


Second Peter Lesson #10

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II Peter 3:11-18

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. NIV





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- **Peter poses an important question – since everything we now see will be destroyed, what kind of people should we be in light of that truth?**
 - **When I ask myself “how does the imminent coming of Jesus Christ affect my life?” I struggle to find evidence.**
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Vocabulary

- ***Maranatha***; the Lord is coming
- ***Millenium***; a 1,000 year period and in our context the 1,000 year reign of Christ on the earth.
- ***Pre-millennial***; prior to the start of the millenium.
- ***Tribulation***; a hard circumstance and in our context the 7 year period known as 'the great tribulation' to come upon the earth.
- ***Pre-tribulational***; prior to the great tribulation also known as Daniel's seventieth week.




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- He goes on to give us the answer – we are to live lives that are holy and pleasing to God.
 - So again we have a simple solution to a difficult question, but just knowing the answer does not mean that I can live the answer.
 - Peter began the chapter with ‘reminders’ and I believe that is what we need.
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II Peter 3:11-18

- **Matt 24:1** Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. **2** "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." **3** As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" NIV
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A Word to the Wise

- **As we look at the answers Jesus gave to the ‘what signs?’ question be aware the exact timing of these signs is uncertain.**
 - **We may see some of them today, but I believe their exact fulfillment will be mostly during the tribulation.**
 - **We should not be looking for signs – we should be looking for Jesus.**
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Eschatology

- **The Last Days**
 - **The Rapture**
 - **The Judgment Seat of Christ**
 - **The Tribulation**
 - **The Second Coming**
 - **The Millennial Kingdom**
 - **The Great White Throne Judgment**
 - **The New Heaven and Earth**
 - **Eternity**
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Eschatology

- **Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. 25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. 26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."**

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Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24

- **The purposes of the seventy weeks –**
 - To finish the transgression,
 - To make an end of sins,
 - To make reconciliation for iniquity,
 - To bring in everlasting righteousness,
 - To seal up vision and prophecy,
 - And to anoint the Most Holy.

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24

- **The Countdown;**

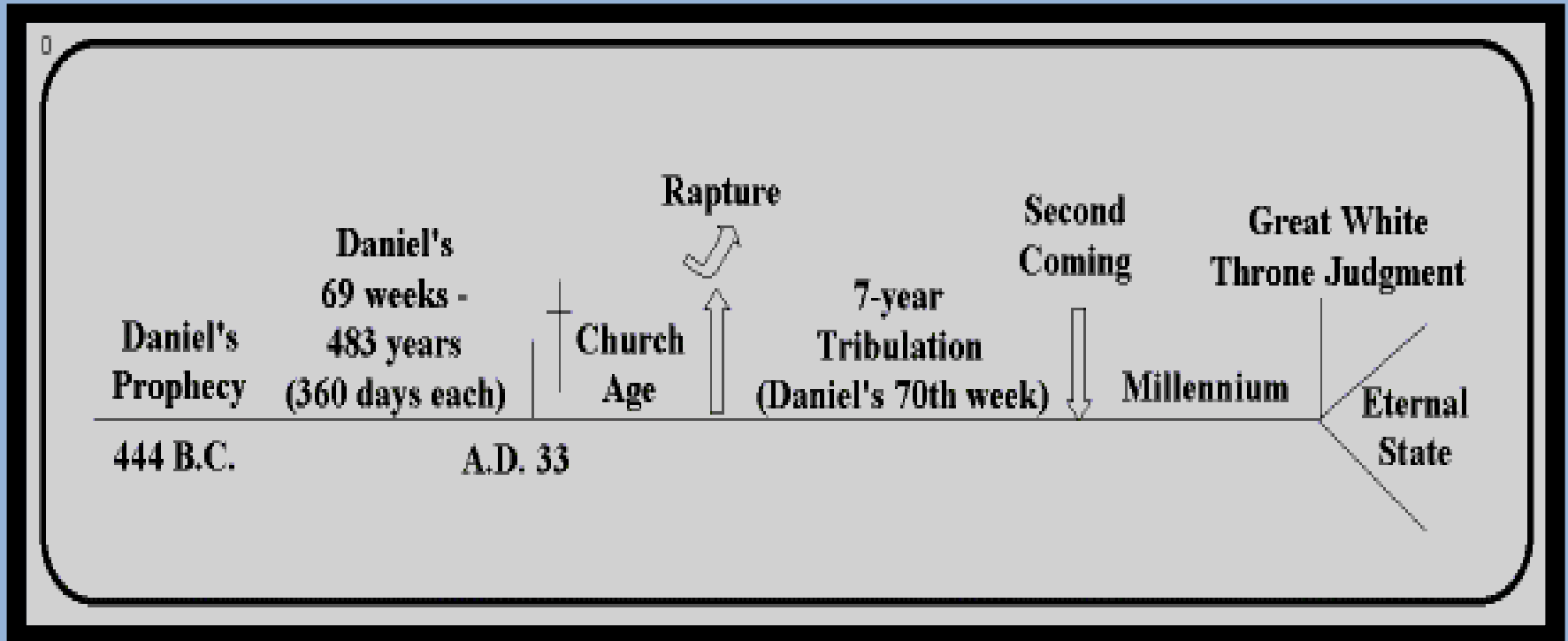
- In Nehemiah chapter 2 we find the only Biblical decree to go and rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. Scholars believe that this was around the year 444 B.C.
- The seventy weeks we now understand from history to be (70) weeks of years or exactly 490 years.
- Daniel 9:25-26 tell us also that after 69 weeks (or 483 years) Messiah would be 'cut off'.
- These years are understood to be Jewish 'sabbatical' years each measuring 360 days each.
 - 173,880 days divided by 360 = 483 sabbatical years
 - March of 444 B.C. (The command to rebuild in Nehemiah 2)
 - March or April of 32 A.D. (when Jesus died)
 - The elapsed time in days that we can count is very close to 173,880

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24

- The scriptures tell us that after 69 weeks Messiah would be cut-off and we are also told that when week #70 begins that the city would be destroyed and that great trouble would come upon Israel.
- However, what was not clear then, was that between weeks #69 and #70 that the countdown would be put on hold.
- That holding period is the space of time that we live in. It's a parenthesis called the 'Church Age'.

The Clock



DANIEL 9:24-27


70 WEEKS OF YEARS (70 X 7 = 490 YEARS)

AFTER 69 WEEKS MESSIAH IS CUT-OFF (CROSS)

THEY DIDN'T FORESEE THE BREAK BETWEEN 69 AND 70




The Last Days

- Are we living in the last days?
 - Heb 1:2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. NASB
 - If the writer of Hebrews, which was written around (AD 68), thought he lived in the last days then surely we do too.
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The Last Days

- **Matt 24:3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" NIV**
 - **The big questions from His disciples – when is the end and what are the signs?**
 - **Most would agree that we should focus less on signs and more on occupying.**
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False Teachers

- **Matt 24:4** Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. NIV
 - **Matt 24:11** and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. NIV
 - **1 Tim 4:1** The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. NIV
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False Miracles

- **2 Thess 2:8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, **10** and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. NIV
 - **Matt 24:24** For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect — if that were possible. NIV
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The Persecution of the Church

- **Matt 24:9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. NIV**
- **Mark 13:9 But you indeed watch out for yourselves! They will hand you over to the local councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues, and you will be stood before governors and kings on account of me for a testimony to them.**






The Church will fall away.

- **2 Tim 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. NIV**
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What Matters

- **We could talk at length about the signs of His coming and of how close we are, but we are still just speculating.**
 - **At the end of the day, if I am still here, my duties do not change – Jesus could come back today or a 1,000 years from today.**
 - **I think he is coming soon, and I should live as though he is, but I can't prove it.**
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