

Book of Zechariah

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Chapter One of Zechariah gives a Summary of the Entire Book

- I. The word of the Lord came to Zechariah the Prophet, 1:1-6 ¶ (Oct-Nov) (520BC),
 - A. 1 In the eighth month (Oct-Nov) of the second year of (Persian King) Darius (I) (520BC), 1:1
 1. the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the prophet, 1:1
 - B. The Call for Israel to Repent and Return to the Lord, do not be like your fathers, 1:2-5
 1. 2 “The Lord was very angry (wrathful) with your fathers (Israel’s). 1:2 [The Problem]
 2. 3 “Therefore (because of that) say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, 1:3
 - a. “Return (turn back) to Me,” declares the Lord of hosts, [The Solution to The Problem]
 - i. “that I may return (turn back) to you,” says the Lord of hosts.
 3. 4 “Do not be like your (Israel’s) fathers, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying, 1:4
 4. ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Return now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.” ’
 - a. But they (your fathers) did not listen or give heed to Me,” declares the Lord. [The Problem]
 - C. Did not My words and Statutes overtake your fathers? 1:6
 1. 6 “But did not My words and My statutes, 1:6
 - a. which I commanded My servants the prophets, overtake your fathers? 1:6
 2. Then they (your fathers) repented (turned) and said, 1:6 [The Problem Confessed]
 - a. ‘As the Lord of hosts purposed to do to us, 1:6
 - i. in accordance with our ways and our deeds, so He has dealt with us. 1:6
- III. the angel of the LORD to the LORD of hosts how long will You, 1:12-17 ¶
 - A. 12 Then the angel of the LORD (Jesus) said, “O LORD of hosts (the Father),
[Q: How Long will You have No Compassion and be Indignant for Jerusalem and Judah ?]
 1. how long will You (the Father) have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah,
 2. with which You (the Father) have been indignant these seventy years, 7:5?”
 - B. 13 The LORD (the Father) answered the angel (of the Lord, Jesus) who was speaking with me
 1. with gracious words, comforting words.
 - C. 14 So the angel (of the Lord, Jesus) who was speaking with me said to me,
[A: Lord’s Answer to: No Compassion and being indignant for Jerusalem and Judah ?]
 1. “Proclaim, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts (the Father),
[I am exceeding Jealous for Jerusalem and Zion]
 2. “I am (the Father) exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion.
 - D. 15 “But I am (the Father) very angry with the nations who are at ease;
[I am very angry with The Nations]
 1. for (Reason) while I was only a little angry, they (the nations) furthered the disaster.”
 - E. 16 ‘Therefore (because of that) thus says the LORD (the Father),
[I will return to Jerusalem with compassion]
 1. “I will (the Father) return to Jerusalem with compassion;
[My house (Temple) will be built in it (Jerusalem)]
 2. My house (Temple) will be built in it (Jerusalem),” declares the LORD of hosts,
 3. “and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.” ’
 - F. 17 “Again, proclaim, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts (the Father),
[My cities will again overflow with prosperity]
 1. “My cities will again overflow with prosperity,
[the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem]
 2. and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.” ’ ’

So The Problem with **Israel** was:

“The Lord was **very angry** with **your (Israel’s) fathers** **they (your fathers) did not listen or give heed to Me,**” declares **the Lord**

[Q: How Long will **You** have **No Compassion** and be **Indignant** for **Jerusalem** and **Judah** ?]
how long will **You (the Father)** have **no compassion** for **Jerusalem** and the cities of **Judah**,
with which **You (the Father)** have been **indignant** these **seventy years?**”

[A: **Lord’s Answer to: No Compassion** and being **indignant** for **Jerusalem** and **Judah** ? **Zech 1:12**]

[**I am exceeding Jealous for Jerusalem and Zion**]

[**I am very angry with The Nations**]

[**I will return to Jerusalem with compassion**]

[**My house (Temple) will be built in it (Jerusalem)**]

[**My cities will again overflow with prosperity**]

[**the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem**]

So The Solution to The Problem with **Israel**:

Was that **the Lord** would Return to **Israel** with **Compassion** and Build **His Temple there**.

Then **His** Cities will **Overflow with Prosperity** and **He** would again **Comfort Israel**.

Compassion: sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

This Time will be in the **Future Millennial Kingdom** on **Earth**

Zechariah 2:10–12

10 “Sing for joy and be glad, O **daughter of Zion**;

for behold **I am coming** and **I will dwell** in **your** midst,” declares **the LORD**.

11 “**Many nations** will join **themselves** to **the LORD** in that day and will become **My people**.

Then **I will dwell** in **your** midst, and **you** will **know** that **the LORD of hosts** has **sent Me** to **you**.

12 “**The LORD** will **possess** **Judah** as **His** portion in **the holy land**, and will again **choose Jerusalem**.

What about **the 7 year Tribulation Period** and **the Antichrist** ?

[Q: But what about all those things that will occur that are **Not Mentioned** in the **Book of Zechariah** ?
What about **the 7 year Tribulation Period** and **the Antichrist** ?

A: **Zechariah** is Prophesizing this between **520 BC** and **480 BC**,

But just **20-60 years** before, in **539 BC**,

Daniel Prophesied of **the 7 year Tribulation Period** and **the Antichrist**.

The **Seventy Weeks** have been **Decreed** for **Your (Daniel's) People (Israel)** and the **Holy City**

Read Daniel 9:1-2 + 9:20-23

The **Angel Gabriel** comes to give **Daniel** understanding (Dan 9:25) of the **Vision**, Daniel 9:20-23

Read Daniel 9:24-27

I. The **Seventy Week Decree** by **Gabriel** for **Israel** and **Jerusalem**, Daniel 9:24-27

- A. 24 “**Seventy weeks** ($7 \times 70 = 490$ yrs) have been **decreed** (determined by authority)
- for **your (Daniel's) people (Israel)** and **your (Daniel's) holy city (Jerusalem)**,
- (Decree) to **finish the transgression** (of Israel) (Dan 9:11),
 - (Decree) to **make** an end of **sin** (of Israel) (Heb 9:26, Ezek 37:23, Ezek 36:24-28),
 - (Decree) to **make atonement** (covering) for **iniquity** (sin act) (1 Pet 2:24, 1 Pet 3:18),
 - (Decree) to bring in **everlasting righteousness** (of Israel) (Isa 60:21, Jer 23:5-6),
 - (Decree) to **seal up vision** and **prophecy** (close or end, for lack of need)
 - (Decree) and to **anoint** (make holy) **the most holy place** (the Temple).
- B. 25 “So **you (Daniel)** are to **know** and **discern** that
- from** the issuing of **a decree** **to restore** and **rebuild Jerusalem** (Neh 2:1-9), **444 BC**
 - until **Messiah the Prince** (Jesus)
 - there will be **seven weeks** (49 yrs) and **sixty-two weeks** (434 yrs); ($49 + 434 = 483$ yrs)
 - it (Jerusalem)** will be **built** again, with plaza and moat, even **in times of distress**.
- C. 26 “Then after **the sixty-two weeks** (after, 483 yrs)
- the Messiah** (Jesus) will be **cut off** (Killed) and have nothing,
 - and **the people** (Romans) of **the prince** (Antichrist) who is to **come** (little horn, Dan 7:8)
 - will **destroy the city** and **the sanctuary** (Temple).
 - And **its (Jerusalem's)**, **end** will **come** with a flood (Nah 1:8);
 - even to **the end** there will be **war**;
 - desolations** (destructions) are determined.
- D. 27 “And **he** (Antichrist) will make **a firm covenant** with **the many** (Israel) for **one week** (7 yrs),
- but in **the middle of the week** (after, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ yrs)
 - he** (Antichrist) will **put a stop** to **sacrifice** and **grain offering**; (implied, Temple)
 - and on the wing of **abominations**
 - will come **one** (Antichrist) who **makes desolate** (Matt 23:38),
 - even until **a complete destruction**,
 - one** (Jesus) that is **decreed**, is **poured out** on **the one** (Antichrist) who **makes desolate**.”

In Dan 9:24, **Seventy weeks** ($7 \times 70 = 490$ yrs) have been **decreed** (by God)

for (purpose) **Daniel's people Israel** and **Daniel's holy city Jerusalem**, [intended audience]

the **Seventy weeks Decree** has **6 Aspects** that **must be fulfilled** during this **490 year** period.

- (Decree) to **finish the transgression** (of Israel) (Dan 9:11),
- (Decree) to **make** an end of **sin** (of Israel) (Heb 9:26, Ezek 37:23, Ezek 36:24-28),
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from the issuing of **a decree** > **to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.**

There were **4 decrees** made by **Persian rulers** in reference to **the Jews.**

First - decree of **Cyrus'** in **538 BC** (2 Chron 36:22-23, Ezra 1:1-4, 5:13), for rebuilding of **the temple**

Second - decree of **Darius I** (522-486) in **520 B.C.** (Ezra 6:1, 6-12), for rebuilding of **the temple**

Third - decree of **Artaxerxes Longimanus** (464-424) in **457 BC** (Ezra 7:11-26), for sacrifices in **the temple**

Fourth - decree of **Artaxerxes Longimanus**, **March 5, 444 BC** (Neh 2:1-8), **“to restore / rebuild Jerusalem”**

Nehemiah was sad that **Jerusalem “the city”** was **“desolate”** (Neh 2:3)

“... If it please **the king**, and if **your** servant has found favor before **you**, send me to **Judah**, to **the city** of **my fathers'** tombs, that **I** may **rebuild it** (Jerusalem).” (Neh 2:5)

the Letters or **Decree** to **“to restore / rebuild Jerusalem”** > **the Temple** was already Built
Nehemiah 2:7-8

7 ... “If it please **the king**, let **letters** be given me for **the governors** of the provinces beyond **the River**,...

8 and **a letter** to **Asaph** the keeper of **the king's forest**, that he may give **me timber** to make **beams**

for the gates of **the fortress** which is by **the temple**, **for the wall** of **the city** and **for the house** to which **I** go.”

And **the king** granted **them** (decree letters) to **me** because the good hand of **my God** was on **me.**

from the issuing of **a decree** **March 5, 444 BC** > **to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.**

until **Messiah the Prince** (**Jesus**) there will be **7 weeks** (**49 yrs**) and **62 weeks** (**434 yrs**);

49 years + 434 years = 483 Years

Dan 9:26

“... after **the 62 weeks** (**483 yrs**) **the Messiah** (**Jesus**) will be **cut off** (Killed) and have nothing,

But the **Jewish Calendar** has **360 days** not **365 days**? [Like Rev 11:2-3 has (**42 mo = 1260 days**)]

So **483 years** x **360 days** = **173,880 days**, per **Jewish Calendar** & **Prophetic Years**

Then **173,880 days** / **365 days** = **476.38 years**, per **Gregorian Calendar**

Then **476 years** x **365 days** = **173,740 days**

Leap Year Adjustment: **476 years** / **4** = **119 Days** - **3 Days** = **116 Days**

3 days during a **400 cycle** of years, are not leap years

Years: **300 BC**, **200 BC**, **100 BC**, are **not leap years.** So minus **3 Days**

Year: **400 BC**, **is leap year.** So not subtracted

The Fourth Decree > by **King Artaxerxes Longimanus**, was **Mar 5, 444 BC**

Then from **March 5, 444 BC**, plus **476 years** = **March 5, 33 AD** (no year zero)

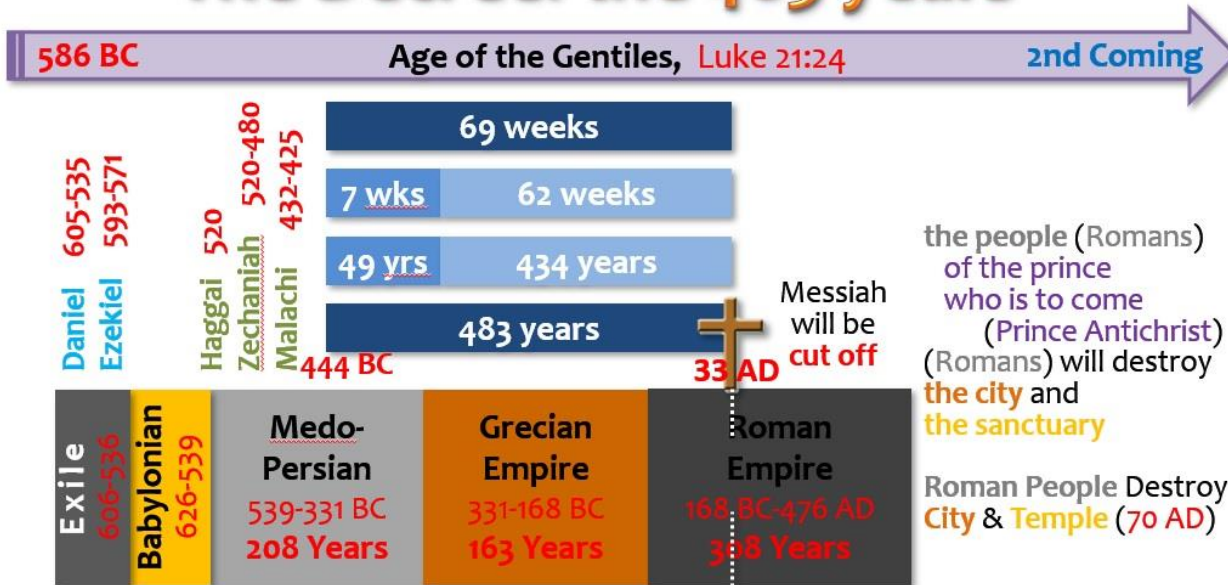
173,740 days + **116 days** = **173,856 days** to **March 5, 33 AD**

Then **173,880 days** - **173,856 days** = **24 days** to **add**

Then **March 5, 33 AD** + **24 days** = **March 29, 33 AD** > **Jesus'** Triumphant Entry into **Jerusalem**

the Messiah (**Jesus**) will be **cut off** (Killed) on **Friday April 3, 33 AD**

The Decree: the 483 years



- 25 “So **you (Daniel)** are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree (**444 BC**) to restore and rebuild **Jerusalem** until **Messiah the Prince (33 AD)** there will be **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; (69 wks or 483 years) **It (Jerusalem)** will be **built again**, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress,
- 26 “Then **after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah** will be **cut off** and have nothing, and the people of **the prince who is to come** will destroy **the city and the sanctuary**.....

The First 3 ½ years of 7 Year Tribulation Period

- First** > **the Antichrist** makes a firm **Covenant** with **Israel** for one week (7 years), **Dan 9:27**
- For 3 ½ Years** > **the Antichrist** is on good terms with **Israel**, according to **Covenant** with **them**, **Dan 9:27**
- During 3 ½ Years** > **Israel** Builds **New Temple** in **Jerusalem**, (implied, **Dan 9:27**)
- During 3 ½ Years** > **Israel** will **sacrifice** and give **offerings** in the **New Temple**, (implied, **Dan 9:27**)

1st Stage, of the First 3 ½ Years, of 7 Year Tribulation

- “**the Beginning of Birth Pangs**” > Before **the Son Comes**
False Christs, Wars, Famines, and Earthquakes, **Matt 24:4-8**
 But “is not yet the end”, **Matt 24:4-8**

2nd Stage, of the First 3 ½ Years, of 7 Year Tribulation

- the Middle of **Birth Pangs** or “**tribulation**” > Before **the Son Comes**
“they will deliver you (Israel) to tribulation” **Matt 24:9**
 Continuing “**Birth Pangs**” (more severe labor pains)
Matthew 24:9-14
- 9 “**Then** (after that) **they** will deliver **you (Israel)** to **tribulation**, and will **kill you (Israel)**, and **you (Israel)** will be **hated** by **all nations** because of **My name**.
- 10 “**At that time many** (people) will **fall away** and will **betray one another** and **hate one another**.”
- 11 “**Many false prophets** will **arise** and will **mislead many**.”
- 12 “Because **lawlessness** is **increased**, most **people’s love** will **grow cold**.”
- 13 “But **the one** (of **Israel**) who **endures** to **the end**, **he** (of **Israel**) will be **saved**.”
- 14 “This **gospel of the kingdom** shall be **preached** in the whole world as a testimony to **all the nations**, and **then** (after that) **the end will come**. (24:6)

The Second 3 ½ years of 7 Year Tribulation Period

1st Stage, of the Second 3 ½ Years, of 7 Year Tribulation

the Final most severe (Great) **Birth Pangs** > Just Before **the Son Comes**

WHEN **you** (of **Israel**) see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** (the **Antichrist**) standing in the **holy place** (New **Temple**), **Matt 24:15, 2 Thes 2:1-4**

2nd Stage, of the Second 3 ½ Years, of 7 Year Tribulation

THEN **you** (of **Israel**) **flee** and **take flight** and **don't turn back** for any reason, **Matt 24:16**
Matthew 24:15-20

15 “**Therefore** (for that reason) WHEN **you** (of **Israel**) see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** (**2 Thes 2:1-4**) which was spoken of through **Daniel** the prophet, (**Dan 9:27**)

standing in the **holy place** (**Israel's New Temple**) (let the reader understand),

16 THEN **those** (of **Israel**) who are in **Judea** must **flee** to the mountains.

17 “Whoever (of **Israel**) is on the housetop **must not go down to get the things** out that are in **his** house.

18 “Whoever (of **Israel**) is in the field **must not turn back** to get **his** cloak.

19 “But **woe** to **those** (of **Israel**) who are pregnant and to **those** who are nursing babies **in those days!**

20 “But pray that **your** (of **Israel**) **flight** will not be in the winter, or on a **Sabbath** (of **Israel**).

3rd Stage, of the Second 3 ½ Years, of 7 Year Tribulation - **a Great Tribulation**

THEN (at that time of **the apostasy**) there will be **a great tribulation**, **Matt 24:21**

the Final most severe (Great) **Birth Pangs** or **a great tribulation** > Before **the Son Comes**

Matthew 24:21-22

21 “**For** (reason) **then** (at that time of **the apostasy**) there will be **a great tribulation**, such as **has not** occurred since the beginning of the world until now, **nor ever will**. (**Dan 12:1**)

22 “Unless **those days** (of **Great Tribulation**) had been **cut short**, **no life** would have been **saved**; **but** for the sake of **the elect** (chosen of **Israel**) **those days** will be **cut short**.

- “**the Beginning of Birth Pangs**” > First Part of First 3 ½ Years
- the Middle of **Birth Pangs** or “**tribulation**” > Second Part of First 3 ½ Years
- the Final most severe (Great) **Birth Pangs** or **a great tribulation** > Second 3 ½ Years
- the **Birth Pangs** End > **the Son Comes** or is **delivered** after much **Birth Pain** > After 7 Years

Great Tribulation is a Unique Time for **Israel**

Daniel 12:1

1 “Now **at that time Michael**, the great prince who stands guard over **the sons** of **your** (**Daniel's**) **people** (**Israel**), will arise.

[**Michael** Guarding **Daniel's People, the Nation of Israel**]

And there will be **a time of distress** such as never occurred since there was a nation until **that time**; (**Mt 24:21**) and **at that time your** (**Daniel's**) **people** (**Israel**), **everyone** who is found written in the book (of Life), will be **rescued**.

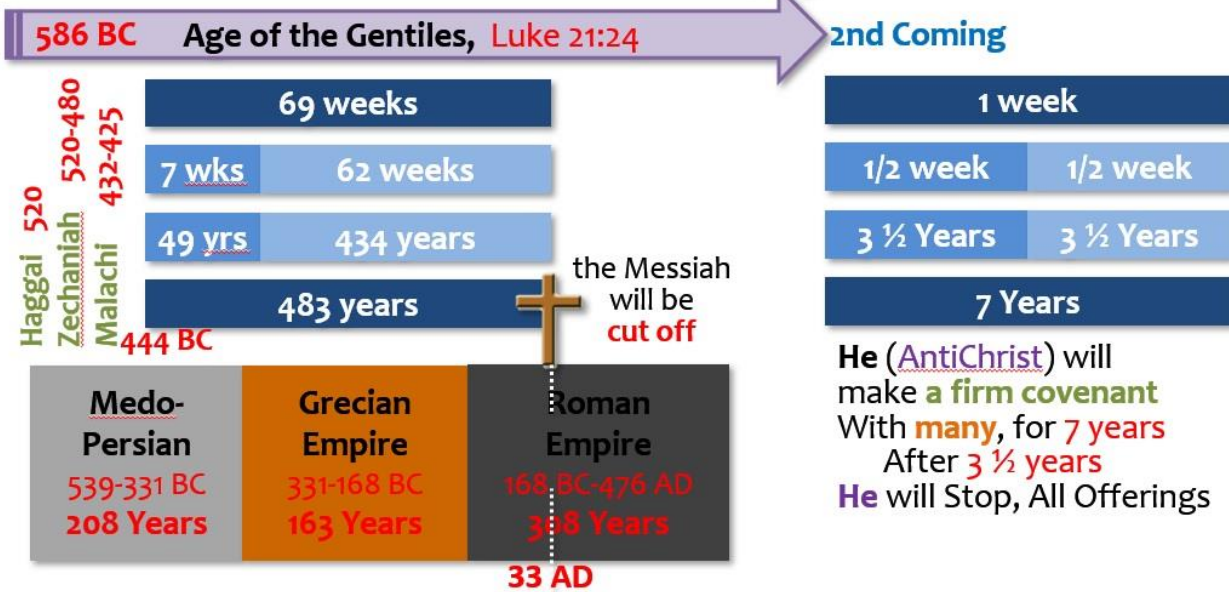
a time of distress for **Daniel's People Israel**

everyone who is found written in **the book** (of Life) (chosen of **Israel**), will be **rescued**.

“**the book** (of Life)” (**Mal 3:16-4:3, Luke 10:20, Rev 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 20:15, 21:27**)

“will be **rescued**” (**Rev 12:12-17**)

The Decree: the 7 years



27a “And **he** (the prince who is to come, **AntiChrist**) will make a **firm covenant** with **the many** (11:33, 39, 12:3) for **one week**, (**7 year Covenant**, with **Israel**) (for **7 years**, the **70th Week**) but in the middle of **the week** (at the **3 ½ year**) **he** (**AntiChrist**) will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; (**Dan 11:31, 12:11**)

the Coming of the Son of Man, “immediately after the tribulation of those days”

the Coming of the Son of Man, Just as the **lightning flashes**

Just as the **lightning flashes**, so will the (Second) coming of **the Son of Man** be the SAME WAY **Lightning** Comes, **the Son** will Come

the **Birth Pangs** End > **the Son** Comes or is delivered after much **Birth Pain**

Matthew 24:27-28

27 “**For** (reason) just as the **lightning** comes from the east and **flashes** even to the west, (**Lk 17:24**) so will **the** (Second) coming of **the Son of Man** be.

28 “Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. (**Lk 17:37, Rev 19:17-18**, Great Supper of God)

the Coming of the Son of Man, **Sun** and **Moon** Darkened, **Stars** Fall, and **Heavens** Shaken

Matthew 24:29

29 “But immediately after the tribulation of those days [after the 7 years of Tribulation]

THE **SUN** WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE **MOON** WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,

AND THE **STARS** WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Many Verses speak of this DARKENING (**Rev 6:12-17, Acts 2:20, Isa 13:10, Joel 2:10, Joel 2:31**....)

All **Light** from **Sun**, **Moon**, and **Stars** will be Turned Off, DARKNESS

- First the DARKNESS
- THEN out of the DARKNESS the Son of Man Comes, like a Flash of Lightning
- THEN the Son of Man, will APPEAR in the Sky with power and great glory

the Coming of the Son of Man, will APPEAR in the Sky

Matthew 24:30-31

30 “And then the sign of the Son of Man will APPEAR in the sky, (Matt 16:27, Matt 25:31)

and then all the tribes (of Israel) of the earth will mourn,

and they will SEE the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

31 “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET

and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect (chosen of Israel)

from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

the Coming of the Son of Man,

- all the tribes of the earth will mourn
- they will SEE The Son of Man Coming on the Clouds of the Sky with Power and Great Glory.
- He will send forth His angels with A Great Trumpet
- they (angels) will gather together His elect (chosen of Israel)

Matthew 24:32-34

32 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you (of Israel) know that summer is near;

33 so, you (of Israel) too, when you (of Israel) SEE all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.

34 “Truly I say to you (of Israel), this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

When Israel is able to “SEE all these things” “take place”, mentioned in Matt 24:4-31

Q: “this generation” cannot refer to the generation living at that time of Christ can it? for “all these things”

the abomination of desolation (the Antichrist) (v. 15),

the persecutions and judgments (vv. 17-22),

the sun and moon darkened (v. 29),

Jesus coming on the Clouds (v. 30),

the gathering of the elect (v. 31)

did not “take place” in that generation’s lifetime or anytime during the last 2000 years did they?

Q: that generation didn’t “SEE” “all these things” occur did they?

Q: Jesus didn’t come in the first century “with power and great glory” and “gather His Elect” did He?

Some Commentators want to move “all these things” of Jesus’ Coming to 70 AD?

“Its plain and obvious reference is to the contemporaries of the speaker, or those who shall live some thirty or forty years longer; this period would bring them to the siege of Jerusalem (70 AD)”

Pulpit Commentary

Q: Jesus didn’t come in 70 AD “with power and great glory” and “gather His Elect” did He? that generation, in 70 AD, didn’t “SEE” “all these things” occur did they?