

the **PROPHETIC TIMELINE**

*as recorded in the books of
Daniel, Matthew, and
Revelation*

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THE PROPHETIC TIMELINE focuses on the timelines recorded in the book of Daniel, Matthew 24, and the book of Revelation. Once these timelines are in place, all prophetic events can be placed in their proper time period to give the ordering of prophetic events.

THE MAIN TIMELINE, from which all prophetic events can be placed, is found in Daniel 2. This records the dream given to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and interpreted by Daniel. In his dream, the king saw a giant statue made of metal representing the rise and fall of empires from the time of Nebuchadnezzar in the early 600's BC to the establishment of God's eternal kingdom. The empires recorded are historically confirmed as being one hundred percent accurate. Therefore, we can have confidence that the empires not yet in power during Daniel's time would also rise up and fall as told to Daniel by the angel.

MATTHEW 24 is the second main timeline and has its place on Daniel 2's timeline between the divided Roman Empire and the rise of Daniel's ten-toed empire which rises up in the last of the last days. This period of time between the divided Roman Empire and the ten-toed empire is where the events of the last days taught by Jesus are fulfilled. Jesus' teaching gives a timeline of events taking place from the time he appeared until the arrival of the Antichrist and his return to the earth.

THE BOOK OF Revelation is the third main timeline on *the prophetic timeline* and is the recording of events during earth's last seven years when the Antichrist has arrived upon the world stage.

THESE THREE TIMELINES, representing different time periods, give a comprehensive timeline, as recorded in the Bible, that does not need you or me to rearrange it. Like a child learning American History, we merely place the prophetic events and personalities recorded in the Bible in date order.

The Prophetic Timeline

THE PROPHETIC TIMELINE is your guide to ordering the main events of the last days. When you understand the timeline recorded in the Bible, you can know...

- where we are on the prophetic timeline
- how close we are to the arrival of the Antichrist
- how close we are to the return of Christ
- the ordering of the rapture

The Prophetic Timeline charts the last day nations and events recorded in the books of Daniel, Matthew 24, and Revelation to give a comprehensive timeline from around the early 600's BC to the establishment of God's kingdom.

Prophecy To Be Embraced

FROM A SCRIPTURAL point-of-view we are encouraged to understand and embrace prophetic teaching, not to put it on a shelf to collect dust. Consider the following:

1. Jesus' second longest recorded teaching was on the ordering and events of the last days. (Matthew 24 & 25)
2. The eighth largest New Testament book (Revelation) was dictated by God to Jesus to give to his followers understanding of the last of the last days (Revelation 1:1-3).
3. Each writer of the New Testament mentions the last days and how Jesus ushered in the last days.
4. Jesus taught us to be aware of and on the look out for the last day events he taught. (Matthew 24:42-44)
5. John the Apostle was told to understand the revelation he received and, after understanding, to tell others about what he saw. We are to do the same. (Revelation 10:8-11)
6. More than one fourth of the Bible is prophetic.

SO MUCH CONFUSION has clouded last days teachings that many do not see the importance of understanding it. Considering that the Disciples, Jesus, and God all put great importance on it, so should we. The teachings of Daniel, Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation were given to give understanding, help, and hope.

INSTEAD OF RUNNING from last days teaching, let me encourage you to run toward them, especially in our day when all last day events are converging within our generation. It is our generation that has the ability to fully understand what use to be prophetic mysteries. It is our generation which fulfills the "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled" spoken by Jesus (Matthew 24:34).