



A study of Revelation

Lesson 7



Patterns in Prophecy

► What is a Pattern?

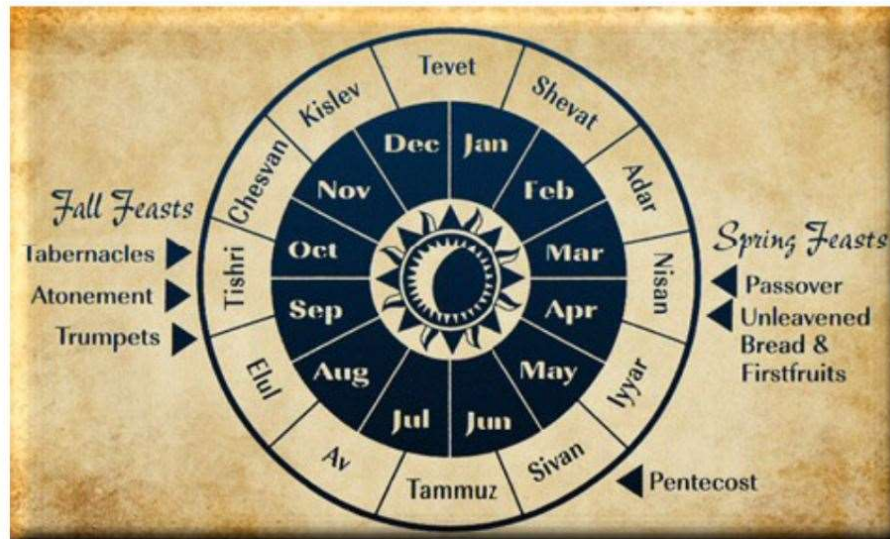
- Something keeps on repeating
- Is an order or design or prototype
- A customary way of operation or behaviour

► **1 Timothy 1:16** "However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me, first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life." (NKJV)

► Patterns in **the Feasts of the Lord**

► Patterns in **the "70-80 years" Generation**

How should we look at these feasts?



Cyclical, 'Hebraic, understanding of the Feasts of the Lord

70-80 Years Generational Pattern

- Prophecy pattern over a 70 to 80 year "chunks" of time frame
- We can see this prophetic pattern over **three groups** of people.
- God has witnesses, people who can testify that they saw the whole thing, from beginning to end.

70-80 Years Generational Pattern – 1st group

- **The First Group** of 70-80 years of generational pattern
 - Jews returned to Jerusalem **after 70 years as captives in Babylon.**
 - Daniel was one of those people in that generation
 - **(Daniel 12: 1-2)**
 - Some of those very same people went back to Jerusalem after 70 years of Exile. There's a very interesting passage that talks about these people in **Ezra 3:10-13**. Clearly there was a group of people who witnessed everything.

70-80 Years Generational Pattern – 2nd group

- **The Second Group** 70-80 years of generational pattern
 - 70 to 80 years between the time
 - **Jesus arrived,**
 - his birth and
 - the **temple being destroyed the second time** under the Roman Titus in 70 A.D.
 - **Hosea 9:10** "When I found **Israel**, it was like finding grapes in the desert; when I saw your ancestors, it was like seeing the early fruit on the **fig tree**. ..."

70-80 Years Generational Pattern – 2nd group

- ▶ **Hosea 9:10** “When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the desert; when I saw your ancestors, it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree. ...”
- ▶ **Two fig trees** were mentioned in the NT.
 - ▶ The **(first) fig tree:**
 - ▶ Generation of Jesus’ day was the **cursed fig tree**
 - ▶ Luke 13:6-9; Mark 11: 12-14, 20; Matthew 24:2; Luke 21:6
 - ▶ This first fig tree is the generation of the second group
 - ▶ Jesus talked about this generation.
 - ▶ He called them a brood of vipers and snakes.
 - ▶ (Matthew 3:7)
 - ▶ There were people who saw it all.

70-80 Years Generational Pattern

- ▶ **The Fig Tree(s)**
 - ▶ In the Olivet Discourse, Matthew 24:2-3, the disciples asked Jesus a question in two parts:
 - ▶ 1. When will this happen
 - ▶ re second group
 - ▶ The first fig tree – the cursed fig tree
 - ▶ 2. What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?
 - ▶ re third group
 - ▶ The second fig tree – the supposedly dead fig tree

70-80 Years Generational Pattern – 3rd group

- ▶ The **Third Group** is the (second) fig tree
 - ▶ Jesus was talking about the time period that would **precede Him setting up His Kingdom**
 - ▶ **Second Coming of Jesus**
 - ▶ **the beginning of the age of the Kingdom, His reign**
 - ▶ The disciples weren't asking Jesus about His second coming because they didn't even know He was going to die at that juncture of time.
 - ▶ The disciples were asking Jesus, basically **during their 1st Century**

70-80 Years Generational Pattern - Israel

- ▶ The **Third Group** is the (second) fig tree
 - ▶ **Luke 13:6-9** This fig tree was "DEAD!" ...
 - ▶ **Matthew 24: 32-35**, ""Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its **twigs get tender and its leaves come out**, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.34 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

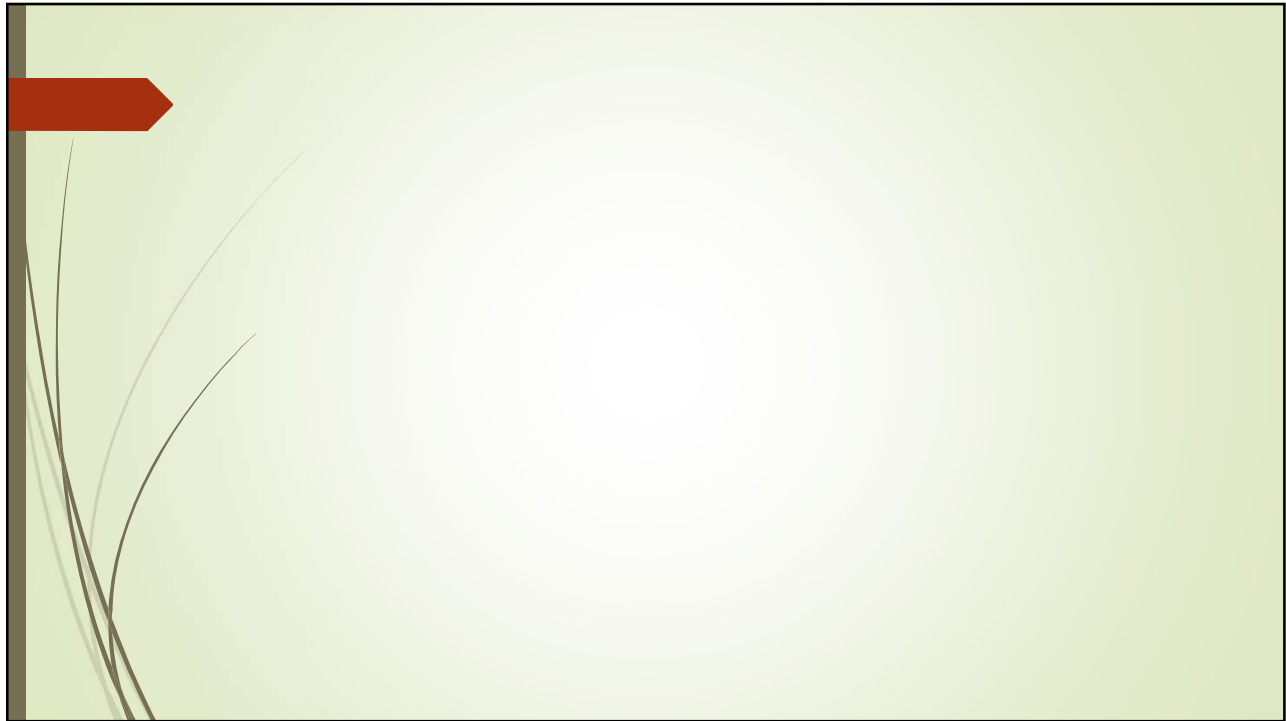
70-80 Years Generational Pattern - Israel

- The **Third Group** is the (second) fig tree
 - **Leafing of Israel** (1947/1948) to the **return of Christ**
 - That would be 70-80 years (2017-2027/**2028**).
 - The astronomical alignment took place on September 21-23 of 2017
 - 70 years anniversary of Israel becoming a nation.
 - Signaling the beginning of the "10 year" trumpet warning

Feast of Trumpets

- **Promise:** The second coming of Christ
- **Fulfillment of the prophecy:**
 - Rev 12: 1-2
 - Sept. 23, 2017 – The great and wonderful sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars."





Clues in Revelation

► Clues:

- are pieces of evidence(s) or **information** used in the detection or solving of something, a mystery, puzzle, ...
- some have **exact order** in which things will take place associated with certain events
- may be defined **markers**
 - E.g. the Feasts of the Lord



Clues in Revelation

■ Revelation

- a prophecy about
 - The end times
 - Various groups of people
 - Who will be living during the last days, and
 - What they can expect will happen
- All units of time are literal

Clues in Revelation

- Numbered events will take place in the order in which they are enumerated.
 - E.g. the 7th Seal cannot take place until the events of Seals 1-6 have already occurred
- It's possible that more than one event may take place on the same day or even the same hour.

Clues in Revelation

- ▶ **Revelation** is NOT chronological.
 - ▶ It is a series of separate but related visions which may overlay each other on a timeline.
 - ▶ E.g. the events from chapter 11 will over-lay events from chapter 13.
 - ▶ The '**Beast** who ascends from the Bottomless Pit' in Revelation 11:7 is the same individual as the **Beast** from the Sea' in Revelation 13:1.
 - ▶ Both indicate the arrival (Rev 11) and the resurrection (Rev 13).
 - ▶ Apollyon = Beast = Anti-Christ = 8th king

Clues in Revelation

- ▶ When the **beast** who ascends from the bottomless pit shows up:
 - ▶ we know that the **5th trumpet**
 - ▶ which is the first woe have already happened.
 - ▶ That also tells us that trumpets 1-4 had already taken place. **(Rev. 9:1)**
- ▶ **Revelation 11** the **beast** from the bottomless pit
 - ▶ kills the two witnesses.
 - ▶ The **two witnesses** will be on the scene
 - ▶ during the five months ("locust" army)
 - ▶ all the way up to the 3 and ½ days prior to their ascension. (Rev. 11:7)

Clues in Revelation

- ▶ The **beast** from the bottomless pit has the power
 - ▶ but It's the **beast** from the sea rules for 42 months.
 - ▶ The **holy city** is going to be trampled for 42 months.
- ▶ The **beast** from the sea is given power (Rev. 13:7).
- ▶ Using the Hebraic way, we come to understand that the **two beasts** in Revelation 11 and Revelation 13 actually layer over one another.
 - ▶ They are one, not two beasts here.

Clues in Revelation

- ▶ Timing when the **two witnesses** ascend.
 - ▶ In Rev. 11:13
 - ▶ There is a great earthquake
 - ▶ A tenth of the city fallen.
 - ▶ Seven thousand people are killed
 - ▶ People are terrified and
 - ▶ Believers gives glory to the God of Heaven
 - ▶ and it's at that moment that the **second woe** is past (Rev. 11:14).
 - ▶ Since we know that the first woe was tied with the fifth trumpet. This second woe is connected with the **sixth trumpet**.
 - ▶ The two witnesses will be ascended (not raptured) to heaven at the same hour the sixth trumpet is sounded.

Suggested (Possible) Time Line Template

