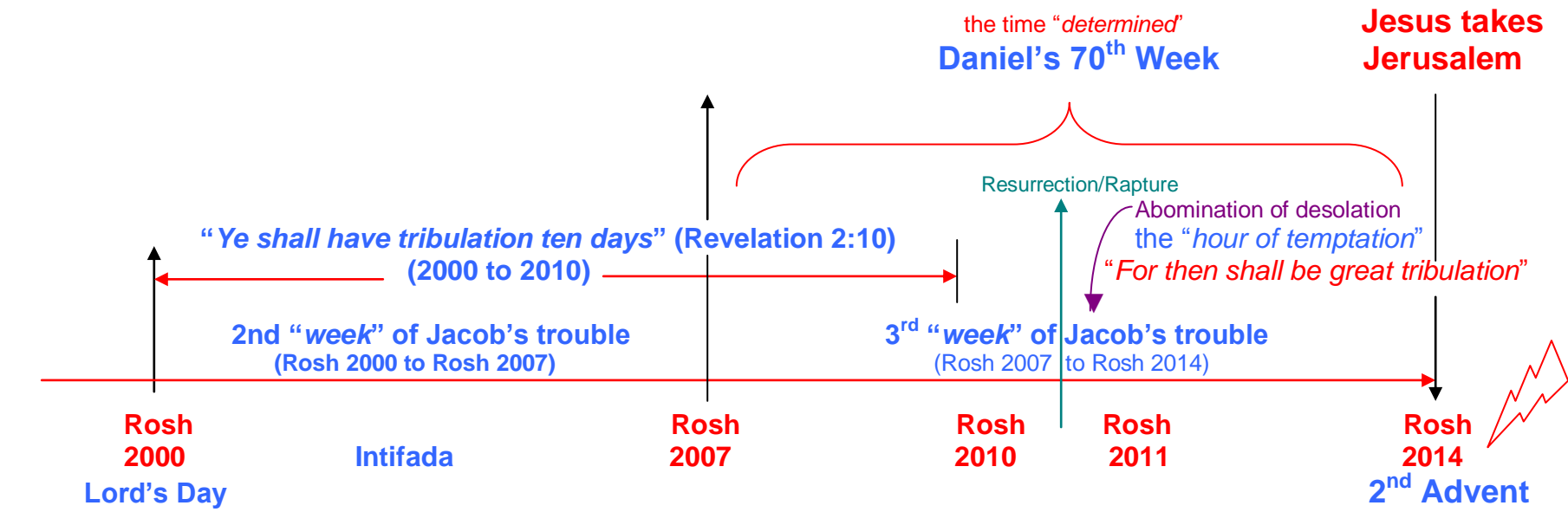


# Tribulation Ten Days

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*“And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write ...ye shall have tribulation ten days”*-Revelation 2:8, 10



The church in Smyrna is told that she “shall have tribulation ten days” in Revelation 2:10. The Smyrna church period ran from 145 AD to 450 AD, a little over 300 years. So the “ten days” cannot be literal days. Numbers 14:34 states “After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise”. Ezekiel 4:6 states “And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year”.

Within the Laodicean church period (the last and present church period) there exist attributes of ALL the other churches that are listed in Revelation chapters 1 through 3. That is, even within the apostate Laodicean church period, there will be characteristics of the other churches present throughout. The church in Philadelphia and Smyrna are the only churches to receive no condemnation from Christ.

In Revelation 3:10 the church in Philadelphia is promised that “*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth*”. The “*hour of temptation*” is the time AFTER the Rapture when those left behind will be tempted to worship the dragon (Satan) via his antichrist! This is the period of time that Jesus called “*great tribulation*” (Matthew 24:21), in which all believers (Christians) will be killed (Revelation 13:15). Many who are left behind after the Rapture will get saved soon thereafter.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel began on Rosh Hashanah 2007 and ends on Rosh Hashanah 2014 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent. Daniel 9:27 tells us that the antichrist will “*cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease*”. This is after the antichrist has been healed of his deadly head wound, exalted himself “*as God*,” (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:4), and required all to worship him “*as God*” via his “*image*” and “*mark*”. Those who refuse the temptation to worship him and accept Jesus Christ as God and Messiah will be killed (“*he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease*”). Both Daniel and Christ refer to this “*abomination of desolation*” (Matthew 24:15).

The sacrifice and oblation (act of worship through sacrifice) is that of the believers themselves, who compose the “*temple of God*” and the “*body of Christ*” in the 70<sup>th</sup> Week. This is NOT referring to a literal block-and-stone temple or to temple worship at Jerusalem! Those being killed are the people who got saved after the Rapture. As believers, they refuse to worship the antichrist, and are killed causing the “*spiritual sacrifices*” (First Peter 2:5) to “*cease*”. (See chart entitled “**Rebuilt Temple?**” at [www.godstimeline.net](http://www.godstimeline.net))

The “*midst of the week*” (Daniel 9:27) is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> Week. The 4<sup>th</sup> year is the period of time from Rosh Hashanah 2010 to Rosh Hashanah 2011. Daniel 9:27 says the “*abomination of desolation*” occurs in the “*midst of the week*”. We know from Daniel 12:11-12 that there are 1335 days from the resurrection/rapture until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent. We also know that there are 1290 days from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away and the “*abomination that maketh desolate set up*” (Daniel 12:11). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent takes place on Rosh Hashanah (Thursday) September 25, 2014. Counting back 1335 days brings one to Wednesday/Thursday, January 26/27, 2011 for the resurrection/rapture. Counting back 1290 days brings one to Saturday/Sunday, March 12/13, 2011 for the date of the “*abomination of desolation*”.

The “*ten days*” of Revelation 2:10 (spoken to the CHURCH) are therefore to be understood as YEARS, for the resurrection/rapture occurs in the 11<sup>th</sup> year, after the ten previous years have concluded (see above chart). Jesus said “*In the world ye shall have tribulation*” (John 16:33). The only way to get out of tribulation is either through death or the Rapture. The ten year period (Rosh 2000 to Rosh 2010) is the “*ten days*” that Christ refers to in Revelation 2:10. That ten year period began on Rosh Hashanah 2000 (the beginning of the “*day of the Lord*”) and results in the church being caught up in the 11<sup>th</sup> year, just before Satan empowers his antichrist (“*first seal*”-Revelation 6:1) to begin the period Jesus called “*great tribulation*” (Matthew 24:21).