

The Lord's Return

From the Historicist perspective

The History of Israel

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

12 Sons
12 Tribes

ruled by Priests

then by Judges

King Saul 40 years

King David 40 years

King Solomon 40 years

975 BC (*1 Kings 12*)

The History of Israel

- *Mark 13:28-30* “The Fig Tree in leaf”?
- *Luke 21:20-24* “The Times of the Gentiles
- *Leviticus 26:14-28* “7 Times Punishment”
- What is a “Time”?
- 1 Time = 1 Year of 360 days (eg *Rev.12:6* cf *Rev.12:14*; 1260 days = 3 ½ Times)
- So 7 Times = 7 x 360 = 2520 ‘Days’
- BUT, in certain Bible prophecies, (eg. *Num.14:34*, *Ezekiel ch.4*) 1 day = 1 year, so 7 ‘Times’ could be 2520 Years

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975 BC

Rehoboam – 2 Tribes

Jeroboam – 10 Tribes

604 BC **Jews** (70 years *Jer. 25:11*)
Captive to Babylon

721 BC
Israel Captive To Assyria → Celts
Anglo-Saxon
etc.

534 BC Cyrus issues a Decree

2520

457 BC (Temple and Walls rebuilt)

Years or
'7 Times'

70 weeks
(490 Yrs) *Daniel Ch 9*

Lev. Ch 26

70 AD Jerusalem Destroyed Until... *Lk. 21:24*

1917 AD Jerusalem delivered from the Turks

1948 AD Israel Granted Independence by UN

1967 6 Day War – Full Release

Daniels '70 Weeks'

- From *Dan.9:20-27* - A 6 fold purpose;
 1. To finish transgression *Rom.5:18-21*
 2. To put an end to sin *Heb.9:26-28*
 3. To atone for wickedness *Rom 5:9-11*
 4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
2 Cor 5:21
 5. To seal up vision & prophecy *Mat.5:17*
 6. To anoint the Most Holy *Lk.4:18*

Daniels '70 Weeks'

- 457BC – Decree to rebuild Jerusalem
- 7 'Weeks' = 49 'Days' or 49 Years
- 408BC Jerusalem rebuilt
- 62 'Weeks' or 434 Years
- 27AD Baptism of Jesus
- 1 'Week' or 7 Years
- 34AD Gospel to the Gentiles
- Around 30 AD???
- 30 – 70AD Period of Repentance-40 years

The Nature of Christ's Return

1. At An Unknown Time

I. "Like a thief in the night" -

Rev.16:15, 1Thes.5:2

II. "Unexpected in the world" -

Matt. 24:36-39, 40

The Nature of Christ's Return

2. With Signs Preceding

III. Signs in the world – Lk. 21:25

IV. Signs in the people – 2 Tim 3:1-7

V. Signs in the Church's doctrine –
Matt.24:10 – 11, 23 - 24

The Nature of Christ's Return

3. In Great Glory & Majesty

- I. Christ will return as he departed –
Acts 1:9-11
- II. His Coming will be visible to all –
Rev.1:7; 1Thes.4:16-18
- III. He will have great Glory & Power –
Matt.24:27-31, 26:44; Jude 14;
Lk.21:25 - 28

The Times of Christ's Return

1. In The World

I. Times of War & Revolution

Lk.21:9

II. Times of Sickness & Disease

Lk.21:10

III. Times of Famine Lk.21:11

The Times of Christ's Return

1. In The World

IV. Times of great Geological Upheaval
Lk.21:11, 25-26

V. Times of Obscenity & Perversion
2Timothy 3:1-7, Rom. 1:24-32

The Times of Christ's Return

2. In The Church

I. Loss of True Faith by many

Matt.24:9-13

II. Revival of Evangelism Mat.24:14

III. Great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Joel 2:28-32

IV. Preparation by the Bride -

The Times of Christ's Return

2. In The Church

IV. Preparation by the Bride through -

a. Readiness; Matt.24:44, 25:1-13

b. Good Stewardship; Matt.25:14-30,

c. Righteous Living; 1Thes.5:23

d. Obedience; Matt.28:18-20

e. Tenacity; Heb.10:22-25

f. Patience; James 5:7-11

g. Living out God's Word; James 1:22

The Purposes of Christ's Return

1. To Bring Salvation Heb.9:24-28
2. To Initiate the First Resurrection
1 Thes. 4:15-16, 1 Cor.15:51-53
3. To Take His Throne Matt 25:31
4. To Judge;
 - a. The Believers 2 Cor.5:9-10
 - b. The Nations Matt. 25:32-46

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5. To Reward The Righteous

Matt.16:24-27, Rev. 22:12

**6. To Restore The Kingdom To The
Father** 1 Cor.15:24-28

Jesus Is Coming

SOON!