THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE:
THE WHITE HORSE - REV 6:1-2

Whatever amount of time that exists between the Rapture of the church and for the Tribulation to unfold have now happened.
No prophecy in all of Scripture is more critical to our understanding of the end times than these four verses.

- According to Daniel 9:27, seven years (one week of years) are assigned to Israel in God’s prophetic calendar—**THE TRIBULATION**
  
  - It begins with the signing of an agreement with the world dictator—-the Antichrist
  - And ends with Christ’s return to earth to judge evil and establish His kingdom.
3. LET’S CLARIFY THE WORD WEEK

The Hebrew word translated **WEEKS** (or sevens) refers to a period of 7 years, like our word **DECADE** refers to a period of 10 years.

It literally means “**A WEEK OF YEARS**”

- So 70 weeks is 70 x 7 years (or 490 years)
- This first period is divided into two parts: 7 weeks (or 49 years) and 62 weeks (or 434 years) = 483 Years

**LEAVING ONE 7 YEAR PERIOD**—the 70\textsuperscript{th} week
4. WHERE’S THE MISSING WEEK?

In **Nehemiah 2:1** the actual decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given in the first month of the 20th year of his reign by King Artaxerxes of Persia—**MARCH 14 OF 445 BC** on our calendar. **EXACTLY 483 YEARS LATER** the Lord Jesus rode in to Jerusalem.

Then something strange happened: **THE AGE OF GRACE**!

- The Heavenly clock stopped—69 of the 70 weeks had passed---and all that was prophesied to happen during those 483 years had come to pass but there was still one week (7 years) left---

  **THE TRIBULATION THAT IS STILL COMING!**
5. THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

It’s a specific insult to God that has happened once before---ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES attacked Jerusalem and entered the Temple area---defiling it---A PREVIEW OF THE ANTICHRIST.

- In 2 Thess. 2:4 Paul warned that in the latter days a world leader will stand in the Temple proclaiming himself to be God.
- In Rev 13:14-15 we’re told that he’ll have a statue of himself erected and require everyone to worship it on pain of death.
- In Matt 24:15-21 Jesus says that the abomination that causes desolation spoken of by Daniel will kick off the Great Tribulation, the last half of the 70th week.

IT IS THIS RULER’S WEEK WE HAVE NOW IN VIEW

THE FIRST SEAL IS THE WHITE HORSE --the beginning of the Tribulation---everything from chapter 6 through chapter 18 describes that time.

- These events unleash great judgment on the earth. Each seal reveals a special kind of judgment.
- Many of these judgments are cosmic in nature -- worldwide judgments.
- The main purpose of the Tribulation is to bring Israel back to God—The Time of Jacob’s Trouble— JER. 30:7
7. THE ANTICHRIST IS SATAN’S MAN
THE RIDER ON THIS HORSE IS THE COMING ANTICHRIST

DANIEL 9:26

- THIS RIDER REPRESENTS A CONQUERING POWER THAT NO ONE CAN RESIST.

- This person has the semblance of Christ but he is not Christ-----He comes as A DECEIVER.

- He also comes with an implement of war [a bow] with no arrow.

- He will first conquer through cold war-diplomacy.
Daniel stated that there is a “prince that shall come,” who will make a covenant with Israel to protect her from her enemies—DAN. 9:26-27

- In other words, the future world dictator begins his career as a peacemaker!
- He will go from victory to victory and finally control the whole world—wearing a phony King’s Crown!
  - This great deceiver will come as a peaceful leader, holding a bow but no arrows!
  - Our Lord’s weapon is a sword REV. 19:15.
9. THE TIME IS RIPE

WHO IS THIS GUY?—CAN WE KNOW?

Many have guessed!

- The political and social scene of today is certainly set for the emergence of such a political leader
- All that is waiting is for the Lord to take his church out of the picture—The Rapture—
- With it the Holy Spirit--The Restrainer will be removed---**2 THESS. 2:6-7**

BE RAPTURE READY