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*...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but
exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
(Hebrews 10:25 NKJV)*

In the previous post of our blog¹ we talked about the sign of the Fig Tree, referring to the rebirth of Israel as a nation in disobedience, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Ezekiel 20:33-37 to be judged by the Lord in the time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7), the 70th week of Daniel, or the seven prophetic years of Tribulation (Daniel 9:27). From the moment that the prophecy of Israel's return to its land was fulfilled, to be judged by the Lord, the counting of the years had to be made based on the weeks of years of Daniel 9.

The Lord gave a precise temporal reference point in Psalm 90:10 about the generation of Israel, before entering that period of judgment; this coordinate is between 70 and 80 years old ("the days of our lives" and "by reason of strength"). Israel was given to the Church as a sign and as an example (Romans 11; 1 Corinthians 10; Hebrews 3 and 4).

Within this time, between the 70 and the 80 years of the generation, the Tribulation judgment events or the 70th week of Daniel must take place, because Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place"; and the Lord adds, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:34-35). It is evident that Jesus is reiterating that His prophecy about the

¹ To read the previous blog's article post, see: Ferrer, G., & Rodríguez, Y. (2025). Why Israel's generation will not pass away: God stopped the prophetic time in 2022. Berea Barranquilla Ministries Blog. <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/en/blog>

generation will be fulfilled. The only way for the Word of the Lord to be fulfilled is for Him to stop time, which is not impossible for Him, because He is the wise, omnipotent, and sovereign God, who changes the times and the seasons (Daniel 2:20-22).

What event had to take place when Israel turned 70 years old on the prophetic calendar?

The Lord fulfilled the prophecy of the return of the Jews to their land to judge them, so that they might enter the New Covenant and be saved. However, first, the Bible teaches that judgment would begin at the house of God², the Church, because of apostasy, of trampling the Son of God underfoot, counting His blood a common thing, and insulting the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 10:26-31; 1 Peter 4:17). Furthermore, the book of Revelation describes the judgment over the churches, five apostates (Ephesus, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, and Laodicea) and two saints (Smyrna and Philadelphia). Chapter 1 describes the Day of the Lord, which begins with the judgment against the Church. Jesus is the Judge, and the ones judged are the pastors (angels and stars) (Revelation 1:10-20). In chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation, we find the charges of judgment against the end-time churches, before the Rapture and the Tribulation judgment, which begins with the first seal of Revelation 6:1-2.

The Lord compared Israel with the Church, prophesying that the Church would apostatize as Israel did; therefore, He warned her several times not to fall into the sins of Israel (1 Corinthians 10:1-26; Hebrews Chs. 3 and 4). However, the Church did not obey and sinned worse than the Jewish people, since she entered the New Covenant, while Israel did not, but remained in the Old Covenant. Thus, in Hebrews 10:29, the Lord speaks of the terrible sin of violating the New Covenant.

² The Word *Yāsaph* appears in Isaiah 38:5 and indicates the time that God granted to King Hezekiah: "'Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add [heb. יָסַף *yāsaph*] to your days fifteen years." For an in-depth study on God's judgment upon the apostate Church and His charges against it, see: Ferrer, G. & Rodríguez, Y. (2023). *God is the Judge over all Earth: The judgment over the apostate Church*. Berea Editions. <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/en/libros>

In 2019, the 70 prophetic years of the generation of the budding fig tree, Israel, were fulfilled; the prophetic clock of Psalm 90:10 was activated, and the time lapse between 70 and 80 years began. In that year, 2019, the Day of the Lord began³, with the judgment against the Church, because He prophesied it that way in the Scriptures, and it had to happen before the Rapture and the Tribulation. Within this time lapse, the Lord stopped time when Israel turned 73 years old, because the generation could not pass and, before that, the Tribulation must occur.

How would the Church know when God would stop time not to pour out the wrath of the Tribulation judgment upon Israel and the nations?

She would know, counting wisely the days of the generation of the fig tree (Israel), considering the 70 and 80 years of Psalm 90:10, and adding within this time lapse the seven years of the Tribulation. The Church was to count the prophetic years of 360 days from May 14, 1948, the date of the birth of Israel (the Fig Tree) as a nation. She also had to consider the counting of years from the Gentile calendar until the generation reached 70 years old. In 2019, Israel reached 70 prophetic years, and in 2018, the generation reached 70 years old, but on the gentile calendar.

Now, when the 70 years were fulfilled, the Church had to heed to the events; precisely, in 2018, Jerusalem was recognized by the United States as the capital of Israel and the embassy of this country was inaugurated in that city. Throughout history, the Lord has always used three places as prophetic signs: Israel as a people, the temple, and the city of Jerusalem.

When Israel reached the age of 70, the Church was to add up the remaining years so that, by adding the seven years of the Tribulation, the counting of the generation would not exceed 80 years, and the prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ would be fulfilled. Therefore, there is a limit year, and it was 2022, in which Israel turned 73 prophetic years. In that year, the 70th

³ To explore this topic further, see pages 30-42 of: Ferrer, G. & Rodríguez, Y. (2023). *God is the Judge over all Earth: The judgment over the apostate Church*. Berea Editions. <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/en/libros>; and: Ferrer, G. y Rodríguez, Y. (2024, June 1). *Book God is the Judge over all Earth: The judgment over the apostate Church* [Video]. YouTube. https://youtu.be/oVKgKEt_330?si=577ze2e4yO7Kbdcv

Week of Daniel, Jacob's time of trouble, was to begin, but it did not happen. The Church should ask herself, "What happened?", and not discard the prophecy of Psalm 90:10 and Matthew 24:34-35. The answer is that God stopped time, stopped the vessels of wrath, and gave, first to Israel, but also to humanity, a *Yâsaph*⁴, an added, prolonged time, to show that He is slow to anger and abounding in mercy, to show that He is patient, because He does not want that any should perish⁵.

Table 1

The Generation of the Budding Fig Tree and the Yâsaph

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
70 years old	71 years old	72 years old	73 years old	74 years old	75 years old	76 years old
Generation limit Beginning of the year of the Lord's favor, prophesied by Isaiah 61:2 and proclaimed by the Lord Jesus Christ in Luke 4:19.				YÂSAPH (A suspended and prolonged time for the fulfillment of the prophecy of the generation that will not pass away)		

How can the holy Church know that this stopped and prolonged time is about to end?

God gave in the Scriptures the answer to this question: the holy Church would know that the stopped time would be over, through the execution of the judgment over the apostate Church found in Revelation 2:23. This verse says that the Lord will send physical and eternal death upon the children of Jezebel who are apostates: "I will kill [Gr. ἀποκτείνω, *apokteinō*] her children with death [Gr. Θάνατος, *thanatos*], and all the churches shall know that I am He

⁴ For a comprehensive study of this powerful topic, see: Ferrer, G., & Rodríguez, Y. (2024). *El Yâsaph. El tiempo de la paciencia y las maravillas del Rey* [The Yâsaph: The time of patience and the wonders of the King]. Ediciones Berea. <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/en/libros>
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⁵ We affirm that God has "stopped" prophetic time, but also that He has "extended" it (*Yâsaph*). These two images - suspension and extension - actually express one and the same divine act: the halting of the prophetic countdown in order to add an additional time of mercy. In other words, God interrupted the prophetic clock to add (*Yâsaph*) a time of grace, an extra delay, thus manifesting His patience and His desire that no one should perish. There is therefore a close connection between stopping and adding.

who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works."

In Revelation 2:23 the Lord speaks of Jezebel and her children, and of a terrible judgment upon them⁶, which is a sign for the Church before the Rapture, because this passage says that all the churches will know that Christ is He who searches the minds and hearts; that is, He will show who the apostates are, the sons of Jezebel, who disguise themselves as sheep, but are ravenous wolves. I consider this judgment to be the last sign for the Church to know that the coming of Christ for the holy Church is at the door.

When Revelation 2:23 says that all the churches of the world will know that Jesus is the One who searches the minds and hearts, it means that He will expose the sins of the apostates. The judgment of death upon them is not only a local judgment in one church; rather, it is a universal sign: "all the churches shall know..." This indicates a visible and overwhelming act of Christ in the history of the Church, just before the Rapture, to expose the false ones and purify the true flock. For all believers will see this judgment, they will be moved to repentance to sanctify themselves.

The slaughter over the apostates, executed by the living God, is the last sign before the Rapture that will show the holy Church that the coming of Christ is at the door. Thus, Hebrews 10:25 is fulfilled: *"and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*⁷ In other words: **Christ will reveal who His sheep really are and who are ravening wolves**, so that the glorified Church may enter without spot or wrinkle.

⁶ To learn more about the judgment against Jezebel and her children, see: Ferrer, G. & Rodríguez, Y. (2025, March 14). *El juicio contra Jezabel y sus hijos de Apocalipsis 2: 21-23* [The Judgment against Jezebel and her children in Revelation 2:21-23] [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/aTeTyqxyiX0?si=clwQRcR38-qnv39T>; and: Ferrer, G. & Rodríguez, Y. (2025, March 23). *Juicio contra Jezabel y sus hijos parte 2* [Judgment against Jezebel and Her Children, Part 2] [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/qvWSaTfgqkI?si=3FamgiviIfd-rh3cb>

⁷ To learn about other reasons why the holy Church will know the day and the hour of Christ's coming in the Rapture, see: Ferrer, G. & Rodríguez, Y. (2023, June 25). *The day and the hour* [Video]. YouTube. https://youtu.be/59IMlomDSqQ?si=BDVIB5sNidwP_mY5

2 Thessalonians 2:1 says, "Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you..." Which refers to the coming of Christ for His holy Church, that is, the event of the Rapture. In verse 3 it says (HCSB), "Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first..." The verb "come" is "ἐρχομαι, *erchomai*;" this Greek verb also has a sense of "to manifest," meaning that "come" implies something that is shown to be recognized; this relates to Revelation 2:23, where it is prophesied that the Lord will expose apostasy.

There are verses where the verb ἐρχομαι (*érchomai*) has as its basic meaning "to come, to arrive, to appear, to go, to become present, to manifest, to become visible," which implies "to be shown;" some verses where we find this verb with these senses are:

- John 3:20–21 (KJV): "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh [Gr. ἐρχεται, *erchomai*] to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh [Gr. ἐρχεται, *erchomai*] to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." Here, "coming" implies being exposed, manifested, coming to light.
- John 5:43: "I have come [Gr. ἐλήλυθα, *elēlytha* from ἐρχομαι, *erchomai*] in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me..."
- John 8:42: "... for I proceeded forth and came [Gr. ἦκω, ἐλήλυθα, *hēkō elēlytha*] from God..." → It implies "having appeared on the scene" sent by the Father.
- Matthew 24:30: "*Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven...and they will see the Son of Man coming* [Gr. ἐρχόμενον, *erchomenon*] *on the clouds*..." Here, it refers to the glorious revelation.

To conclude, when Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (HCSB), "... *For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes* [Gr. ἔλθῃ, *elthē*, from ἐρχομαι, *erchomai*] *first*..." He's not only talking about a chronological arrival of apostasy, but he is also implying that apostasy will appear publicly, manifests itself, becomes evident; this fits with Revelation 2:23, where the Lord reveals and exposes who the false are, the children of Jezebel: apostasy unmasked; and this also fits with 2 Timothy 3: ⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also

resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹ but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

The use of the Greek verb ἔρχομαι (*érchomai*) in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 supports the idea that apostasy will not only "appear" in the time, but will visibly manifest itself, it will come to light, for the Church to recognize it; this coincides with the method the Lord employs through His prophets: before acting, He makes visible what He is going to judge (Isaiah 49:9-10). Thus, apostasy in the End Times will not be hidden; it will be public, evident, and manifested as a sign for the sleeping Church, so that she will wake up. However, the Lord has a method for awakening her and preparing her for the Rapture. We will see this in the next blog.

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