

Sixty-Nine Prophecies Still to be Fulfilled

Before the Second Coming of the LORD

Part 1 – Recently Fulfilled Prophecies

INTRODUCTION

We begin with a question. “What prophecies are still in our future before the Second Coming?” As promised, I have laid out the prophecies still to come. Hundreds and hundreds of prophecies have been fulfilled in the perfect order spoken by the LORD in the Bible hundreds and hundreds of years before they happened. With that, we can be assured that the prophecies yet to be fulfilled will be fulfilled in proper order.

Here is one example. In Isaiah 44:28 and Isaiah 45:1, the LORD anointed Cyrus the Great by name, one hundred and fifty years before he was born, and told us what he would do for the LORD. Such is an example of a divine prophecy that was fulfilled, and we can find such examples repeated by comparing the Bible to our world history books. Both can be used to create a timeline of past and future prophecies from the two sources. Therefore, there is a method to the design of the timeline chart that we will use to guide this study.

We will focus on the sixty-nine major prophecies that must be fulfilled between now and the Second Coming of the LORD. Please notice the emphasis on them being the “major” prophecies. That statement alone means that there will also be many “minor” prophecies that must be fulfilled along the way, which are plentiful. However, for the “major” prophecies to be fulfilled, the “minor” ones will also be fulfilled, each in the “proper order.”

What do I mean by “proper order?” It means that the prophecies are fulfilled in the same timeline, with the exact details, as they were recorded in the Word of God with nothing out of order. We could proof-text the fulfillment of prophecies out of context to fabricate that a prophecy has been fulfilled, but that would not be presenting the LORD’s story accurately. All prophecies fulfilled thus far in time have occurred with the exact details recorded in the Scripture – nothing is added, nothing is absent, nothing is embellished, and most of all, nothing is a surprise. To prove this point, I want us to look at the “Prophecies Just Completed,” which will show how the LORD fulfills prophecies according to how they were recorded in the Bible. By looking at these prophecies, we can identify “Where We Are Now,” which might be better called “You Are Here – X Marks the Spot.” From there, we can look at the sixty-nine major prophecies in the order that they must be fulfilled before the Second Coming of the LORD.

For you to keep everything in order in your mind, I have created a timeline with each prophecy in its proper order for you to review. Each prophecy has a number by it to help you keep the prophecies in order.

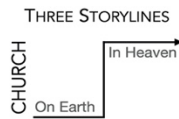
For the prophecies to be fulfilled, multiple storylines occur simultaneously. In every little story within the big story of the Bible, there are multiple storylines of at least four individuals or groups in the Old Testament and five in the New Testament. We will only look at the storylines of three groups in this series.

THE THREE STORYLINES WE WILL USE

You will notice here that I have three storylines, one called the Church, one called the Gentiles, and one called the Jews. Each line is separated from the other two because the LORD has provided specific prophecies that apply to each group. You will see these storylines through this series as we add all the prophecies still to be fulfilled on each line. For now, we need to explain each storyline.

THE CHURCH STORYLINE

In the Church storyline, nothing remains to be fulfilled until the snatching away happens (the rapture). That is right! No more Church prophecies must be fulfilled before the rapture of the Church can occur; however, there are Gentile prophecies that must occur before the rapture of the Church. The rapture on the Church storyline will be the last fulfillment for her on earth. She then goes to heaven, where the remaining prophecies continue on her storyline. Once those prophecies are fulfilled, we will end up at the time of the Second Coming, where we will return to earth.



THE GENTILE STORYLINE

The Gentile storyline is in the middle because almost everything we will discover in this series deals with the Gentile nations.

THE JEWS STORYLINE

At the bottom of the chart, we have the Jews. Nothing will happen with the Jewish storyline until the LORD seals the 144,000 Jews, 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes, in the Sixth Seal opened by the LORD. With the Jewish line empty for much of this series, we will use its space for Gentile prophecies. Therefore, the whole middle of our chart will be taken up by Gentile prophecies most of the way through this series.

You might be worried about the nation of Israel, but you should not. For those of you who were alive in 1948, Israel finally became a nation again and was gifted its land back to her for the first time since Assyria captured the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC, and Babylon captured the Southern Kingdom in 605 BC. In 1948, when Britain gave the Promised Land back to Israel, prophecy was fulfilled. It took 2,553 years for Israel to regain her land. It occurred two full days, plus half of the third day on the LORD's heavenly timeclock. *"He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, That we may live before Him."* (Hosea 6:2)

The LORD protects Israel through the angel Michael. Israel will continue in her rebellion against the LORD until a miraculous event occurs that will change her mind and heart about Him. For now, all prophecies are fulfilled until the 144,000 Jews are sealed. Until then, Israel is where she will be, and we discovered that in the book of Ezekiel. Israel is perfectly fine. She is going to be protected, and nothing will happen to her. After the 144,000 Jews are sealed, the next prophecy for Israel will be the signing of a seven-year peace treaty.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROPHECIES

In order to know where we are in the prophecy timeline, we must identify the recently completed prophecies. To do this we need to look at the three timelines and the fulfilled prophecies on each line. In the chart, we are going to begin with the highlights of Revelation 1 – 4 for the Church and Daniel 2 for the Gentiles.

Revelation 1:19 gave a three-stage outline for the entire book. The LORD says to John,

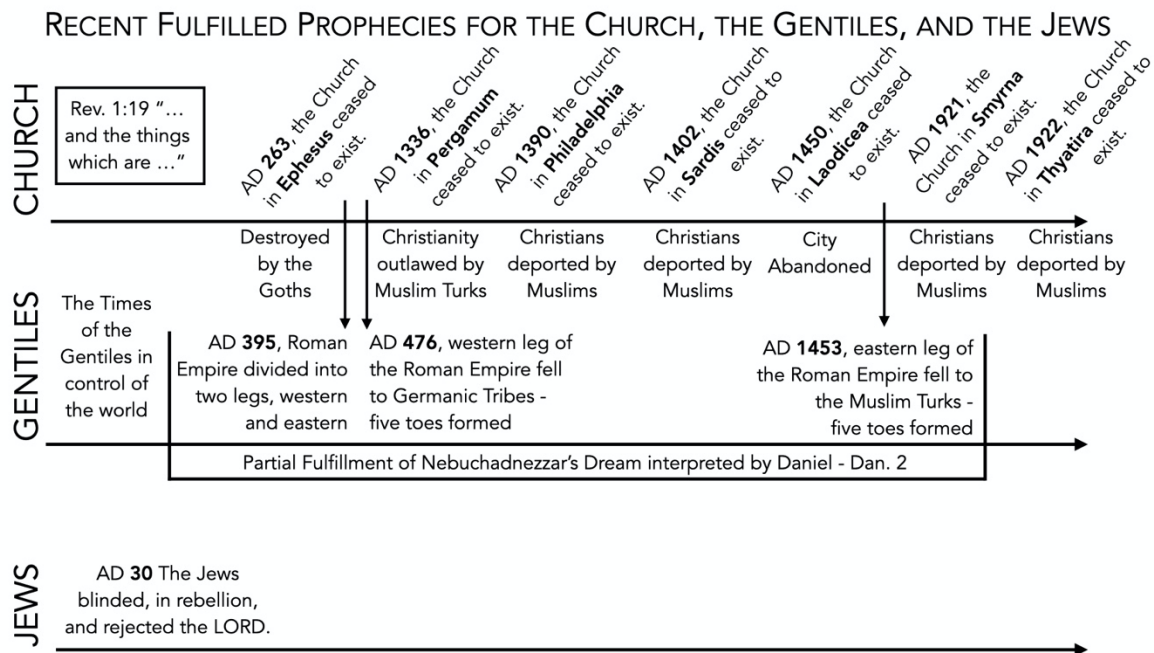
*"Therefore write the things which you have seen,
and the things which are,
and the things which will take place after these things."*

Stage 1 - *"the things which you have seen"*: John has just seen the LORD in his vision, and the LORD told him to write down what he was seeing. And so, John recorded the appearance of the LORD.

Stage 2 - *"the things that are"*: The LORD told John to write a letter to seven different Churches. At the end of each short letter, the LORD indicated that the Church would cease to exist. Its doors would close. Its days as a local Church would come to an end. As such, these seven Churches were

presented as a timeline to inform future generations of the progression of the fulfillment of the LORD's prophecies. Daniel asked about this progression, but Daniel did not have the whole Bible in hand to have all the insight needed to understand the future, but we do. The LORD had much to tell other later prophets to record about future prophecies that He had not told Daniel. Daniel was left with the LORD telling him that in the future, *"those who have insight will understand"* (Daniel 12:10). We have the whole Word of God. Because of that, we can have "insight" to "understand" the fulfilled prophecies and the prophecies still to come.

Stage 3 – *"the things which will take place after these things"*: After the *"things that are,"* meaning that all seven Churches that John wrote to in the Revelation have permanently closed their doors and cease to exist, then, and only then, can the rest of the prophecies in the book continue to unfold. With that, we come to the,



Source of information on this chart:

- 1) All of the information on the Church timeline on this chart comes from "The Catholic Online Encyclopedia" <https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/>
- 2) All of the information on the Gentile timeline of this chart can be found in any "World History" book or with an online search on the internet.
- 3) The information on the Jews timeline comes from the Old and New Testaments.

About AD 96, John put down his pen after completing the book of Revelation, and all that was left was time – time for the things in the Revelation to unfold. John sent, or delivered himself, the manuscript from his prison island on Patmos, in the Aegean Sea, to the seven Churches. Patmos is about 60 nautical miles east of the city of Ephesus. Ephesus was the closest city on the mainland from the island of Patmos. Therefore, it was the natural city to see the manuscript first. From Ephesus, the manuscript followed the public road up the western coast of Asia to Smyrna and then to Pergamum. Then the delivery of the manuscript followed the road around the mountain range and down to Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. By AD 96, when a Church received a book of the Bible to use in her services, the Church leaders had a copy made to keep at the Church. Copying the Bible texts as each Church shared the different portions is why we have hundreds and hundreds of documents to compare. Because it was the custom, no doubt, as the manuscript arrived at each of the seven Churches, a copy was made before it was forwarded to the next city. Thus, the manuscript came

to each town as the LORD dictated the letter to each Church, which happened to be in the same order the cities fell on the journey along the road.

However, the natural order of the delivery of the manuscript to each Church on the road was not the timeline of the demise of each Church. The demise of these seven Churches must occur before anything in Revelation chapter 4 can begin. Therefore, let us look at the Church timeline and discover when all seven churches ceased to exist.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE TIMELINE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

All of these Churches were under the control of the Catholic Church. Remember, all Churches were part of the Catholic Church in AD 96. Later, after AD 395, the Church divided with the Catholic Church in the west, and her sister Orthodox Church in the east. The Catholic Encyclopedia Online tells us when these seven Churches closed their doors forever. It tells us the interesting timing of the last two surviving churches. It tells us that on September 9, 1921, the Muslims in Smyrna demanded that every Christian leave. If they did not leave, their heads would be cut off. They had one day to move. On that day the Catholic Church forever closed the doors to the original Smyrna church. In October of AD 1922, the Muslims did the same thing in Thyatira. The Catholic Church closed her doors forever. All seven Churches *“that are”* in John’s Revelation vision *“are no more.”*

A QUICK LOOK AT THE TIMELINE OF THE GENTILE WORLD

By AD 96, when John recorded the Revelation, Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, interpreted by Daniel in Daniel chapter 2, had only been fulfilled down to the establishment of the Roman Empire as the dominant power in the world. The two legs had not been formed. If you remember, Daniel revealed that Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian Empire was the head of gold on the statue in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. Next, the Medo-Persian Empire will come as the statue’s chest and arms of silver. Then the Grecian Empire will come as the belly of bronze, followed by Roman Empire as the waist of iron on the statue. In AD 96, John was still living in the time of the waist of iron in the Roman Empire. Still to be fulfilled after John’s life would be the division of the Roman Empire into two legs of iron, which happened permanently in AD 395. Then in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, the two legs would be divided into five toes on each leg. The division in the west was fulfilled in AD 476. The Germanic people who conquered the Western Roman Empire broke the land mass into five states under their control – Britain, France, Spain, Italy, and North Africa. About one thousand years later, in AD 1453, the Muslims defeated the Eastern Roman Empire and broke the land mass into five states under their control – Greece, Macedonia, Turkey, Syria, and Egypt. The ten toes were established. Now, all that is left in Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream to be fulfilled is for those ten toes to unite again into one country. That has not happened yet. It is still to be fulfilled before the Second Coming of the LORD.

Now that the Churches are no more, Revelation 4 can begin. Two more prophecies have been fulfilled, and you can see where we are. “X” marks the spot. We will start with Seal One the next time we are together and see why “YOU ARE HERE.”

