

40. The disciples' questions encompass three dispensations which are asked out of chronological order which is as follows: (1) "Tell us when these things will happen": the destruction of the Temple will occur in the Church Age (A.D. 70), Matthew 4-8; (3): what will be the sign of the end of the dispensation of Israel?": the Tribulation will be the time when Lucifer seeks to impose genocide upon the world's Jewish population, vv. 9-26, and (2) "what will be the sign of Your coming?" the Second Advent.

**Matthew 24:4** - "Be alert: make sure no one deceives you through human viewpoint.

**v. 5** - "For many will come on the basis of My reputation, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will deceive many reversionistic believers.

**v. 6** - "Also, you will surely hear of wars [ **combat** ] and rumors of wars [ **cold wars** ]. Be alert and do not be frightened for it is necessary that these things occur, but the end of the dispensation of the Tribulation is not yet.

**v. 7** - "For nation shall be attacked by nation, and kingdom shall fight against kingdom. There will be famines [ **economic disasters** ] and earthquakes in various places.

**v. 8** - "But all of these things are just the beginning of the birth pangs.

41. The international crises that occur in the Church Age only serve to warn of those that will follow the spiritual vacuum caused by the departure of believers at the Rapture.
42. The trials described in the Matthew passage are common throughout the dispensation of the Church.
43. Of the four verses in Daniel's prophecy, the most technical to decipher is verse 26. It requires Daniel to report prophecies that will occur in the Church Age without any knowledge of that dispensation.
44. Here is the expanded translation of the verse giving details of the destruction of the temple:

**Daniel 9:26** - “Then after the sixty-two heptads—434 years—have passed the Messiah will be cut off but not for Himself [ but for the sins of the world, April 3, A.D. 33 ], ... [ the dispensation of the Church is intercalated here; the rest of the verse prophesies events that take place in the dispensation of the Tribulation ] the people [ citizens of the former Roman Empire ] of the prince who is to come [ a citizen of the area that includes the boundaries of nations comprising the former Roman Empire; the Beast-Dictator who becomes the ruling “prince” of the Revived Roman Empire ] will destroy the city [ the “people” are the Roman Army led first by Vespasian & later by Titus who will destroy Jerusalem & the Temple, August 10, A.D. 70 ]; and the end will come like a flood [ the city and the people are overwhelmed by the Roman Army ]; even to the end [ the end of the dispensation of Israel at the 2d Advent of Messiah ] there will be war [ wars and disasters are decreed ].”

45. Conclusion: The “people” – Romans and the Roman legions c. A.D. 70—describe the progeny of the “prince who is to come”: the antichrist of the Tribulation. There will be a Jewish presence back in the land.
46. It is with them that the antichrist will enter into a treaty that will last for seven years.
47. It is at the halfway mark of three and one-half years that the antichrist will crawlfish on the Jews and begin his hoped for genocide.
48. Lucifer’s only hope of avoiding the Great White Throne Judgment is to eradicate every Jew from the face of the earth.
49. If the Jews can be wiped out, then God would not be able to fulfill the four unconditional covenants given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
50. Daniel’s prophecy of this blackmail follows in the next verse:

**Daniel 9:27** - And the Beast-Dictator shall make a firm treaty with the many [ **Jews of the Tribulation** ] for seven years [ **the 490th heptad** ]. And in the midst of the heptad, the Beast-Dictator shall cause the sacrifice and food offerings to stop [ **secession of Temple functions** ]. Under the protection of the abominations [ **ecumenical religion** ] the Beast-Dictator will cause desolation until the end of the Tribulation. Then that which is decreed [ **lake of fire** ] will be poured out on the one who makes desolate [ **namely the Beast-Dictator and False Prophet** ].

51. The ascendancy of ecumenical religion is prophesied by Daniel and will be supported by the Beast-Dictator who supports the worldwide advance of a religious organization that appeals to the masses but teaches the feel-good principles of human good and evil.
52. This movement is referred to by Daniel in verse 27 within the phrase “Under the wing of the abominations” a translation from the Hebrew plural noun **שְׁקִיץ** (**shiqqus**): “A detestable thing; an object that is abhorrent or blasphemous; a blasphemous activity.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, “שְׁקִיץ,” in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament* (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003), 1193.