PROPHET — 1 KINGS 18

- **God responded by sending fire down from heaven consuming the sacrifice, altar, dirt, and the water poured over the altar.**
- **It must have been a life changing moment. Your entire world view would change in an instant.**
- **The people who witnessed this event immediately bowed and worshiped Elijah's God saying, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"**





# ELIJAH THE PROPHET — 1 KINGS 18

- **In that moment, among those who were witnesses, there was a type of revival.**
- **They were compelled to leave and turn away from what they thought was true about Baal, and turn to the one true God.**
- **This event is going to HAPPEN AGAIN in the future, but in REVERSE.**





**The coming of the lawless  
one is according to the  
working of Satan, with all  
power, signs, and lying  
wonders**

**2 THESSALONIANS 2:9**



<sup>23</sup>"Then if anyone says to you,  
'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!'  
do not believe it. <sup>24</sup>For false christs  
and false prophets will rise and  
show great signs and wonders to  
deceive, if possible, even the elect.  
<sup>25</sup>See, I have told you beforehand.

**MATTHEW 24:23-25**





**<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.**

**REVELATION 13:11-13**



# REVIVAL OR APOSTASY?

- **This deception will be so compelling that the world will experience a revival of DECEPTION.**
- **Here the False Prophet will endorse the Antichrist**
- **Elijah was a prophet of the Living True God, and it was proven by God sending fire down from heaven.**
- **The False Prophet will use this exact same test of sending fire from heaven.**





**<sup>14</sup> And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.**

**<sup>15</sup> He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

**REVELATION 13:14**



# REVIVAL OR APOSTASY?

- **Not only is all the world going to follow after the Antichrist, but true believers who recognize the deception will be overcome and martyred in great numbers.**
- **Will there be a revival at this time? Yes, but it will depend on what side you choose.**
- **If you turn and follow the Antichrist, you will be participating in the largest revival this earth has ever seen.**
- **The TRUTH is, what will seem like a revival during this time, will actually be the apostasy!**





# REVIVAL OR APOSTASY?

- **The Pretrib notion that there will be a revival during the “tribulation period” exists only to account for a flawed eschatology.**
- **In the Prewrath Rapture view, believers from every nation, tribe, people and tongue, the Church, will enter into the final seven years, and ARE the ones being martyred.**
- **Yes, people will still have opportunity to be saved during this time.**





# DURING DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK

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# OLIVET DISCOURSE

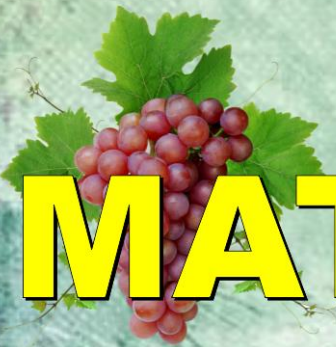
- **The same day Jesus prophesied saying the Temple will be torn down, He was talking about a prophecy from Daniel 9:26.**
- **The disciples asked when will these things take place and what signs they would see.**
- **Jesus does not initially give them the “signs.”**





**<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.**

**MATTHEW 24:4-5**





# OLIVET DISCOURSE



- **What kind of teacher will become a false teacher according to Jesus' definition?**
- **It is one who comes “in Jesus’ name” and yet deceives many.**
- **Jesus refers to a specific kind of teacher that will arise in the last days.**





# OLIVET DISCOURSE



- **Jesus did not immediately give the sign. His first concern was about deception.**
- **These deceivers will “come in Jesus' name” and there will be “many who will come.”**
- **This is the first thing Jesus mentions, so it likely will be what happens first.**
- **We need to know who these people are and what they are saying, so we are not deceived.**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE



**There will be deception concerning the last days**  
(“deceives”) **1**

**There will be many of these false teachers**  
(“many will come”) **2**

**They claim to represent Jesus**  
(“In My name”) **3**

**They claim Jesus is the Messiah**  
(“I am the Christ”) **4**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - “Deceive”

- **Not everything a false teacher says will be false.**
- **If everything was false we would be able to recognize it.**
- **Jesus is referring to a false teaching concerning the last days.**

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# OLIVET DISCOURSE - “Many Will Come”

- **This does not refer to the Antichrist. He is one person.**
- **This false teaching will be within the “church” context.**
- **Many of Paul’s epistles concerns false teaching in a general sense.**
- **Certainly not all but “many” teachers within the church will teach this false message.**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - “In Jesus Name”

- **They Come “in Jesus' Name.”**
- **They claim to represent Jesus.**
- **They are likely those who claim to be Christians, or possibly are real Christians.**
- **This eliminates all other religions.**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - “I Am the Christ”

- **Their message is that Jesus is the Messiah.**
- **They certainly sound like true believers.**
- **To say, “I am the Christ” has 2 possible meanings.**
  - 1. Someone who pretends they are the Messiah**
  - 2. Christians who deceives by their end times view**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - “I Am the Christ”

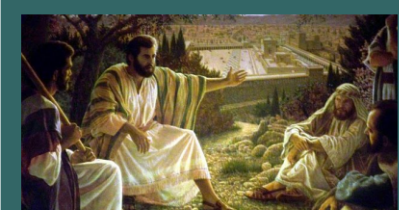
## ● “I Am the Christ” — 2 Possibilities:

### 1. Those who pretend to be Jesus Christ:

- It is rare for someone to say they are someone else.
- They would not receive much credibility if they can't prove it.
- Jesus said it would be “many” of them. These sound more like 'insane' people.
- We have not seen “many” claiming to be Christ.







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - “I Am the Christ”

## ● “I Am the Christ” — 2 Possibilities:

### 2. These are believers saying, “Jesus is the Messiah”:

- They are professing Christians.
- They say Jesus is the Messiah. However, this group will mislead many.
- This appears to be Christians deceiving Christians.
- If this is the case, then what are they saying that deceives many?





# WHAT MAKES THEM FALSE PROPHETS?

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**<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart. <sup>15</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land'—'By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed!**

**JEREMIAH 14:14-15**





# JEREMIAH: “In My Name”



- **What the people were saying in Jeremiah's day may give us an idea of what these false prophets will say in the future.**
- **Their message of deceit was, “Sword and famine shall not be in this land.”**
- **The original context refers to the Babylonian invasion. They say it will not happen.**
- **They proclaim “Those who say we are going to go through a difficult time are wrong.”**





# NEXT GROUP OF SIGNS FROM JESUS

Matthew 24:6-7



**<sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.**

**MATTHEW 24:6-7**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - Wars and Famines

- **In other words, they will deny sword and famine!**
- **These false prophets deny any of this will happen to them.**
- **It appears Jesus is saying this kind of deceitful message will happen again IN THE FUTURE.**
- **Their message seems to be that God will not put us through hard times. They will escape!**





**<sup>9</sup>Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. <sup>10</sup>And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.**  
**<sup>11</sup>Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

**MATTHEW 24:9-11**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - Wars and Famines

- **In verse 11 Jesus again said there will be many false prophets, and they will deceive many.**
- **It appears these false prophets will turn against Christ's true believers.**
- **These false teachers will “betray” and “hate” true believers (Mt.24:10).**
- **When Jesus said, “many” false prophets will arise and deceive many, that is what we believe will occur.**





**But he who endures  
to the end shall be  
saved.**



**MATTHEW 24:13**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - Wars and Famines

- **What is the message of the false prophets?**
  - 1. Believers will not face bad things ('sword or famine')**
  - 2. Believers will not have to endure to the end (of tribulation)**
- **The message of true believers should be of patient endurance with action.**







# OLIVET DISCOURSE - Wars and Famines

- **Those who especially avoid Bible prophecy altogether, by their neglect are not preparing their hearers.**
- **They will commit apostasy along with their false preachers, unless they all repent.**
- **Many of these false teachers are well educated and caring, and you learn from them.**
- **What Jesus says, in the last days is that they become a great danger to the church.**





# WHO ARE THESE FALSE TEACHERS?

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# HISTORICISTS & PRETERISTS

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- **They believe the events of Mt.24 have occurred in the past.**
- **They believe no prophesied events happen before the return of Jesus.**
- **There is nothing to prepare for.**
- **Jesus' words in the Olivet Discourse is history. There is no future exhortation.**







# PRETRIBULATIONALIST

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- **They believe the flock will not face the Tribulation (sword and famine).**
- **They believe they will be removed before the start of the Great Tribulation. Thus, they escape.**
- **They believe there are no prophesied events that must occur before Christ comes for believers.**







# WHO ARE THESE FALSE TEACHERS?

- **All of these groups share one thing in common.**
- **These all deny Matthew 24 is for the Church.**
- **These all deny the apostasy is a future event, but must generally be true today.**
- **Is it a coincidence that so many evangelicals do not believe both, Jesus' and Paul's warning of a coming apostasy?**





# MATTHEW 24 IS FOR THE CHURCH

The pre-tribulational rapture position considers Matthew 24 to refer to future Jews and new believers living during Daniel's 70th Week. They do not understand this chapter to have application for church-age believers. They would point to words such as "Judea" (v.16), and "sabbath" (v.20) as distinctively Jewish and not Christian. This may be a popular position, but it lacks expository consistency. The point of this passage is summed up with the idea of 'urgency.' Whatever the Antichrist is about to do (Mt.24:15), will happen very quickly. This is especially true if you live in close proximity to the event in Jerusalem. The Temple, where this event takes place, is in Judea. The mention of the Sabbath is used for the same reasons as pregnant women, nursing babies, and winter are used. These slow you down! The following chart will show why Matthew 24 is applicable for future church age believers. The flow of the text is that Jesus is talking to His disciples (apostles) concerning future events.

## 1 Jesus Answers Questions From the Disciples

- The pre-trib position applies Matthew 24 to "Tribulation saints" or to new Jewish believers during Daniel's 70th Week. However, Jesus knows these disciples become Apostles before the events He describes. Jesus refers to church age saints.

## 2 Mark (a Gentile) Gives the Same Account

- Should we consider Mark (Mk.13:14), when viewing the same future time period to be referring to Jewish believers only? It is difficult to accept that the Gospel of Mark, with its gentile focus, is warning future Jews and not church age believers.

## 3 Matthew is the Only Gospel that Actually Mentions the Word "Church" (ekklesia)

- Jesus said, "I will build my church" from the response of Peter's confession of faith (Mt.16:18). Jesus is already talking about the church.
- It is in Matthew that we learn how to properly handle church discipline (Mt.18:15-20). It is in Matthew Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper (Mt.26:26; Mk.14:22; Lk.22:19). Matthew gives us the Great Commission (Mt.28:19-20; Mk.16:15-16; Ac.1:8). All of this is *before* Pentecost.

## 4 Matthew Tells us Not to Set Dates for the Rapture

- No man knows the day or the hour (Mt.24:36; Mk.13:32).

## 5 Believers Will Be Hated For "My Name's Sake" (Mt.24:9)

- Jews are not hated because of the name of Christ as believers, but Christians are.

## 6 Matthew Speaks of the Elect (Mt.24:22,24,31)

- The word "elect" is never used in the NT to refer to the Jews, but to church age believers. Jesus had already used "elect" (v.22,24) to refer to His disciples.
- The period called the "Great Tribulation" is "cut short" for the elect's (believers) sake (v.22), not for unbelieving Jews.



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 **2 THESSALONIANS**  **2:3-4**





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- **Paul is addressing those who teach the rapture and resurrection have occurred before the Antichrist comes on the scene.**
- **They believed they missed the *parousia* because they were beginning to experience persecution.**
- **Paul gave two prerequisites that must occur before Christ comes to receive His own:**
  - **The “falling away” (apostasy)**
  - **The “man of sin revealed” (abomination)**





# **OCCURRING BEFORE THE DOTL**

- **Sun, Moon, Stars Signs (Jl.2:30-31)**
- **Elijah the Prophet (Ml.4:5)**
- **The Falling Away (2Th.2:1-3)**
- **Man of Sin Revealed (2Th.2:1-3)**
- **Man of Sin Declares To Be God (2Th.2:1-4)**
- **Peace And Safety (1Th.5:2-3)**
- **Believers Mocked For Believing The Lord's Coming (2Pe.3:3-4,9-10)**

**DAY  
OF  
THE  
LORD**