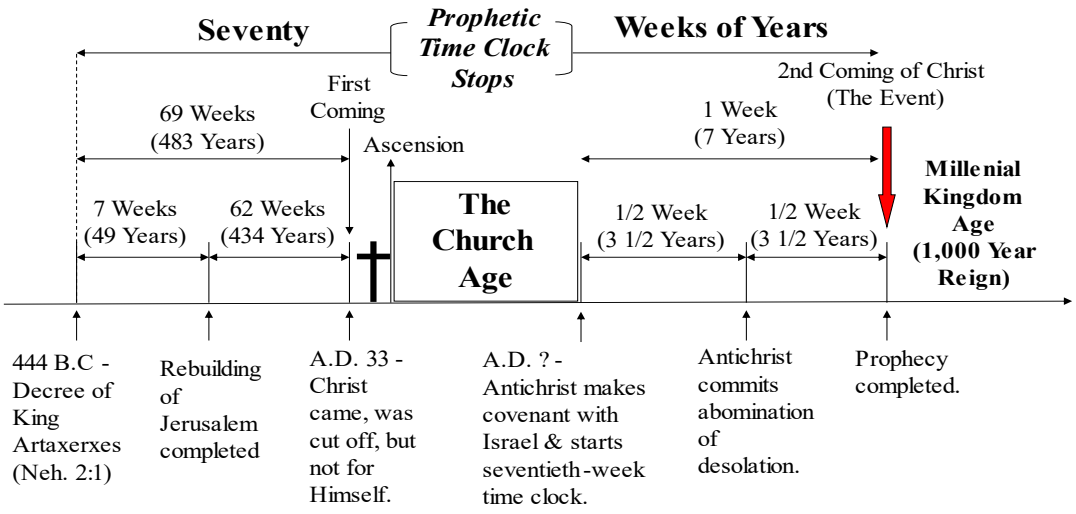
Daniel's Seventy Weeks



Bible Knowledge Commentary: "The first two segments of the important time period—the 7 sevens (49 years) and the 62 sevens (434 years)—ran consecutively with no time between them. They totaled 483 years and extended from March 5, 444 B.C. to March 30, A.D. 33.
* How can 444 B.C. to A.D. 33 equal 483 years? For an answer see the following chart:

Jewish Calendar (360 days per year)	**Gregorian Calendar (365 days a year)**
(7×7) + (62×7) years = 483 years	444 B.C. to A.D. 33 = 476 years
483 yrs × 360 days = 173,880 days	476 yrs × 365 days = 173,740 days + 116 days in leap yrs + 24 days (Mar. 5– 30) 173,880 days

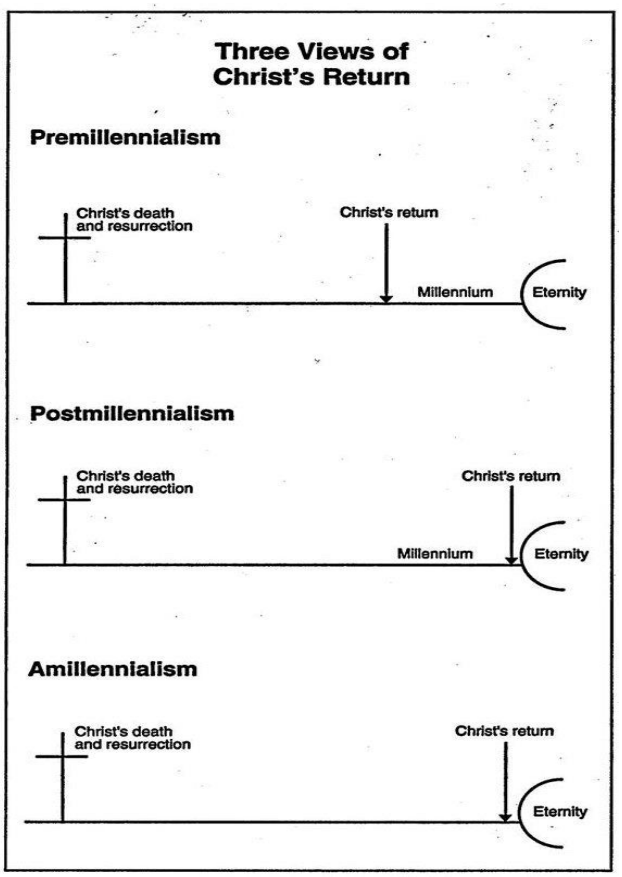
According to Daniel 9:26 **the Anointed One** was not "cut off" *in* the 70th "seven"; He was cut off **after** the 7 and 62 "sevens" had run their course. This means that there is an interval between the 69th and 70th "sevens." Christ's crucifixion, then, was in that interval, right after His Triumphal Entry, which concluded the 69th "seven." This interval was anticipated by Christ when He prophesied the establishing of the church (Matt. 16:18). This necessitated the setting aside of the nation Israel for a season in order that His new program for the church might be instituted.

Christ predicted the setting aside of the nation in Matt. 21:42–43: "Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected, this became the Chief Corner stone; this came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?' Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it." The present Church Age is the interval between the 69th and 70th "sevens."

Premillennialism: Rapture, Tribulation, Christ's Second Coming prior to the onset of His 1,000 year reign on earth. The final judgment follows the millennium, then the eternal state.

Postmillennialism: No Rapture; Second Coming at end of Millennial Kingdom. The Kingdom is now being extended in the world through the preaching of the Gospel, revival, spiritual awakening & gradual movement toward social perfection resulting in a millennium of peace & righteousness. Christ returns at the end of the millennium, resurrects dead believers & conducts the last judgment.

Amillennialism: No Rapture; No literal future 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth. The Kingdom of God is now present in the church. At the end of this present age Christ Returns in judgment of all men, general resurrections occur, final judgment takes place and a New Heaven & Earth are established. The eternal state begins w/o any intervening millennium. Buck Anderson



THREE VIEWS ON THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

PRE-TRIBULATIONAL (LITERAL VIEW)	MID-TRIBULATIONAL (PRE-WRATH)	POST-TRIBULATIONAL
Distinguishes between Israel and the Church	Church and Israel are mixed during the Tribulation	The Church and Israel are identical; go through the Tribulation together
Imminent – prior to the beginning of the Tribulation	Rapture follows 3 ½ + years of Tribulation – not imminent	Rapture follows 7 years of Tribulation – not imminent
Last Trumpet for Believers (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 4:16); gathered to be with the Lord	Last Trumpet in series of seven Israel; announces Jesus' future reign (Rev. 10:7)	Trumpets at Second Coming (Isa. 27:13; Zech. 9:14; Matt. 24:31) to gather believers on earth
Believers rescued from wrath (1 Thes. 1:10; 5:9; Rom. 5:9; Rev. 3:10)	Believers only rescued from Great Wrath	Believers rescued from last wrath upon unbelievers
Day of the Lord comes "like a thief in the night (1 Thes. 5:4)		

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Distinctions between The Rapture and the Revelation/Second Coming of Christ

Adapted From *Here's the Difference* by William MacDonald

The Rapture	The Revelation/Second Coming
1. Christ comes in the air (1Thess. 4:17).	1. Christ comes to the earth (Zech 14:4).
2. He comes for His saints (1 Thess. 4:16,17).	2. He comes with His saints (1 Thess. 3:13; Jude 14).
3. The Rapture is a mystery, i.e., a truth unknown in OT times (1 Cor. 15:51).	3. The Revelation is not a mystery; it is the subject of many OT prophecies (Ps. 72; Isa. 11; Zech 14).
4. Christ's coming for His saints is never said to be preceded by celestial signs	4. His coming with His saints will be heralded by signs in the heavens (Matt. 24:29,30).
5. Identified w/ the "Day of Christ" (1 Cor 1:8,2 Cor 1:14, Phil 1:6,10)	5. The Revelation is identified with the "Day of the Lord" (2 Thess. 2:1–12, NU Text).
6. The Rapture is presented as a time of blessing (1 Thess. 4:18).	6. The main emphasis of the Revelation is on judgment (2 Thess. 2:8–12).
7. The Rapture takes place in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (1 Cor. 15:52). This strongly implies that it will not be witnessed by the world.	7. The Revelation will be visible world-wide (Matt. 24:27; Rev. 1:7).
8. The rapture seems to involve the church primarily (John 14:1-4; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).	8. The Revelation involves Israel primarily, then also the Gentile nations (Matt. 24:1–25:46).
9. Those taken are taken for blessing (1 Thess. 4:13–18). Those left are left for judgment (1 Thess. 5:1–3).	9. Those taken are taken for judgment. Those left are left for blessing (Matt. 24:37–41, Luke 17:34-37).
10. No dating system is given for events preceding the Rapture.	10. An elaborate dating system is given for the Revelation, such as 1260 days, 42 months, 3½ years (see Dan. 7:25; 9:24-27; 12:7,11,12; Rev. 11:2; 12:14; 13:5).

Distinctions between Israel and the Church

from Adapted Lewis Sperry Chafer

	Israel	Church
1. Divine promises	earthly promises in covenants	heavenly promises in the gospel
2. Birth	physical birth that produces a relationship	spiritual birth that brings relationship
3. Nationality	from one nation	from all nations
4. Dispensations	seen in all ages from Abraham	seen in this age
5. Ministry	no missionary activity & no gospel to preach	a commission to fulfill (Mt. 28;18-20)
6. Christ	Messiah, Immanuel, King	Savior, Lord, Bridegroom, Head
7. The Holy Spirit	came upon temporarily	indwells all believers
8. Governing principle	Mosaic Law	grace
9. 2 Farewell discourses	Olivet: Matt. 24, Luke 21	upper room: John 13-17
10. Christ's return	in power & glory for judgment	to receive us to Himself
11. Position	a servant	members of the family
12. Christ's earthly reign	subjects	co-reigners
13. Priesthood	had a priesthood	is a priesthood
14. Marriage	unfaithful wife	bride

Pre-Tribulation Rapture:
The church is Raptured prior to the 7-year Tribulation

- Genuine believers from the church age will not go through the wrath of God. 1 Thessalonians 5:9 "For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

- Revelation 3:10 “Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.” The Greek words *tereo ek* means to keep out of, or keep from. John Walvrood: “This is an explicit promise that the Philadelphia church will not endure the hour of trial which is unfolded, beginning in Revelation 6… If Christ had meant to say that they would be preserved through a time of trouble, or would be taken out from within the Tribulation, a different verb and a different preposition (*dia)* would have been required… The expression ‘the hour of trial’ (a time period) makes it clear that they would be kept out of that period. It is difficult to see how Christ could have made this promise to this local church if it were God’s intention for the entire church to go through the Tribulation that will come on the entire world. Even though the church at Philadelphia would go to glory via death long before the time of trouble would come, if the church here is taken to be typical of the body of Christ standing true to the faith, the promise seems to go beyond the Philadelphia church to all those who are believers in Christ.”

The church is mentioned multiple times in the first 3 chapters of Revelation. “Nowhere in Revelation 4:1 to 19:7 are Church Age saints mentioned. Every reference to believers is those saved during the Tribulation. The reason is clear because Christians in this present dispensation of the Church Age, who are the body and bride of Jesus Christ, are in heaven with Him having been raptured before the seven year Tribulation.” Cooper Abrams

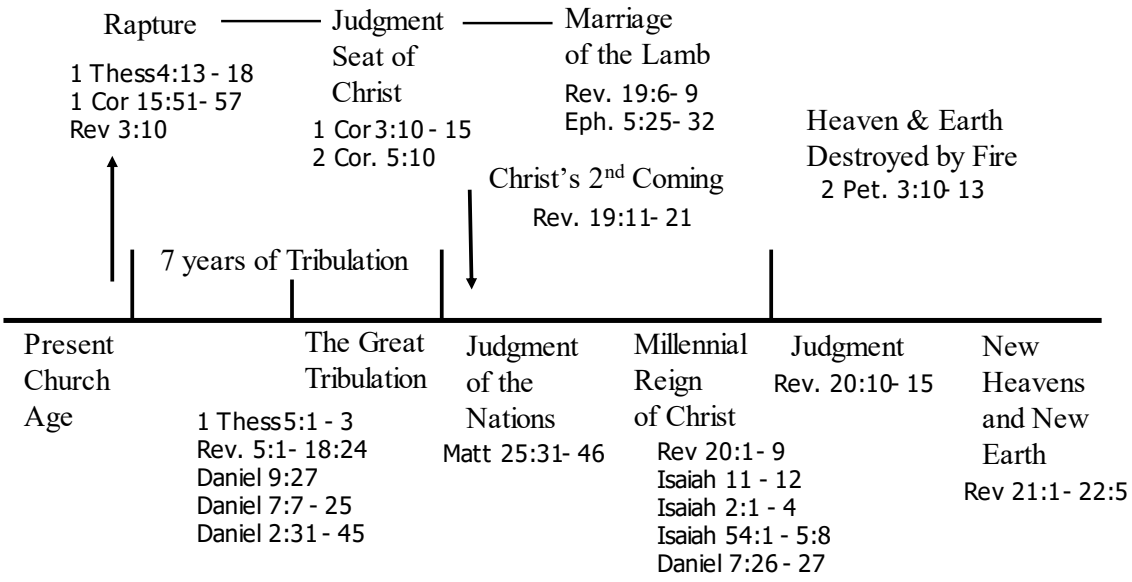
- John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”
John MacArthur: “It does “not describe Christ coming to earth with His saints to establish His kingdom as we see in Rev. 19:11–15, but taking believers from earth to live in heaven. Since no judgment on the unsaved is described here, this is not the event of His return in glory…. Rather, this describes His coming to gather His own to… take them all to heaven and later return to earth with Christ when He comes again to set up His kingdom (Rev. 19:11–20:6).”

The Lord could come for us at any moment! This anticipation and expectation is referred to as Christ’s imminent return. Some verses that speak of that anticipation:
- Phil. 3:20: “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”
- 1 Thes. 1:10: “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.”
- James 5:8 “You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”
- Rev. 22:7: "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."
God gave a multitude of signs to Israel to stir them to expectancy. The fact is that no signs were given to the church but she is commanded to watch for Christ. “The believer (is) to be watching for the Lord Himself, not for signs that would precede His coming.” Dwight Pentecost

Events associated with the Rapture:
A. Christ returns for His saints. John 14:2,3; 1Thess 4:16,17
B. In that moment we will receive glorified bodies. 1 Cor 15:52-53
C. The Restrainer will be removed. 2 Thess 2:7
D. Believers appear before the Judgment seat of Christ. 1 Cor 3:12-15; 2 Cor 5:10
E. The Marriage of the Lamb Rev. 19:7,8

In the midst of a chaotic and changing world it is wonderful to know that Christ is coming back to take us to be with Him forever. Darby said it well: "It is neither knowledge nor prophecy that can satisfy the heart; but the thought that Jesus is coming to take me to Himself…" May we daily live & serve in light of that sure hope, being faithful to the One who said, "Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

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Some helpful books for further study:
Things to Come by Dwight Pentecost.
The Revelation of Jesus Christ by John Walvoord