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**PROPHETIC  
TIMELINE**



*Understanding the ordering of last  
day events through the timelines  
recorded in the books of Daniel,  
Matthew, and Revelation*

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## INTRODUCTION

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ASK MOST CHRISTIANS AND THEY WILL AGREE THAT WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS; THESE SAME CHRISTIANS ALSO WILL SAY THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND the last days, and accept the contradicting viewpoints. However, this is not what Jesus taught. He taught and encouraged His followers to be on the lookout for the events He warned were coming (Mat. 24:33-35; 42-44; Mat. 16:2, 3). Since you cannot watch for events that you are not certain will take place, Jesus encouraged the reading, hearing, and keeping of what was taught in the book of Revelation (Rev. 1:3). He encouraged His followers to embrace and hold onto His teachings about the last days. You cannot embrace or hold onto teachings you do not understand; the last day teachings were given as light to a world gone dark.

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The prophet Daniel also taught that we can have assurance that we are the final generation when we observe two major events: 1) the increase of knowledge, and 2) the increase in travel (Dan. 12:4). These are specific, measurable events and, without question, were fulfilled in our twentieth century. Consider that a week's worth of the *New York Times* contains more information than a person would have had access to in their entire lifetime, prior to the twentieth century. Also, before the 1900's, boats, wagons, and horseback were the common mode of transportation; most people rarely traveled more than 30 miles from where they were born. Today, people routinely travel between states and even continents within the same day.

Daniel also made it clear there would be those who would instruct many on the fulfillment of prophecy; this would not be possible if we could not know with certainty (Dan. 11:33).

Because of the days we are living in, we can know where we are on the prophetic timeline, even with all the confusion concerning the last days. Confusion is the work of the Devil (1Cor. 14:33). Confusion brings darkness upon the world. The good news is, where sin and darkness abound, God's righteousness and light shines even greater—and this also applies to our

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understanding of where we are on the prophetic timeline (Rom. 5:20).

When Jesus sent His angel to the Apostle John, it was to give him understanding of what was to come in the world's last seven years...he was then told to tell others (Rev. 10:9-11). He could not explain to others what was coming if there was confusion in his own mind. The few who understand have the responsibility to instruct others, even as the Apostle.

From Daniel to Jesus, to the apostle John, there is a straight line of understanding that is passed down from one generation to the next, so that in our twenty-first century we can know with full assurance where we are on the prophetic timeline. Since we can have this assurance, why is there so much confusion about the last days?

### **THE COMMON DENOMINATOR**

As I look at the contradicting views concerning the last days, the common denominator to the wide range of interpretations is that they do not build upon the same foundation; if they did, there would not be major differences in the ordering of events and where we are on the prophetic timeline. This causes us to ask: "Has God given a timeline of events which has a beginning and an ending with a sequence of events moving from

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beginning to end that doesn't need to be reordered?"  
The answer is a resounding yes.

This book outlines the timelines recorded in Daniel 2, 7, 9, Matthew 24, and the book of Revelation. Each of these timelines have measurable, dated events so that when we transition from one event to the next we have the assurance of where we are at any given time on God's prophetic timetable.

It is the goal of this book to outline and connect the timelines in the books of Daniel, Matthew, and Revelation so that a clearer picture of where we are and the ordering of last day events may be seen.

For a more detailed look at what is written in this book, check out my books, *Revelation and the Age of the Antichrist*, *Are We There Yet?*, and *Matthew 24's 28 Verse Countdown to the Rapture*.

May God's Spirit open our understanding.

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Mark 1:15

# The God of this World

BEFORE WE LOOK AT THE PROPHETIC TIMELINE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE DEVIL'S ROLE AND AGENDA FOR THE EMPIRES WE WILL BE LOOKING AT. He is the one who establishes the empires throughout this book. As we understand his purpose for the nations, we also understand the world system he has created and the direction they are being led.

For reasons I do not pretend to understand, the Devil is given authority over the earth and is its god/ruler (2 Cor. 4:4). God owns the earth, but the Devil is given authority over the earth. This authority may have been given after Adam and Eve released sin into the entire creation through their disobedience. His authority permits him to structure, develop, and set the agenda and direction for the world as he sees fit. As we