

- God is in Control—
- God is being challenged (the battle is unseen, blaspheme God— abandon God, leave Him out—humanism, secularism, post-modernism, even modernism)
- God's people will suffer (Revelation 12:17)
- The nations will fall
- It is a pattern that is repeated (deceit, power, persecution)
- It is the church that is in focus
- God will Triumphant (double Resurrection/vindication— God's sovereignty/human responsibility)

- 3 Events at End
  - Tribulation
  - Resurrection
  - Separation

- Tricks: Don't let anybody trick you-v. 4
- Fears: Don't you be terrified—v. 6
- Hates: You will be hated-v. 9
- Falls: Many will be ashamed and drop out-v. 10
- Missions; But this wonderful news of the kingdom will be heralded in all the world-v.14
- Tears: There will be great tribulation-v.21
- Clarity: Just as the lightning comes...thus shall be the coming of the son of Man—clearly visible-v.27
- Chaos: The power of the heavens will be shaken-v.29
- Incalculability: No one knows the day or the hour-v. 36
- Normalcy: Just as in the days of Noah-v. 37

(Dale Brunner)

- Don't be surprised—expect persecution
- Do not find security in this world (Give up control, instead pray for proper response and ability to shine)
- Be confident deliverance will follow—Look/Plan for the Kingdom (Chapter 2)—What you think about the future controls how we live in the present
- Go your way—Teach/Shine/Pray (live so Resurrection hope is the only possible explanation for our actions—these are days of opportunity to teach—Love those who persecute you)—Deut 29:29

- Call to Integrity
- Call to Stability
- Call to Humility
- Call to Prayer
- Remember in spite of the present evil situation,  
God is in control

- Reality of the God of the Bible is demonstrated-not a book with truth but a book of Truth
- Divine omniscience and omnipotence of the Lord is set forth
- Because the previous prophecies have been fulfilled can rest in the subsequent promises of deliverance and triumph still to come
- Events are a rich testimony of God's trustworthiness and the trustworthiness of His Word
- Chapter 11 demonstrates the the ungodly kingdoms of this world will not endure, trials purify the church and the people of God will ultimately be delivered.

- There is a bodily resurrection
- The new body is immortal
- Even unbelievers will spend eternity in bodily form
- The resurrected saints receive great honor and great reward, whereas the opposite is true for unbelievers

## Major Themes of 7-12

- the horror of human evil, particularly as it is concentrated in the state
- the announcement of a specific time of deliverance
- repentance that leads to deliverance
- the revelation that a cosmic war stands behind human conflict
- judgment as certain for those who resist God and oppress his people
- the equally certain truth that God's people, downtrodden in the present, will experience new life in the fullest sense.



- Course of history is driven not by some evolutionary force, but by God's divine directive toward his Kingdom
- See conflicts of earth as being part of the heavenly conflict—whether wars/or relational issues/or sin

- 70-7's 70 Sets of 7 (sets of complete times)
- 7-7's is a year of Jubilee
- Multiples fulfillment's
  - Antiochus Epiphanes
  - Cross/Resurrection of Jesus
  - Fall of Jerusalem
  - 2nd Coming
- Biggest issue is last week—the 3 1/2 days and 3 1/2 days

- Post-Exile Period
  - Anointed one Cyrus, Joshua, Zerubbabel
- Rebuilding under times of trouble
  - Onias III cut off
  - Antiochus Epiphanes
- Jesus death and Resurrection
- Destruction Jerusalem
- 2nd Coming
- “He”-Antiochus Epiphanes, Titus or Jesus
- 2nd 1/2 week—Time between Ascension and Return
  - Times/times 1/2 time tribulation before return
- 3 parts (7, 10, 70 and 1/2 of 7)
  - 7 7's
  - 62 7's (period restoration Jerusalem/coming anointed one)
  - Last 7 divided in half

- Cyrus the Great (559-530)
  - Cambyses (529-522)
  - Darius 1 (522-486)
- Babylon Falls to Persia (539) (Darius the Mede (539)
  - Cyrus Edict (538)
    - Rebuilding of Temple (536-516)
    - Zechariah (522-506) Haggai (520) Nehemiah (444-430) Malachi (465) Ezra (457) Joel (450)
    - Esther (478)
- Alexander the Great (356-232)
- Ptolemaic rule (323-198)
- Seleucidian rule (198-63) (begins ok...but...)
  - Antiochus IV desecrates the temple (175-163)
  - Mattathias (166)
  - Judas Maccabeus (166-160)
    - Rededication of Temple (166-164)—Hanukkah
    - Religious Freedom Gained (163)
    - Political Freedom Attempted (162-160)
  - Jonathan (160-143)
- Rome

- Historical—62 7's cover period to 171 BC when the legitimate high priest Onias was murdered and the last 7 represents the restoration of the Temple in 164 BC. Years and numbers taken literally.
- Qumran—symbolic numbers
- New Testament—Jesus reference to “abomination of desolation, more than Antiochus Epiphanes, still to come and in writings Jesus marked the beginning of the fulfillment of the coming kingdom announced. Jesus saw himself as “Son of Man”
- Early Church/Jewish/Messianic—Josephus—noted both Antiochus Epiphanes and Rome with fall of Jerusalem as the ending of the 70 weeks—at the end of 2nd Century AD Christians began to see 70 7's as to terminate in coming of Jesus—and the 3 1/2 with end of Temple or Jesus death—the second 3 1/2 with anti-christ (one or many (1 John 2:18-22, 4:3—person or systems)
- Today—70 years all fulfilled in Christ (vs. 24). Christ Resurrection is at 1/2 way of mark of last week. Christ fulfilled sacrifice and he now is the temple—or 70 years all in future—with second coming of Christ and judgement as one event—Recognizable Pattern in history to note and see worked out in our lifetime—Matthew 24 and 25 do not underestimate the suffering to come and the time is not yet. Persecutor will meet deserved judgment-Jesus is our hope, His coming in glory.
- Dispensational Messianic—69 7's exact time of crucifixion—(depends on when start) Last week is dispensation of the church—with new world rule and Anti-Christ to come and 24ff are for the future with rapture 1/2 way through week. See a rebuilding of the temple.