**Review: Setting up The Revelation of Jesus Christ**

**Powerful prophetic points from Daniel**

* **Four great kingdoms would come after Babylon and out of the fourth kingdom would be a revived empire from which a ruler would come – Dan. 7:23-25**
* **The future, evil world ruler would resemble Antiochus – Dan. 8:8-14, 23-26**
* **Another Kingdom will come that will be eternal and ruled by the Son of Man – Dan. 7:13-14**

**The Seventy “Weeks” of Daniel:**

* **From the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem would be 490 years specific to Israel until the Kingdom – Dan. 9:24**
* **483 of those prophetic years have passed – Dan. 9:25**
* **From the decree to the presentation of the Messiah was 483 years - Dan. 9:25**
* **After the 483 years, Messiah was killed for others and Jerusalem was destroyed – Dan. 9:26**
* **After the 483 years, the 70th week would begin with the signing of a covenant – Dan. 9:27**
* **In the middle of that seven-year period, the abomination of desolation would occur – Dan. 9:27**
* **The Abomination initially occurred under Antiochus Epiphanes - Dan. 11**

**The Olivet Discourse – Powerful prophetic points**

* **The Tribulation Jesus discusses is world-wide – Mt. 24:7**
* **The destruction of the Temple is followed by Cosmic events, though we don’t know how much time elapses in-between – Lk. 21:12**
* **Some order of events is laid out concerning the destruction of the Temple:**
	+ **There are world-wide signs and events before Jesus’ coming – 21:10-11**
	+ **Before these take place, the Temple is destroyed (70 AD) – Lk. 21:12-24**
	+ **We are not told how much time elapses between the Temple’s destruction and those cosmic events**
	+ **Israel would be dominated by the Gentiles “until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled” – Lk. 21:24**
	+ **When all the events of the Tribulation are seen, Jesus said *then* you know “the Kingdom is near” – Lk. 21:31**
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* **It is in the middle of the Tribulation, after 3 ½ years, that the abomination of desolation will take place, but this is future to Jesus’ day – Mt. 24:15**
* **Things get so bad during this time that it had to be kept to seven years or no life would survive on the earth – Mt. 24:21-22**
* **The coming of Jesus is in two stages:**
	+ **The first is His “presence” is secret and involves the taking out of believers and the beginning of the judgments Mt. 24:36-41**
	+ **The second is an “appearance” and is a dramatic, world-wide, unmistakable event – Mt. 24:26-30**
* **Unbelievers are “taken away” in judgment, but believers are “taken to Himself” – Mt. 24:36-41**
* **The beginning of the Tribulation is sudden and unexpected Mt. 24:36**
* **The generation alive at the start will be alive at the end – Mt. 24:34**
* **Believers who make it alive to the end of the Tribulation will be physically delivered into the Kingdom – Mt. 24:13**

**What we learn from Romans 11:19-29**

* **Mystery: In the Church, Gentile believers are incorporated into the same status as Jewish believers (“natural branches”) to reach the world – 11:19**
* **If the Gentile world ceases to be responsive instruments for the Gospel, God will return His focus to Israel – 11:19-21**
* **The Church is clearly *not* a replacement for Israel**
* **Israel’s setting aside is temporary and ends when the “fullness of the Gentiles” comes – 11:25, 28-29**
* **The failure of Israel in no way diminishes their basic standing and privileges in God’s sight.**

**Overviewing Revelation (Short outline)**

 **I. Prologue (1:1-3)**

 **II. Introduction (I:4-8)**

 **III. The Experience of the churches (1:9-3:22)**

 **IV. The Beginning of the Birth Pangs – the First Half of the Week (4:1-11:19)**

 **V. Birth Pangs Proper: The Second Half of the Week (12:1-16:21)**

 **VI. Climax: The Two Cities (17:1-22:5)**

**VII. Conclusion (22:6-21)**

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**Purpose: To present Jesus as the Supreme Judge that we might be motivated to live godly lives, looking forward to God’s eternal rule.**