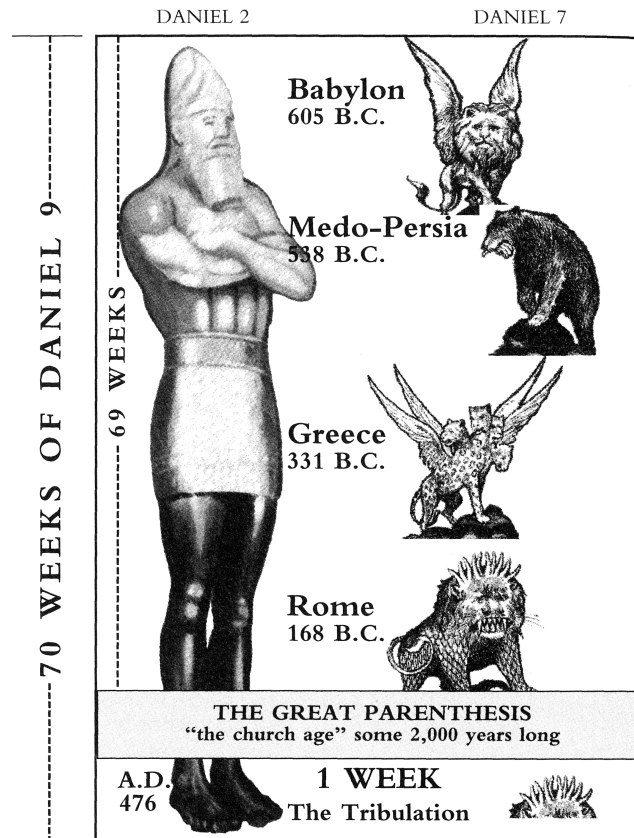


## People of Hope

**Introduction:** Last night. Not enough time to recap. Restate one small section. Those who teach the dispensational, pretribulational, premillennial view of prophecy have 3 key components woven into their tapestry of prophecy. They are:

1. The distinctive place of Israel and the church in Prophecy and the Gap in prophetic time between the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel 8 and 9.

### THE "GAP"



2. The church cannot experience tribulation
3. Secret Rapture of the Church

The last two are the result of the first one.

### 5 Views Regarding Israel and Prophecy

1. The promises to Israel in the OT are still in effect (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel)
  - a. They must be restored to their land (1948)
  - b. The Temple will be rebuilt and sacrifices restored
  - c. The Antichrist will enter into a covenant with Israel that he will break
  - d. Many Jews will believe in Christ
  - e. At end of the Tribulation, they will be persecuted, resulting in Armageddon

## 2. Two-fold Promises

- a. Land
- b. Spiritual Blessing

**Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)** 1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

**Genesis 13:14-15 (ESV)** 14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

## 3. Promises are conditional

**Deuteronomy 30:1-3 (ESV)** 1 "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, 2 and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.

**Leviticus 26:40-42 (ESV)** 40 "But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, 41 so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, 42 then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

**Ezekiel 36:22-28 (ESV)** 22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

## 4. Promises Fulfilled in the Church

- a. Jesus predicted Israel's rejection of Him and therefore, their privileges

**Matthew 21:42-44 (ESV)** 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from

you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

**Matthew 8:10-12** (ESV) 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

b. Paul's Teachings

**Galatians 3:27-29** (ESV) 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

b. Peter's Teachings

**1 Peter 2:6-10** (ESV) 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Romans 9-11**

5. Jesus is the True Israel (see Excel Chart)

**Conclusion: Dispensationalist Claims regarding Israel don't hold up in light of scripture.**