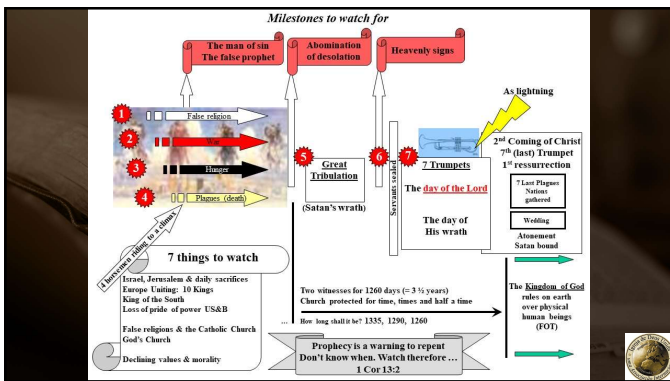




Prophetic events discussed

- **Revelation 1-5** – The revelation of Jesus Christ, from the Father to show His servants;
 - Christ’s letters of encouragement and correction to the Church;
 - Christ receives the scroll with seven seals.
- **Revelation 6** – Christ starts opening the seals.
 - Six of the seven seals are in this chapter alone.
 - Shows that the main purpose of the Book of revelation is the 7th seal.
 - Which is none other “the Lord’s day” (**Rev 1:10**).
 - Once the seals are opened – they stay open.
 - False religion, wars, hunger and death will continue in parallel till Christ’s coming.
- Today we want to cover **more details** about **Things to watch** before the Great Tribulation ...



A temple built before Christ?

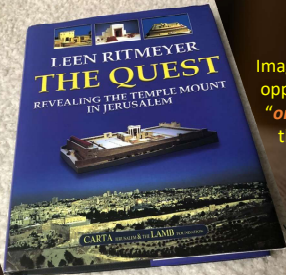
- **2 Thes 2:3-4** – The man of sin "... who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that **he sits as God in the temple of God**, showing himself that he is God.
- This verse does not necessarily say *'that he sits as God, in the temple of God'*.
- Could also mean that *'that he sits, as God [sits] in the temple of God'*?
- **2 Thes. 2:9-10** – "The coming of the *lawless one* [the man of sin / the false prophet] is according to the working of Satan, with *all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception* among those who perish, because they did not receive **the love of the truth**, that they might be saved."
- Let's look at other prophetic scriptures:
Mat 24:15 – "in the holy place" ... **Acts 21:26-28** – there was a temple.
Dan 11:31 (*The Middle East in Bible Prophecy*, Antiochus Epiphanes, p.26).
- Sacrifices were offered during Moses' time, during judges, during the time of King David. But only from the time of Solomon was the temple built!
- Is an altar sufficient to fulfill this prophecy? Is a temple required?
- And **where is** the actual place of the sacrifices?



Sacrifices... Where?

What will the geo-political implications be?

Indeed ... there is much to watch!



Imagine the opposition even if **"only an altar"** and this altar is in front of the dome of the Rock!



Look at the context ...

- **Dan 11:31 e 12:11** – the word sacrifices is in *'italics'*.
- **Mal 3:1-2** – "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will **suddenly come to His temple**, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts."
- **Rev 11:1-2** – "Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and **measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there**. "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months."



Things to watch: the fall of Israel ...

- Lev 26:1-2 – “You shall not make idols ... You shall keep My Sabbaths ...”
- Lev 26:3 – “If you walk in My statutes ...” --- **blessings!**
- Lev 26:14 – “If you do not obey Me ...” --- **punishments in 5 waves.**
- ① Lev 26:16-17 – “I will even appoint terror over you ...”
- ② Lev 26:18-20 – “I will punish you **seven times more** ... I will break the pride of your power.”
- ③ Lev 26:21-22 – “If you walk contrary to Me ... I will bring on you **seven times more** plagues according to your sins ...”
- ④ Lev 26:23-26 – “If ... [you] walk contrary to me ... I will punish you **yet seven times** for your sins. And I will bring a sword against you ...”
- ⑤ Lev 26:27-39 – “If you do not obey Me ... I will chastise you **seven times** for your sins ... I will scatter you among the nations ... Your land shall be desolate and your cities waste ...” [Great Tribulation].



Things to watch: the fall of Israel ...

- Daniel’s count down till Christ’s coming:
- Dan 12:12 – “Blessed is he who waits and comes to the **1335 days.**”
- Waits for what?
- Note that a counting seems to begin. Do we then know **how many days** till Christ’s coming?
- **If so** then at this moment (or at least 45 days later) people (*at least those in God’s Church*) will know the day of Christ’s coming (**Mat 24:36, 42.**)
- So those parables (**Mat 24:32** till **Mat 25:13**) need to apply to the period before this count begins.
- Dan 12:11 – “And from the time that the **daily sacrifice** is taken away, and the **abomination of desolation** is set up, there shall be **1290 days.**”
- This is very probably the **time of war in heaven** and when Satan is expelled to earth (**Rev 12:7, 12**)
– the time of Satan’s **great wrath.**
- Dan 12:1 – signals the beginning of **the great tribulation.**



Some protected before the Tribulation

- **SOME WILL BE PROTECTED:**
- Rev 3:10 – “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”
- Rev 12:13-17 – A part of the woman is protected; the rest of the woman is left behind. And the ones left behind do “ **keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**”
- **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ONE PART OF THE WOMAN AND THE OTHER PART?**
- Rev 2:4-5 – You have left your **first love**; remember from where you have fallen; repent and do the **first works** ...
- Is it sincere love for the brethren and therefore doing the work of God? (Philadelphia – **Rev 3:7-13** vs Laodicea – **Rev 3:14-22**)
- Rev 3:10 – Because you kept the command to persevere
- Rev 3:15-17 – You are neither cold nor hot ... I am rich ... [I] have need of nothing ...



The beginning of the Great Tribulation

- **Dan 12:1** – "... And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time..."
- **Dan 12:7** – "... that it [the time of trouble] shall be for a time, times, and half a time [1260 days – 3½ years]; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished."
- **Dan 12:11** – "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be 1290 days [3 ½ years + 1 month]."
- **Hosea 5:5-7** – *Israel, Ephraim and Judah* will be punished at the same time... *in one month*.
- **Psalms 83:1-8** – Nations that could well be part of the king of the South will temporarily join forces with Assyria.



