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Understanding the 70th Week: How to Discern the Times We're Living In

Based on the message by Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

In this message, Chad Everett walks through Daniel 9 to bring clarity to one of the most important prophetic timelines in Scripture—the 70 weeks—and what it reveals about the days we are living in right now.

This message is not just about understanding prophecy—it is about learning how to **discern the times through the lens of Scripture**.

God revealed a precise timeline for the Messiah's first coming, and it was fulfilled exactly as written. Now, Scripture points to a final, unfulfilled period—the 70th week—that will lead to the return of Jesus.

Chad challenges us to move beyond interpreting the world through culture, media, or political viewpoints and instead anchor our understanding in the Word of God.

Because of this message:

- We are called to interpret the world through Scripture
 - We are called to discern the times we are living in
 - We are called to stay grounded in truth and not be deceived
 - We are called to prepare our lives to endure and remain faithful
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HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Read → Respond → Reflect

Open your Bible. Read the Scripture. Let the Word answer the questions.

The goal is not just understanding—but alignment with God's perspective and truth.

SECTION 1 — SEEING THE TIMES THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Focus

Interpret what's happening in the world through the Bible—not through opinions.

Read

Daniel 9:20–23, Mark 13:7–8

Respond

1. In Daniel 9:20–23, what was Daniel doing when he received understanding, and what does that show about how insight from God comes?
2. In Mark 13:7–8, what does Jesus say “must happen,” and how should that shape how we view current events?
3. What is the difference between reacting to the news and interpreting it through Scripture?
4. Why is it dangerous to rely on cultural or political perspectives instead of God's Word?
5. How can Scripture become your primary lens for understanding what is happening in the world?

Reflect

- What influences my thinking more—Scripture or current events?
 - Do I filter the Bible through culture, or culture through the Bible?
 - Where do I need to realign my perspective with God's Word?
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SECTION 2 — UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PROPHETIC TIMELINE

Focus

God's plan is structured, intentional, and revealed in His Word.

Read

Daniel 9:24–25

Respond

1. What does God say He has “determined” for Israel and Jerusalem in Daniel 9:24?
2. What marks the beginning of the prophetic timeline in verse 25?
3. What marks the endpoint of the first portion of this timeline?
4. What does this passage reveal about God's control over history and time?
5. Why is it important to understand that God works with intentional timing?

Reflect

- Do I believe God is intentional with timing, even in my life?
 - How does understanding God's timeline affect my faith?
 - Where do I struggle to trust God's process?
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SECTION 3 — DISCERNING WHAT IS STILL TO COME

Focus

The 70th week is future—and Scripture gives us insight into what to watch for.

Read

Daniel 9:26–27

Respond

1. According to Daniel 9:26, what happens to the Messiah, and why is that significant?
2. Who are “the people of the prince who is to come,” and what do they do?
3. What event marks the beginning of the 70th week in verse 27?
4. What happens in the middle of that seven-year period?
5. Based on these verses, what key events should believers be aware of?

Reflect

- Am I aware of what Scripture says about the future?
 - Do I avoid these topics, or do I engage them through the Word?
 - How can I grow in understanding without fear or speculation?
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SECTION 4 — CONNECTING PROPHECY WITH REALITY

Focus

Scripture helps us understand what is happening in the world right now.

Read

Revelation 13:5, Revelation 11:1–3

Respond

1. What time period is described in Revelation 13:5, and how does it connect to Daniel 9?

2. What does Revelation 11 reveal about the temple and what will happen in Jerusalem?
3. How do these passages confirm the timeline described in Daniel?
4. What does this teach us about the consistency of God's Word across Scripture?
5. Why is it important to pay attention to what Scripture says about Israel and the Middle East?

Reflect

- Do I recognize that the Bible is still unfolding in real time?
 - How often do I connect Scripture with current events?
 - What would it look like to live more aware of what God is doing globally?
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SECTION 5 — DON'T BE DECEIVED

Focus

Discernment protects us from being misled.

Read

Mark 13:5–6, 2 Thessalonians 2:3–4

Respond

1. What warning does Jesus give in Mark 13 about deception?
2. According to 2 Thessalonians 2, what will characterize the coming deception?
3. Why will many people be drawn to false leadership?
4. How does knowing Scripture help guard against deception?
5. What practical steps can you take to stay grounded in truth?

Reflect

- Am I more influenced by truth or by what sounds convincing?
 - Do I recognize how easily deception can happen?
 - Where do I need to become more rooted in God's Word?
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SECTION 6 — LIVING WITH DISCERNMENT AND ENDURANCE

Focus

We are called to endure, stay grounded, and remain faithful.

Read

Mark 13:24–27, Matthew 24:13

Respond

1. According to Mark 13:24–27, what happens after the tribulation?
2. What does Matthew 24:13 say about endurance?
3. How is endurance different from fear or panic?
4. What does it look like to remain faithful in difficult times?
5. How can believers prepare spiritually for what lies ahead?

Reflect

- Am I spiritually prepared for pressure or difficulty?
 - Do I have a mindset of endurance or escape?
 - What needs to grow in my life to remain steady in my faith?
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FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

God's Word is not just information—it is revelation for how to live.

- God revealed His plan through prophecy
- Jesus fulfilled what was written
- The timeline continues toward His return
- Scripture gives us what we need to discern the times

This message is not about fear—it's about clarity.

We are not called to guess.

We are not called to follow the crowd.

We are called to **know the Word, discern the times, and remain faithful.**

The question is not just what is coming.

The question is:

Am I seeing clearly through Scripture—and living accordingly?

Stay grounded in the Word.

Stay focused on Jesus.

Stay discerning in the days we're living in.

