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We've been taught by our pastors that the 70th week of Daniel 9 points to when the antichrist will make a seven-year Israeli peace deal. Some believe that the saints will be raptured out at this point. There will be 3 ½ years of relative peace, and then in the middle of the seven years, the antichrist will enter the Jewish rebuilt temple and proclaim to be God. We've been told that most of the prophecies in Revelation will be fulfilled during the last 3 ½ years.

All of that is a false narrative from the enemy to deceive people in the end-times, as the saints who have gone before us proclaimed the historicist view of prophecy fulfillment and that Revelation has been in the process of being fulfilled since it was written. Revelation 1:1,3 points to *things which must shortly come to pass* and that *the time is at hand*.

The *antichrist beast* Popes were given civil and ecclesiastic authority in 538 AD and grew in power during the next five centuries. The saints began protesting against the Popes, citing that they're teaching a false Gospel and false intercessor in Mary. The Popes responded by banning and burning the Scriptures and persecuting the saints during the Dark Ages. This led to the Protestant Reformation when people compared what the Popes taught against Scripture and rightly proclaimed that the Popes of Rome fulfill Bible prophecy as the '*little horn*' of Daniel 7, the '*son of perdition*' of 2 Thessalonians 2, and the '*antichrist beast*' of Revelation 13, who leads the '*harlot*' church of Rome.

The Pope commissioned Jesuit priests to counter the Reformation. The first step was to create false, futuristic explanations of the fulfillment of the 70th week of Daniel 9 and Revelation, which point to a one-man antichrist in the end-times, as to deflect blame away from the Popes of Rome. In the 16th century, they had Jesuit Priest Francisco Ribera, a brilliant man with a doctorate in theology; write a 500-page commentary in which he manipulated prophecies in the books of Daniel and Revelation to create an end-time 7-year period featuring a one-man antichrist.

Following close behind Francisco Ribera was another brilliant Jesuit scholar, Cardinal Robert Bellarmine. He promoted Ribera's concepts in his work '*Polemic Lectures Concerning the Disputed Points of the Christian Belief Against the Heretics of this Time*.' His writings claimed that Paul, Daniel, and John had nothing whatsoever to say about the Papal power. He taught that antichrist was a single individual who would not rule until the very end of time.

Protestants rejected these explanations, so in 1812 AD, a Roman Jesuit priest named Manuel de Lacunza published the work '*The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty*' under the pen name of 'Juan Josafat Ben-Ezra,' a converted Jew. The pseudonym may be seen as a way of making the work acceptable to Christian readers and divert attention from the author's station, as the Inquisition taught Christians that Jesuits were the enemy of Messiah and His saints.

In the 19th century, Dr. Samuel Roffey Maitland advanced the Jesuit teachings. Then James H. Todd published pamphlets and books supporting the teachings. John Henry Newman promoted it in England. Minister Edward Irving created the concept of the '*secret rapture*.' And John Nelson Darby created the concept of Dispensationalism.

In 1909 AD, Cyrus Scofield published the first edition of his famous '*Scofield Reference Bible*,' which injected large doses of futurism in the commentaries. Millions of copies were received by Congregationalists, Baptists, and some Presbyterian denominations, causing the deception to spread successfully across America. When Scofield died, his protégé Lewis Sperry Chafer became pastor of his church. Sperry went on to create Dallas Theological Seminary, where his dispensational interpretation of the Scriptures is taught. DTS students blindly trust their professor's explanations.

DTS graduates include John F. Walvoord, Charles Caldwell Ryrie, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Swindoll, David Jeremiah, J. Vernon McGee, Ron Rhode, and Dr. Thomas Ice of *Left Behind* fame. Graduates have taken positions at other seminaries, Bible schools, denominations, and churches so that the infection of the Jesuit's end time concepts are now widely accepted. The leaven of the Jesuit's false, futuristic explanations has spread around the world, effectively hiding the historical fulfillment of the 70th week of Daniel 9 and most of the prophecies in Revelation during the last 1,900 years. Rev 073021