

2 Peter Series

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Scoffers & the Second Coming

2 Peter 3:3–4



Guard Against False Teachers

2 Peter Outline

Salutation, 2 Peter 1:1–2

1A God's will is for us to grow to spiritual maturity, 2 Peter 1:3–21

2A God warns us about false teachers, 2 Peter 2:1–22

3A God refutes specific false teaching in light of the future return of Christ, 2 Peter 3:1–14

Conclusion: God mandates us to grow spiritually, in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 3:18.

**3A God refutes specific false teaching in light of the future return of Christ,
2 Peter 3:1–14**

**1B Peter's second reminder,
2 Peter 3:1–2**

**2B God refutes the false teachers denial of the literal Second Advent,
2 Peter 3:3–14**

**Conclusion: Warning and Challenge
Do not fall into error, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 3:15–18**

2 Pet. 3:2, “that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,”

μιμνήσκομαι *mimnēskomai*

aor pass infin

to remember; recall to

mind; remind

“in order to remind you”

προλέγω *prolegō*

perf pass part neut

plur gen

to say ahead of time;

foretell, predict

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imperative

“First of all you

must know this:”

πρῶτος *prōtos* first,

prominent, former,

first in a list, cf.,

the parallel in

1:20, emphasizes

priority

2 Pet. 3:3, “knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,”

ἐμπαιγμονή *empaigmonē*

v. fem sing dat

**mocking, scoffing,
deriding, despising,
ridiculing;**

**literally “scoffing,
they will scoff”**

**“They will surely
scoff,” or “blatantly
scoff” (~NET)**

ἐμπαίκτης; *empaiktēs* n.

**mocker, a scoffer,
someone who
ridicules or speaks
about something in a
scornfully derisive
way (COED).., belittle,
deride, despise, laugh
at, make fun of,
ridicule, revile**

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**ἔρχομαι *erchomai*
plur fut mid indic
“to come, go”
“they [scoffers] will
come”**

**πορεύομαι *poreuomai*
pres mid part masc
plur nom to go,
primarily to travel or
journey in a certain
direction**

**ἐπιθυμία
epithumia
fem plur acc
desire, lust
following
their
arrogance**

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The main issue is the return of Jesus Christ.

**παρουσία parousia Noun fem sing gen
coming, presence**

Second Coming

Matt. 24:3, “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ ”

Matt. 24:27, “For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

Matt. 24:37, “But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

Matt. 24:39, “and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

Rapture

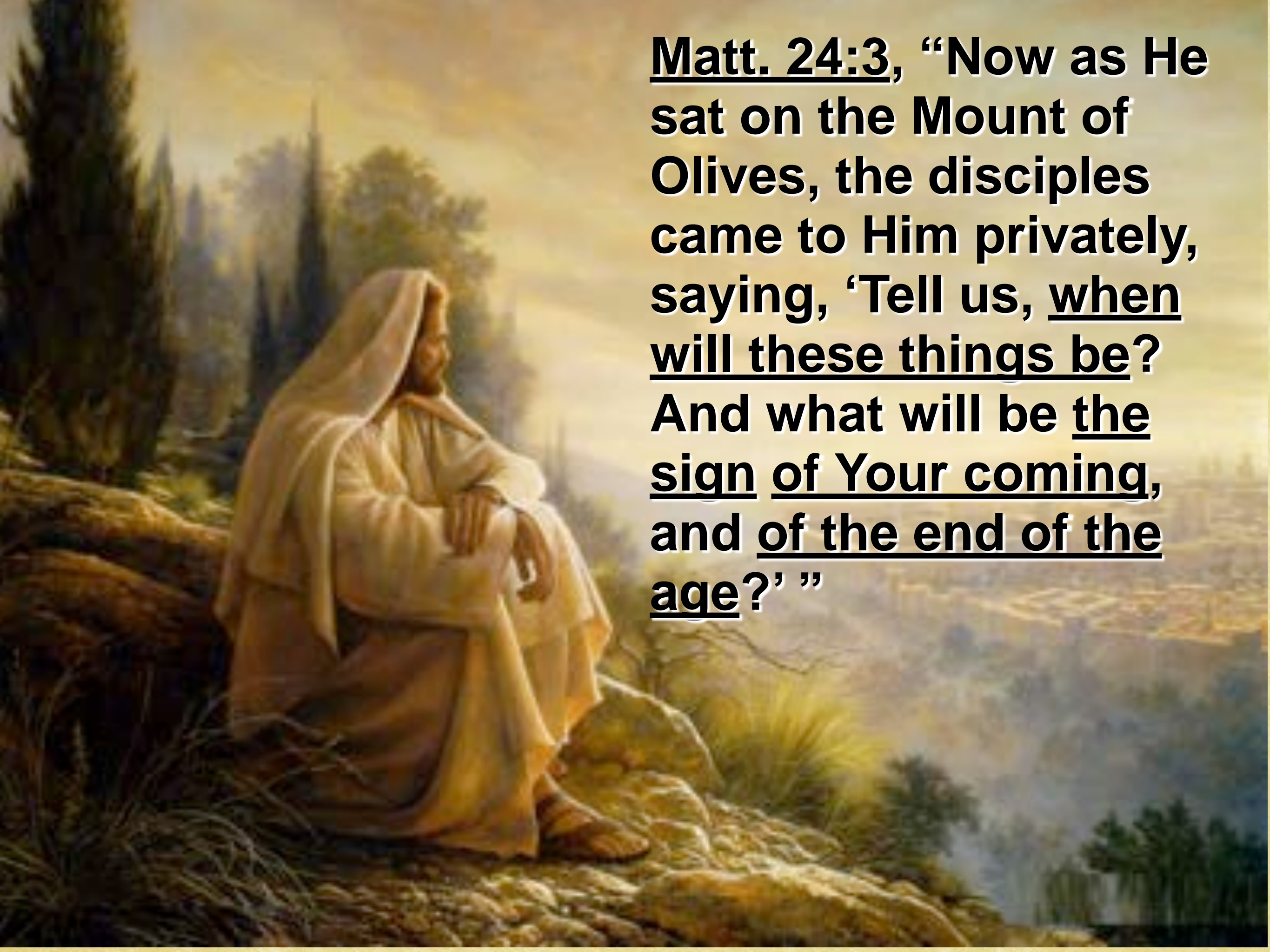
1 Cor. 15:23, “But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.”

1 Thess. 2:19, “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?”

1 Thess. 4:15, “For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.”

The Olivet Discourse is Jesus' last words to Israel.

The Upper Room Discourse is Jesus' first words to the Church.

A digital illustration of Jesus sitting on a rocky ledge on the Mount of Olives. He is wearing a white robe and a white head covering, looking out over a valley with a city in the distance. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The background features rolling hills and a city with a prominent tower, likely Jerusalem.

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Mark 13:3, “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,

Mark 13:4, “ ‘Tell us, (1) when will these things be? (2) And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?’ ”

“They have nothing to do with the church, which Jesus said He would build (Matt. 16:18). The church is not present in any sense in chapters 24 and 25. The disciples’ questions related to Jerusalem, Israel, and the Lord’s second coming in glory to establish His kingdom.”

~Barbieri, Matt. 24:1–3, *BKC*

Three Major Issues: All related to interpretation.

- 1. Which parts, if any, refer to the present Church Age?**
- 2. Who is taken and who is left behind in Matt. 24:40–42?**
- 3. The third significant issue is understanding the three parables at the end of Matthew and the judgment of the sheep and the goats.**

1. The first 3.5 years of Daniel's seventieth week: The *beginning of sorrows* (labor pains); Matt. 24:4–8.

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks" Seventy Periods of Sevens

Dan. 9:24–27

**The Decree
to Restore**

**Messiah
the Prince**

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**March 5,
444 B.C.
Artaxerxes'
Decree
Neh. 2:1–3**

**March 30,
A.D. 33
Triumphal
Entry
Luke 19:28–40**

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Rationale for 360-Day Years

Half week—Daniel 9:27

Time, times, half a time—

Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 12:14

1,260 days—Revelation 12:6, 11:3

42 months—Revelation 11:2, 13:5

Thus: 42 months = 1,260 days =

time, times, half a time + half week

Therefore: month = 30 days; year = 360 days

Explanation of Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years

- $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days
- March 5, 444 B.C. + 173,880 = March 30, A.D. 33

Verification

- 444 B.C. to A.D. 33 -1 (no year 0) = 476 years
- 476 years \times 365.2421989 days = 173,855 days
- + days between March 5 and March 30 = 25 days

Total = 173,880 days

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**What happened to the
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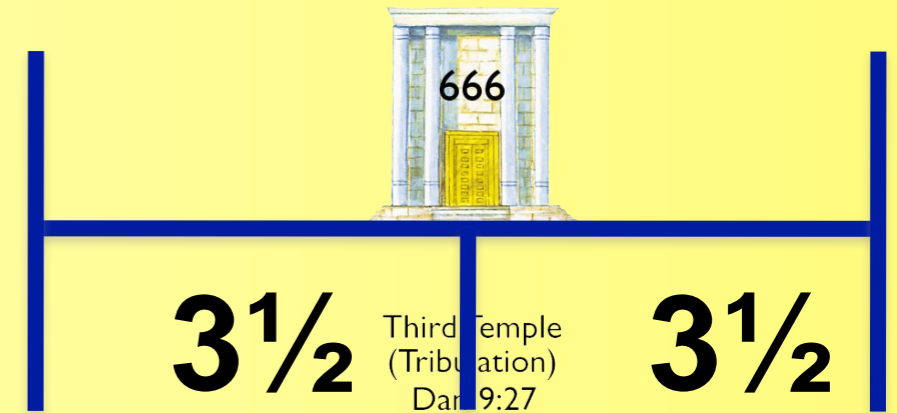
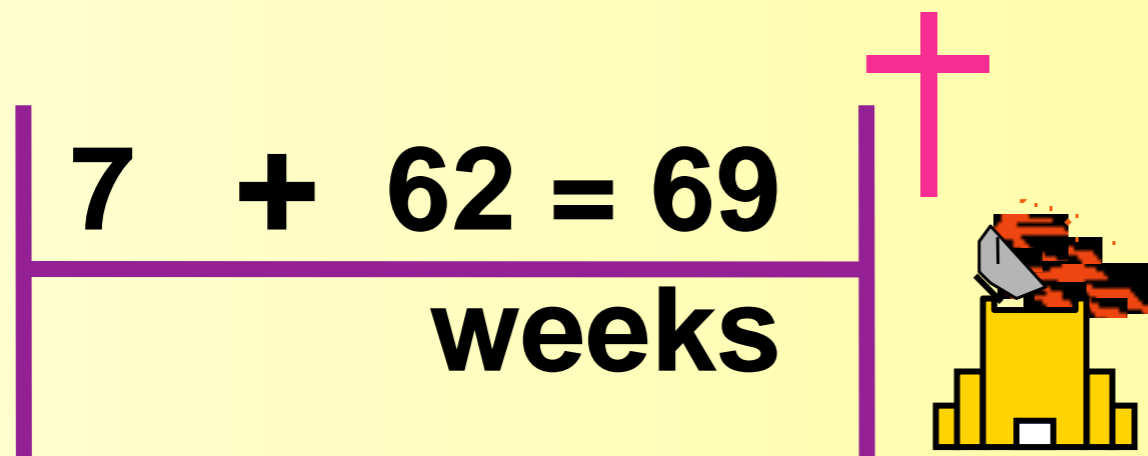
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**The Coming
Prince**

**Messiah
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**70th Week
Unfulfilled**

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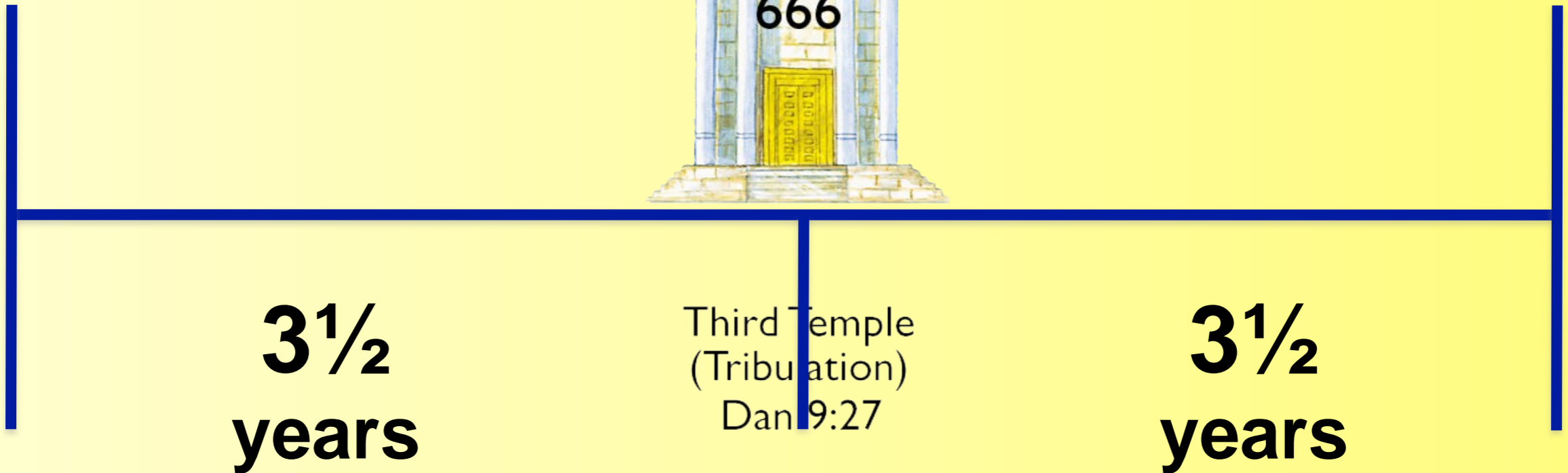
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Matt. 24:9, “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.”

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- 3. The warning to flee to avoid the increased persecution of the second half of the Tribulation; Matt. 24:15–22.**

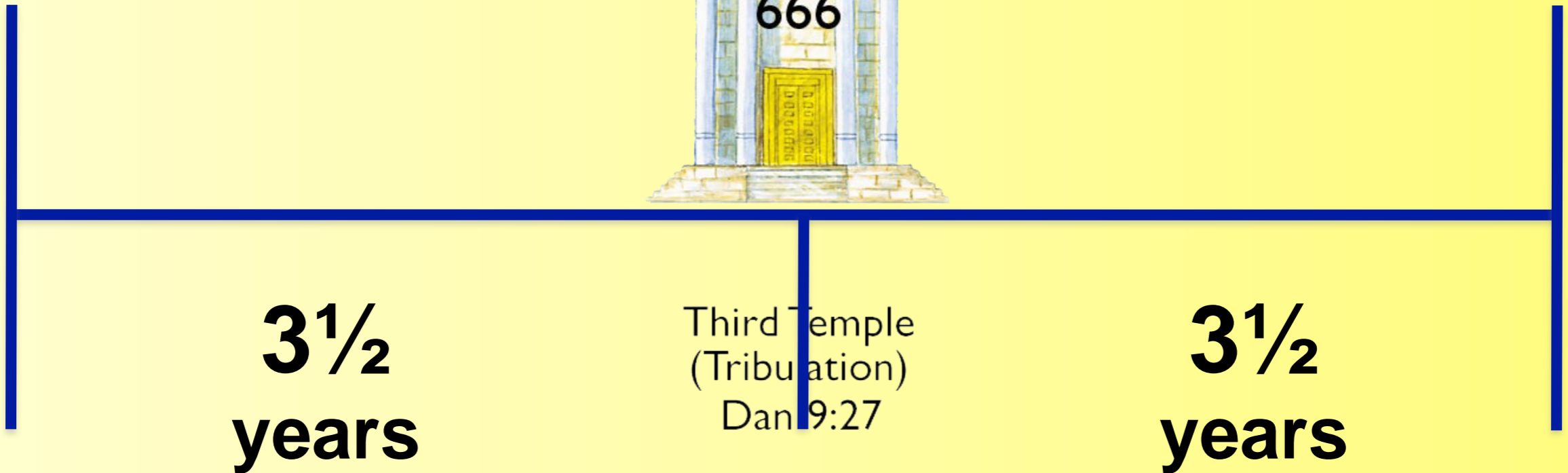
**Matt. 24:15, “ ‘Therefore when you see the
“abomination of desolation,” spoken of by
Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy
place’ (whoever reads, let him
understand),”**

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Matt. 24:21, “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”