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- **Rev 12:1-5 – Past failed strategy**
- Rev 12:6-17 – Present & future strategy



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Revelation 12:1-5 (cont'd)

...a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child.⁹And she gave birth to a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.



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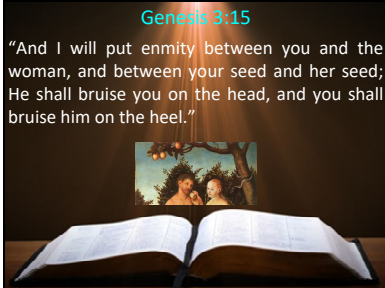
- Matt 2 – Physical World
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Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”



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Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah

- Cain; Gen. 4, 1 Jn. 3:12
- Sons of God; Gen. 6:1-4
- Pharaoh; Ex. 1
- Athaliah; 2 Chron. 22
- Haman; Esther
- Matt 4:5-7; John 8:59
- Herod; Mt. 2




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Israel's Three Blessings to the World
(Gen 12:3b)

1. Scripture (Rom 3:2)
2. Savior (John 4:22)
3. Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)



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Satan's Progressive Defeat

1. Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
2. Eden (Gen 3:15)
3. Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
4. Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
5. Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
6. Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
7. End of millennium (Rev 20:10)

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WHAT MOTIVATES ANTI-SEMITISM?




Fallen angelic world

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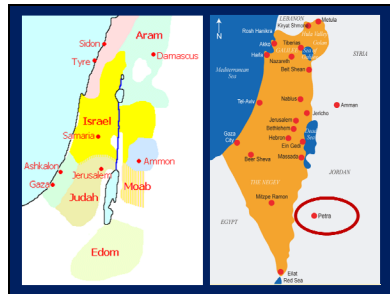
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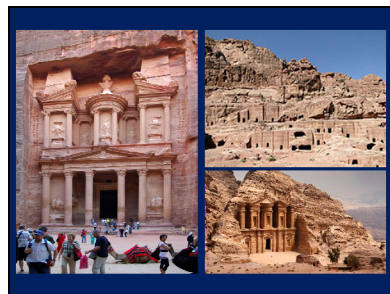


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"Another suggestion is the city now known as *Petra*...this author prefers the identification with *Petra*. *Petra* is located in a basin within Mount Seir, and is totally surrounded by mountains and cliffs. The only way in and out of the city is through a narrow passageway that extends for about a mile and can only be negotiated by foot or by horseback. This makes the city easy to defend, and its surrounding high cliffs give added meaning and confirmation to Isaiah 33:16. Only a few abreast can enter through this passage at any one time, giving this city even greater defensibility."

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"The name *Bozrah* means 'sheepfold.' An ancient sheepfold had a narrow entrance so that the shepherd could count his sheep. Once inside the fold, the sheep had more room to move around. *Petra* is shaped like a giant sheepfold, with its narrow passage opening up to a spacious circle surrounded by cliffs. This is not true of the town of *Buseira*. Furthermore, by modern *Petra* is a site known as *Butzeira*, which retains the Hebrew *Botzrah*...It will be a very defensible city located in Mount Seir...Furthermore, as they flee and while they are living there, food and water will be miraculously provided."

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- Rev 12:6-17 – Spiritual World



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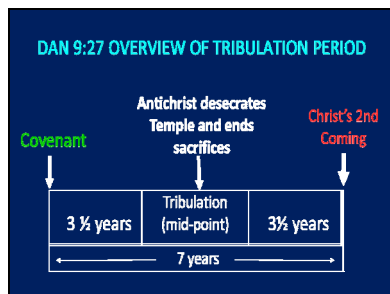
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Satan Now Retains Heavenly Access

- Job 1:6
- Job 2:1
- Zech. 3:1
- Luke 22:31
- Rev. 12:10



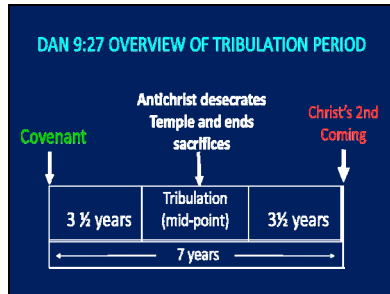
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Two Rules of Interpretation




- Search the **immediate** context
 - ◆ Walvoord: 26X
- Search the **remote** context
 - ◆ Old Testament
 - ◆ Thomas: 278 / 404 verses

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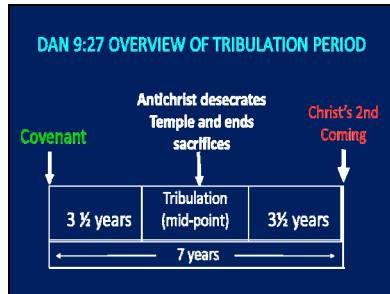
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Daniel 9:26 (NASB)
Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.



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Descriptions of Satanic Hatred

- Wrath 12:12
- Persecution 12:13
- Sweep away 12:15
- Enraged 12:17
- War 12:17



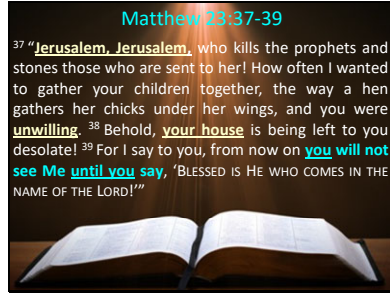
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How Israel Has Blessed the World
(Gen 12:3; Rom 9:4-5)

- Patriarchs
- Law
- Prophets
- Messiah (John 4:22; Rom 9:5)
- Apostles
- Biblical writers
- Early church
- Early Christian martyrs
- Paul
- Future kingdom



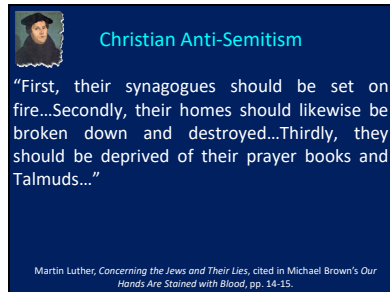
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Christian Anti-Semitism

"...Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews...Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans..."

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.

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"Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system..."

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"...Therefore away with them... To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden—the Jews."

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 **John Calvin**
Commentary on the Prophet Daniel (Vol. 3, p. 385), Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software. Commentary on Daniel 2:44-45, (2010).

"But here he [the rabbi] not only betrays his ignorance, but his utter stupidity, since God so blinded the whole people that they were like restive dogs. I have had much conversation with many Jews: I have never seen either a drop of piety or a grain of truth or ingenuousness—nay, I have never found common sense in any Jew. But this fellow, who seems so sharp and ingenious, displays his own impudence to his great disgrace."

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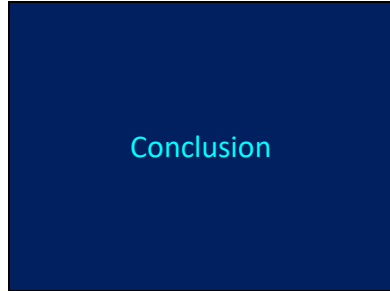


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 *"If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel."*

Benjamin Netanyahu

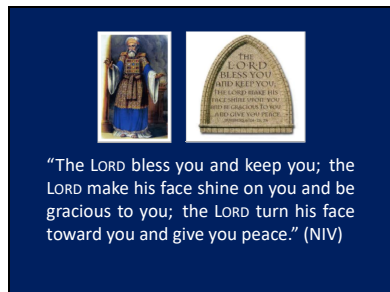
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Matt. 24:15-22-¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. ¹⁸ Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. ²² Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Jude 9-But **Michael the archangel**, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

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Philip. 3:9- and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith.

12

Luke 4:9-10-⁹ And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,’

13

Matt. 5:11-Blessed are you when *people* insult you and **persecute** you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

14

Exod. 19:4-You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself.

Ephes. 5:11-Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.