

Some to Everlasting Life

DANIEL 12



Review

Pentecost

Rapture

[7 weeks] [62 weeks] † [Church] [Tribulation]

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O.T. End

Second Coming

- ▶ The pretribulation rapture is the **only view** that allows for the rapture to be **imminent** in its timing.
- ▶ The **church** is a **mystery** that is the gap. (Eph. 3:1-10) Therefore, there is no time limit for this current age (2 Peter 3:9) and the church shall escape the **wrath** that is to come. (1 Thes. 1:10, 5:9; Rom. 5:9)
- ▶ Today let us see what will happen **during** and **after** the Second Coming of Christ.

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- ▶ (v.2) Notice the word “many;” the first resurrection is not for **all** people. (see Rev. 20:4-6) It is for the believers to join Christ’s rule in His 1000 years kingdom.
- ▶ (Rev. 20:4-6) “Lived” should be translated as “made alive.” This is speaking of the first resurrection of all OT believers and all other believers that had died during the tribulation.
- ▶ On that day we shall come **with** Jesus and **reign** with Him.

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- ▶ (v.2) “Everlasting contempt” is referring to the **second death** (Rev. 20:5-6, also v.14) and the final judgment.
- ▶ (Rev. 20:11-15) After the final battle (v.7-10) there will be the final judgment commonly known as the **Great White Throne Judgment**. All the unbelievers will be judged according to their deeds.
- ▶ The **Lake of Fire** is the name of Hell in Rev. (see Matt. 25:41)

Even Though We Don't Know the Time

- ▶ We don't know **when** the rapture of the church will be since **no prophecies** need to happen before the return of Christ for His bride the church.
- ▶ However, since it will happen BEFORE the last seven years of tribulation toward Israel, we can conjecture based on the **description** of the tribulation to see whether we are approaching closer to that time or not.
- ▶ In Daniel chapter 12 here we can find several **clues**.



First Clue...confusion

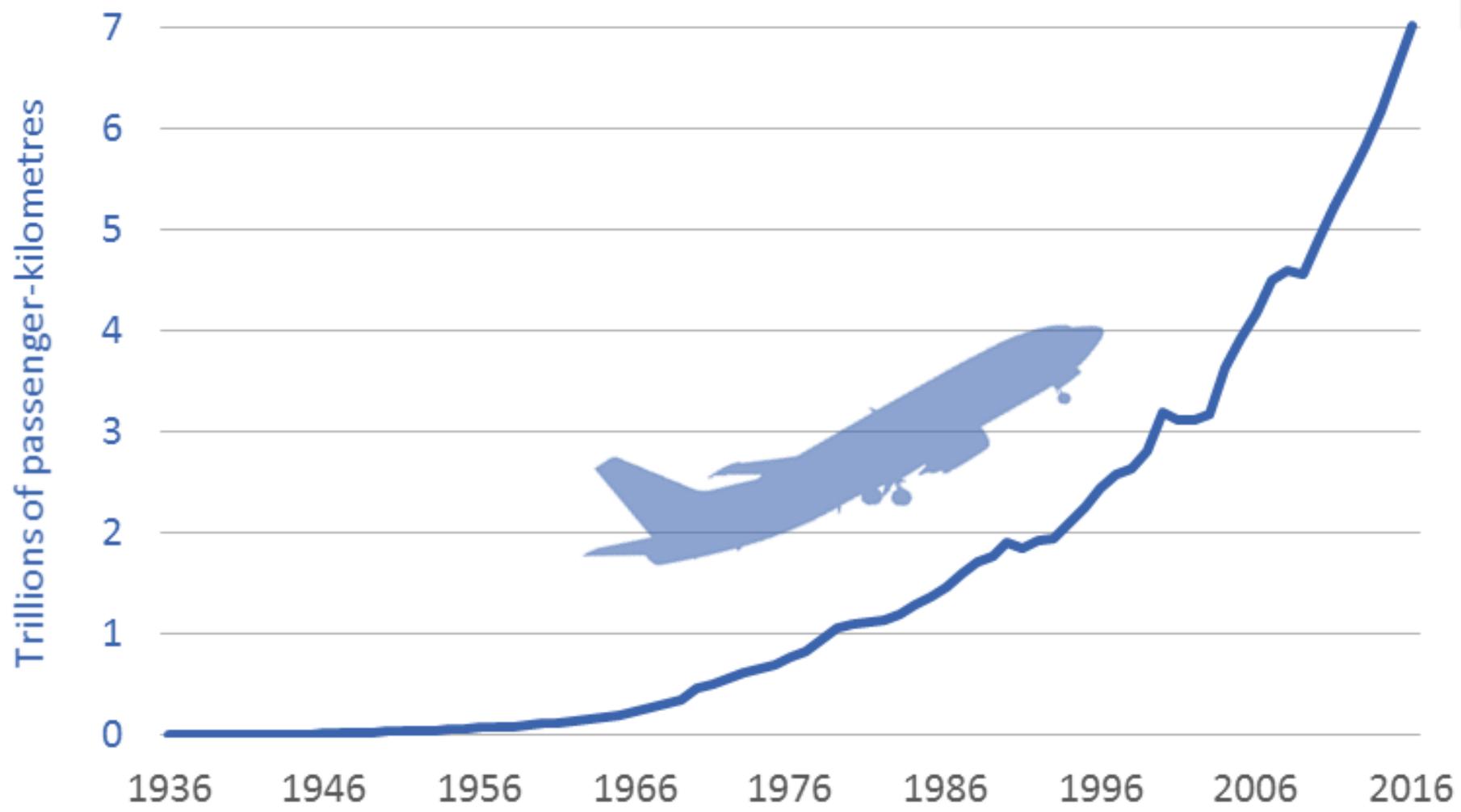


- ▶ “seal the book” (v.4) “those who are wise shall understand” (v.10) The book of Daniel and end time prophecies in general are characterized by **confusion** in the last 2000 years. But those who rely on God can understand. (James 1:5, Dan. 12:10)
- ▶ Notice this is the **opposite** of Rev. 22:10. It is time for us to NOT be ignorant about end time prophecies any more. (1 Thes. 4:13)
- ▶ To “unseal” this book we need to use the Bible to understand it (between Daniel and Revelation).

Second Clue...*To and Thro*

- ▶ (v.4) For all the events to occur during the time of tribulation, the world of **transportation** will have to be very advanced.
- ▶ From the time of Christ up to just 120 years ago, very few people had ever traveled beyond their own town, let alone their own country.
- ▶ **Today** it is VERY different.





Third Clue...Knowledge will Increase

- ▶ (v.4) “Knowledge shall **increase**” can be translated as *exceed* or *multiply*.
- ▶ This was such a *strange* prophecy for hundreds of years. **Suddenly** it all makes sense now as we look around.
- ▶ Nowadays things are changing fast, and the **change** itself is getting **faster!**

Exponential growth in knowledge

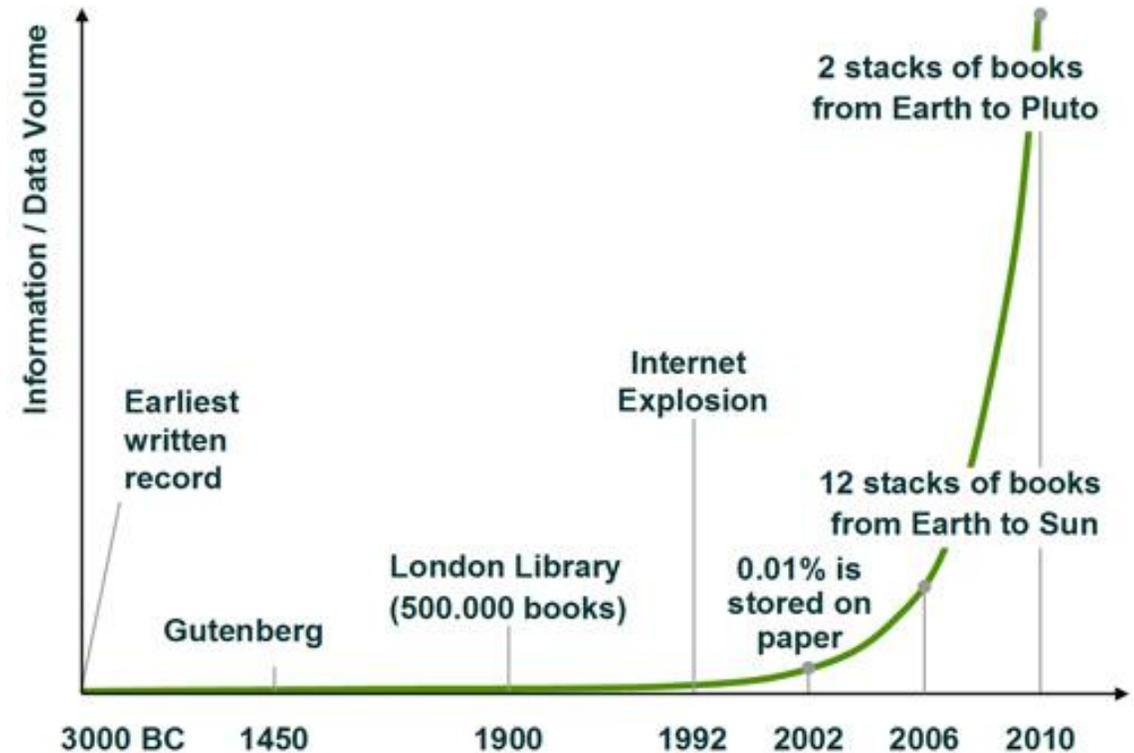
- ▶ “Knowledge Doubling Curve” - Buckminster Fuller
- ▶ Until 1900 - **knowledge doubles every 100 years**
- ▶ By 1945 - **every 25 years**
- ▶ Today - **every 13 months**
- ▶ Soon - **every 12 hours!**

Industry Tap, David Russell Schilling (April 19, 2013)



Third Clue... Knowledge will Increase

The **middle point** of all human discoveries was 1975 when I was in college; soon it will be doubling every month!!!! Meaning one month of human discoveries will be greater than the total human discoveries for thousands of years!!!!



What does all this mean...



- ▶ There is nothing wrong with knowledge or transportation, but they are not our **salvation**. The only salvation is Jesus. (i.e. no hope)
- ▶ Even though we don't know the time, our Lord is coming soon! How shall we **equip** ourselves?
- ▶ (Rom. 13:11-14) We need to be wise with our **time**.
- ▶ And be wise with our **bodies**.
- ▶ And draw closer to the **Light** day by day.