

TITUS...

“Setting in order  
what is lacking!

The “Good Works” Book!

The “So That” Book!

TITUS STUDIES...

TWO-FOLD APPLICATION

**“Setting Straight What is Lacking”**

In Our Church

And In Our Personal Lives

# “Setting Straight” ...Our Personal Lives

The Motivation:

## SO THAT...

- The Word of God will not be dishonored, 5!
- The opponent will be put to shame,  
Having nothing bad to say about us, 8!
- We will adorn the doctrine of God  
our Savior in every respect, 10!

**“Setting Straight”** ...Our Personal Lives

Titus 2:11-14

# “Setting Straight” ...Our Personal Lives

We should live...

- ✓ Negatively: “Deny ungodliness and worldly desires”
- ✓ Positively: “Live sensibly, righteously, godly....”
- ✓ Expectantly...Watchfully: “Looking for the Blessed Hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus”

The Blessed Hope

The Appearing of the Glory  
of our Great God and Savior,  
Christ Jesus

⇔ The “Rapture”  
of the Church

The Rapture of the Church  
is that future event  
when Jesus will return to the “air,”  
and “catch up” His Church,  
both raising those who have died,  
and translating those who are still alive,  
to take them to heaven  
to be with Him forever.”

## DIFFICULTIES IN STUDYING THE RAPTURE:

1. The word, “rapture,” does not appear in the Bible.
2. There is no single passage that clearly teaches about it.
3. Some passages that sound like they are describing the rapture are not.



## DIFFICULTIES IN STUDYING THE RAPTURE:

4. The doctrine of the rapture requires a **BROAD UNDERSTANDING** of prophetic and eschatological Bible passages. The Rapture “fits” within a “framework” of eschatology.

# THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE RAPTURE:

- Titus 2:13
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

## THE PEOPLE OF THE RAPTURE:

1 Thessalonians 4:16 says, “...**the dead in Christ will rise first,**”

The term, “**in Christ,**” refers to “the Church,” the “Body of Christ.”

To know who THAT refers to, we have to understand when “the Church” began.

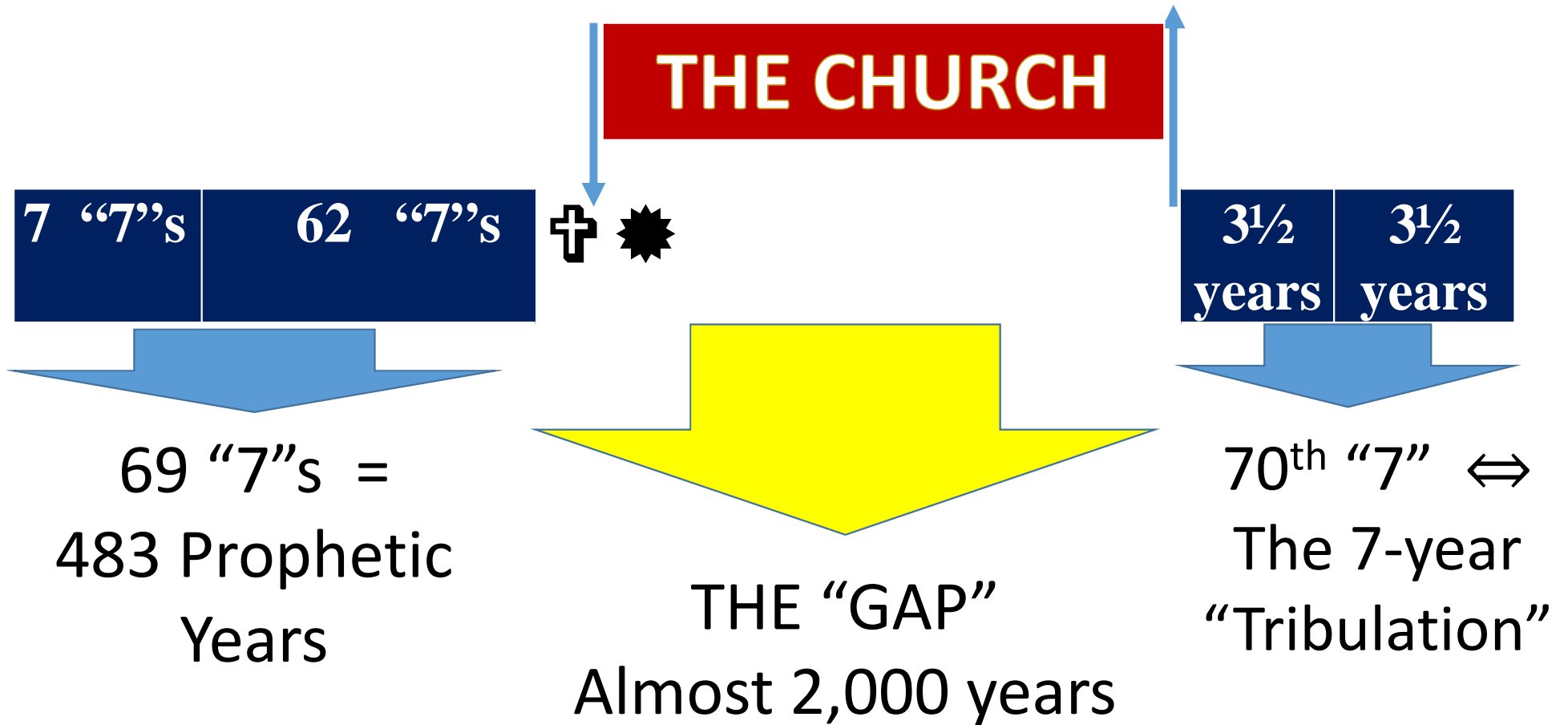
## THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH:

- The Church was a “mystery” in the Old Testament, Ephesians 3:1-10; Romans 16:25-27.
- Jesus predicted a “change” coming, John 14:16-17; Acts 1:4-5.
- Acts 2:1-4...the “change” came at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit began indwelling believers and the Church began, Acts 11:15.

# THE PROPHETIC CONTEXT OF THE RAPTURE...

## “THE Gap” of Daniel 9:24-27

# DANIEL 9:24-27 THE PROPHECY OF THE 70 "7" S



The proper understanding of the rapture and prophecy should produce...

1. An understanding of what is going on and what is coming.
2. Spiritual alertness!
3. Steadfastness and patient endurance of trials.



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