



## CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Why Now? (Part 2)	SPEAKER	Ps Daniel Foo
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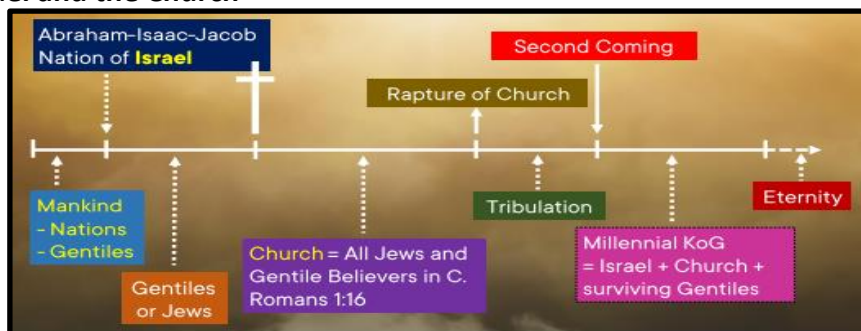
# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

In the second part of a two-part series, Ps Daniel Foo shares an overview of the End Times and highlights the urgency to live out our discipleship in Christ and to share Christ as we mature in Him.

## Overview of the End Times

### 1. Gentiles, Israel and the Church



It is important to correctly divide the Word as it pertains to Israel and/or the Church (Zech 12:10; Matt 24:15-16). There are three broad groups of people that God is addressing:

- Gentiles, previously mankind from Adam to Abraham (Gen 5:2) until the Fall (Gen 6:5, 11, 13);
- Israel, a nation separated from the rest, which God called Abraham to build after Noah's flood (Gen 12:1-3).
- The Church, which refers to everyone, Jews or Gentiles, who believes and receives the Lord Jesus today (Gal 3:26-28). The Church is 'now' - it began at Calvary/Pentecost and will end at the Rapture.

### 2. Daniel's 70th week (Daniel 9)

In Dan 9:24, 70 weeks has been decreed for Israel and Jerusalem. In particular, the 70<sup>th</sup> week refers to the 7 years of Tribulation when God's wrath is poured on Israel, who has rejected Him, and to those who dwell on the earth.

- Jesus Christ came at the end of the 69th week as the Messiah to fulfil Dan 9:24 for Israel but He was rejected. Therefore, Dan 9:24 was not fulfilled and the 70th week was suspended.

- After the Church is raptured, the Kingdom will be restored to Israel (Acts 15:13- 18). The Lord will first take from among the Gentiles a people (the Church) for Himself and after that, would return to rebuild David's fallen tabernacle (Rom 11:25-26).

In summary, the 70 Weeks (70 x 7 years, 490 years) = 7 weeks (49 years) + 62 weeks (434 years) + Time Gap (Church Age) + 1 week (7 years). There is one last week left of the 70 weeks of God's dealings with Israel. God has not forsaken Israel and has promised to save the remnant Israel (Rom 11:1a, 2a, 5, 11-12, 15, 20-23, 25, 26a).

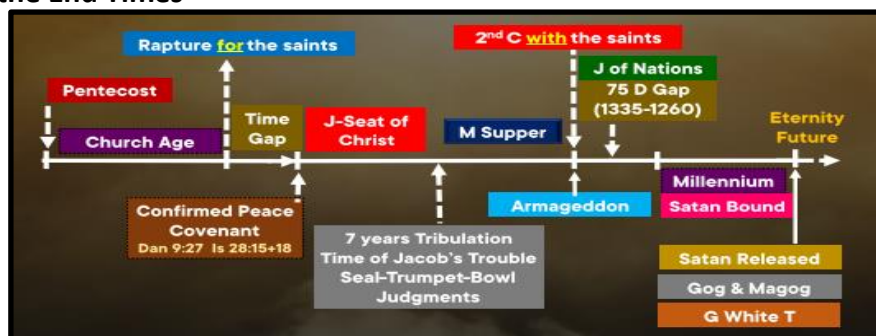
### 3. The Wrath of God

The wrath of God here specifically refers to the 7-year tribulation period. God's wrath begins with Seal Judgements, which are part of the scroll (Rev 5:5, 9a) and ends with Bowl Judgements (Rev 15:1). God will deliver the righteous from His wrath (1The 1:10; 1The 5:9; Rom 5:9) and that the judgement of God will be on those who defy God.

In Scripture, the "Day of the Lord" refers to the Day of God's Wrath, a time of terror, dread and woe, where destruction and judgement will be upon this world (Isa 13:9-11; Zep 1:14-16).

In contrary, the "Day of Christ", refers to the pre-tribulation rapture (1Cor 1:4-8; 1Cor 5:1-5; 2Cor 1:13-14; Phil 1:3-6, 1:10-11, 2:12-16) and it will be a day of great anticipation, joy, blessing and reward (1Cor 15:47-58; 1Jn 3:1-3; Phil 3:20-21; Col 3:1-4; 1Thess 4:13 - 5:11).

### 4. Timeline of the End Times



Ps Dan presented a timeline from Pentecost to the Rapture for the Saints to the second coming of Christ and beyond.

- When the Church is raptured, there will likely be global chaos preceding the opening of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal for the Antichrist to be revealed to the world (2Thess 2:6-7).
- It will be followed by war (Second Seal); widespread famine, pestilence, economic upheaval (Third Seal); death and Hades (Fourth Seal); then the Fifth Seal, when many martyred Saints, fellow servants and brethren will turn to the Lord; followed by the remaining Seals, Trumpets and Bowl Judgments. Every prophetic scripture will be fulfilled.

## CONCLUSION

Ps Daniel emphasised that the End Times is an urgent call to discipleship. Reflecting BBTC's vision and mission, he calls for our response as God's disciples and followers of Christ to:

1. Be effective Priests and Kings, to follow God wholeheartedly, like Joshua and Caleb (Num 13 - 14);
2. Mature in Him and build our lives on God, watching and praying always through a current and vibrant relationship with Him (Luke 21:36); and
3. Share Christ, as we mature in Him, making disciples of God (2Pet 3:9).

# QUESTIONS

1. Which of the four parts of this sermon impacted you the most? What is one thing you will do intentionally this week as a result of that?

2. In Numbers 14:24, Caleb was described as having “a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly”. In what areas of your life do you need to cultivate “a different spirit” and wholehearted devotion to God?

3. In view of the End Times, how may you, as part of the community of believers, share Christ and His love to others? Whose salvation are you burdened for?