

Morning Sermon, Sunday, 27 May 2012, Julian Hardyman

Life in the Kingdom of God

When he returns

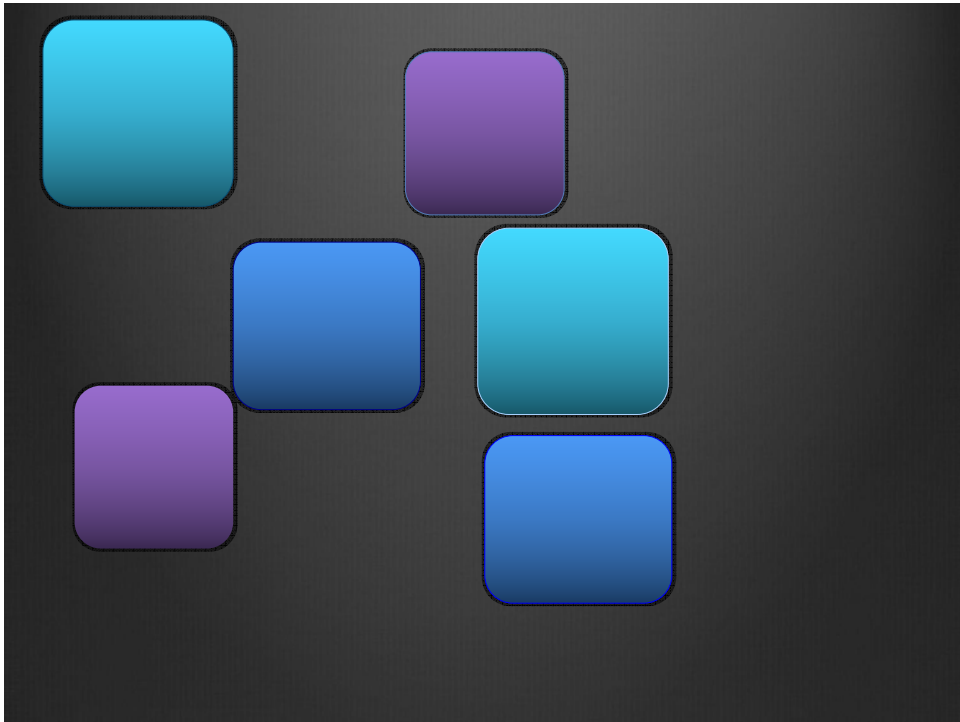
Luke 20:45 – 21:38

1. The Events and their Sequence

2. The Events and their Significance

- *Don't go crazy (8)*
- *Be real about persecution but don't despair (12-19)*
- *Beware of heart-dragging intoxication (34-35)*
- *Make sure you are ready for Jesus' return (29-31,36)*
- *Look forward to what it will mean (19,28)*

Copies of the PowerPoint slides referred to by Julian appear on the following pages.



21:5-6

Fall of temple v. 6

21:5-11

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False Messiahs & Massive
Upheavals 8-11

21:5-19

Fall of temple v.
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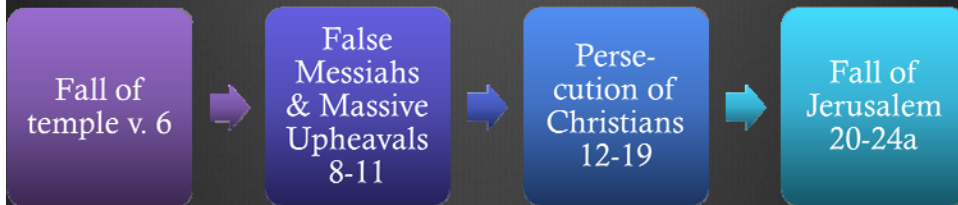


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Persecution of
Christians 12-19

21:5-24a



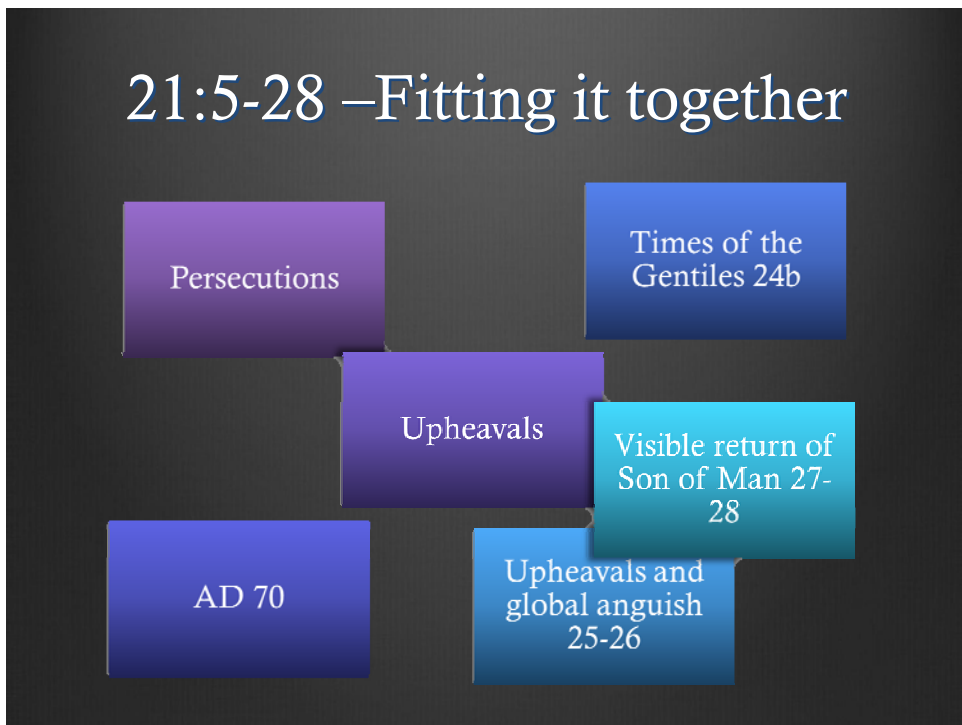
21:5-24a in order



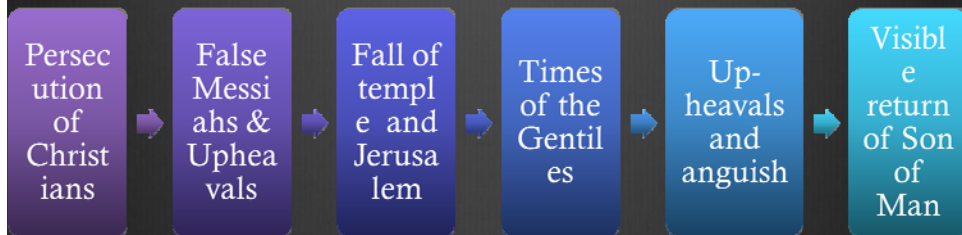
21:5-28



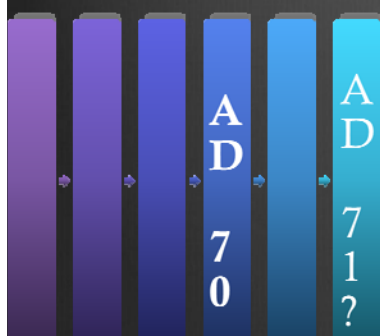
21:5-28 –Fitting it together



1. All In First Century AD



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2. All In First Century but no reference to final return of Christ



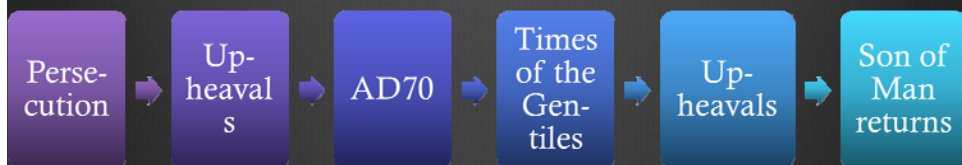
¹³ 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.'

Daniel 7:13-14

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.

Luke 17:24

3. Two sets of Events with 'Gap'



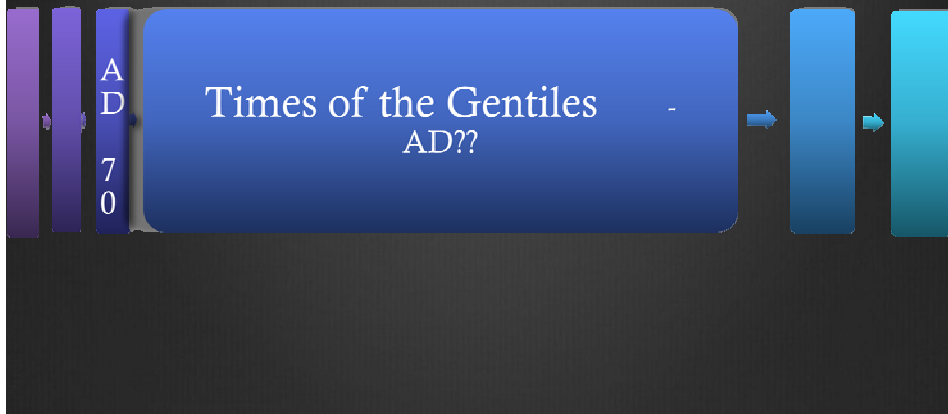
²⁵ Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, ²⁶ and in this way all Israel will be saved.

Romans 11:25-26

this gospel ...will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14

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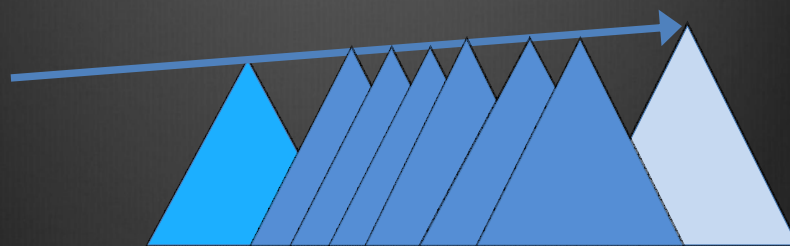


Prophetic foreshadowing



Persecutions– First Century AD
Persecutions– Many Times in church history
Persecutions– Shortly before return of Christ

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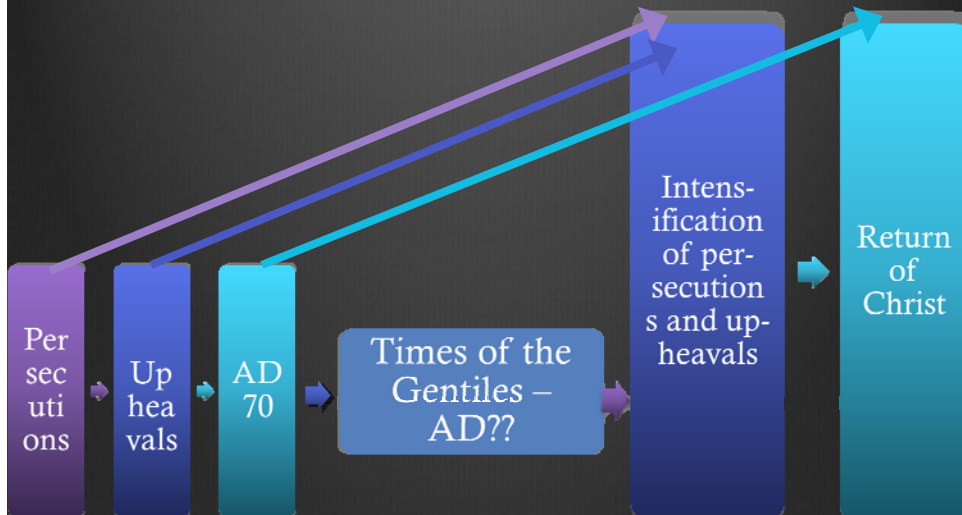


First century
Persecutions

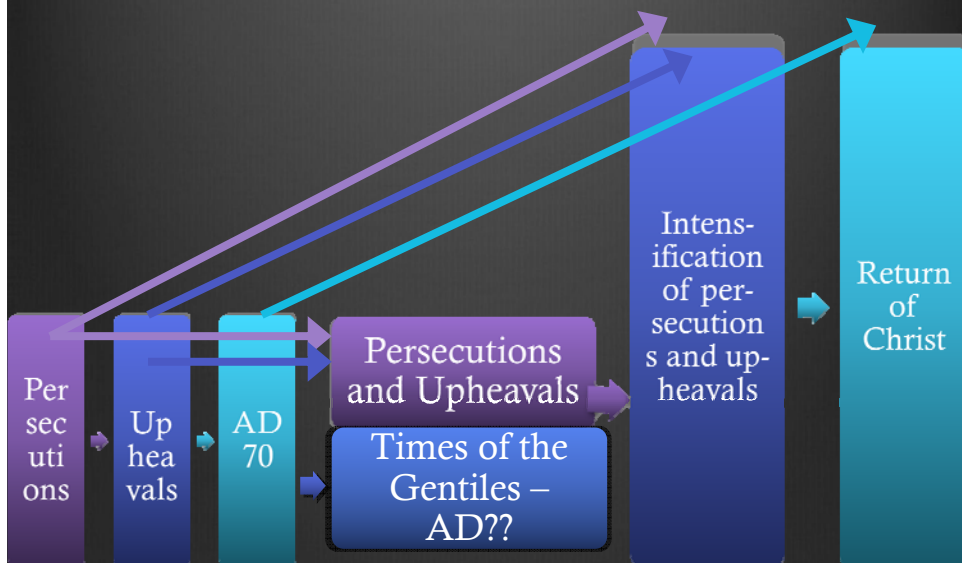
Multiple
Persecutions in
church history

Persecutions
before Return
of Christ

Two sets of events with Gap and Prophetic foreshadowing



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Connecting.....

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