

Daniel's 70th week

Foundation and background for the 70 weeks prophecies: Principles of the Sabbaths

- Lev 23:1-3 Law of the Sabbaths for humans 7 days = week
- Lev 25:1. Law of the Sabbath of land; **every 7 years** the land will rest
- Lev 26:33. Warnings for disobedience
 - Leviticus 26:37 *'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me,*
 - *then I also will walk contrary to you in fury;*
 - Leviticus 26:31-35. *I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas. I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste. **Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths** as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths. **As long as it lies desolate it shall rest— for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.***
- Jeremiah 25:11-12. *And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*
- 2 Chron 36:20-21 *And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, **until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths.** As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.*
- They were in the promised land for 490 years. There were 70 years of not allowing rest for the land leading to 70 years of captivity in Babylon

Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy prophecies the outline for the end-times and fulfillment of prophecies

- Hebrew word for “weeks” is h7620. שָׁבֻעַ šābūa‘; or שָׁבֻעַ shabuan; sabua and means a “period of seven” and can refer to seven days, weeks, or years

Daniel 9:1-2. Daniel was studying the books (Jeremiah) and realized the seventy years of captivity was about over. (Daniel would have been around 85 years old). These were the scriptures Daniel was studying in Daniel 9:1-2

- Reference to Jer 25:11-12; *And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*
- Jer 29:10. *For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.*
- Daniel realized the 70 years of captivity prophesied by Jeremiah were almost over.

These things must be accomplished in the 70 weeks. Daniel 9:25

- Finish transgression (sin)
- Make an end of sins
- Make reconciliation
- Bring in everlasting righteousness
- Seal up the vision

- & Seal up the prophecies
- Anoint the most holy

Daniel 9:25 Starting point of the 70 weeks: “**From the command to restore and build Jerusalem,**” (Daniel 9:25) Note the first three decrees are for the *temple* to be rebuilt.

- **1st Decree:** 536 BC by King Cyrus (559-530 BC). Ezra 1:1-3 *Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying...v. 3 To build the house of the Lord God of Israel which is in Jerusalem.*
 - This is the same Cyrus mentioned and prophesied by Isaiah 44:28; 45:1,4
- **2nd Decree:** 519 BC King Darius (ruled 522-486 BC), commands the house of GOD TO BE REBUILT, Ezra 6:3 (6:1-12)
- **3rd Decree:** 458 BC. Artaxerxes (ruled 465-424 BC) commands the beautification of the temple, Ezra 7:11-27
- **4th Decree:** 445 BC Artaxerxes commands the **rebuilding of Jerusalem**, Neh 1:1-8,
 - Neh 1:1 *...it came to pass in the month of Chislev in the twentieth year (of Artaxerxes I), as I was in Shushan the citadel. Approx. December 445 BC*
 - Neh 2:1 *And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes (month of March, April 445 BC)*
 - March 14, 445 BC “According to Smith and Eastman, the Hebrew tradition says that if the day of the month is not specifically given, then it means the first day of that month or, in this case, the first day of Nisan. **This date of the decree of Artaxerxes corresponds to March 14, 445 B.C.**” ¹
 - Neh 2:5 *And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."*

Daniel 9:25. *Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.*

- Seven weeks:
 - 7 weeks=49 years **from the command to rebuild Jerusalem** to the end of Ezra and Nehemiah and last books of the OT written, (Nehemiah, Ezra 7-10, Esther, Malachi²) leading to 400 years of silence
 - King Artaxerxes of Persia sent the decree to rebuild Jerusalem in 445 BC - 49 years=394 BC. (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther/Zechariah, Haggai, Malachi)
 - 394 BC approximately corresponds to the time the last book of the Old Testament was written (Nehemiah is the last historical book) and 400 years of silence begins

¹ Vince Latorre, “God of the exact: Daniel’s Seventy Week Prophecy, <https://thebiblecanbeproven.com/god-of-the-exact-daniels-seventy-week-prophecy/>

² Chronology of the Old Testament Books., Understandchristianity.com <https://www.understandchristianity.com/timelines/chronology-old-testament-books/>

- Sixty-two weeks=434 years: time from the completion of the restoration of Jerusalem to Jesus' crucifixion
 - 62 weeks=434 years is the time (400 years of silence and 33 years of Jesus life, "Messiah cut off")
 - $62+7=69$ weeks covers from the command to build and restore Jerusalem in to Jesus' Crucifixion

Daniel 9:26: *"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.*

- In [Daniel 9:25](#) and [26](#), the Messiah will be cut off after "seven sevens and sixty-two sevens" (69 total sevens), beginning with the decree to restore Jerusalem.
 - The Messiah will die in 69 sevens 483 years after the decree to rebuild is issued.
 - Biblical historians confirm that 483 years passed from the time of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the time when Jesus was crucified.³
 - Lu 3:1 15th year of Tiberius Caesar's reign (AD 29), Jesus' ministry began.
 - Tiberius Caesar began to reign in AD 14.
 - That would make Jesus 29 years old when His ministry began
 - Most historians agree that Jesus was crucified AD 32. Passover was April 10, AD 32.
 - Jesus would ride into Jerusalem April 6, AD 32
 - Sir Robert Anderson, March 14, 445 BC to April 6, 32 AD, there was exactly 173,800 days. For breakdown go to: [Jewish Calculation about the 70 weeks of Daniel.](#)
 - Completes the 69 weeks

CONVERSION of biblical years to Gregorian years: For more info on this calculation go to: <https://christian.net/resources/a-jewish-calculation-about-the-70-weeks-of-daniel/>

- $69 \times 7 = 483$ biblical years
- Biblical years are lunar years = 360 days/year
- $69 \times 360 = 173,880$ days
 - Divide by 365 = 476 Gregorian years=483 Biblical years
 - From Nissan 445 BC + 476 years calculates to 31 AD, the month of April when Jesus entered Jerusalem

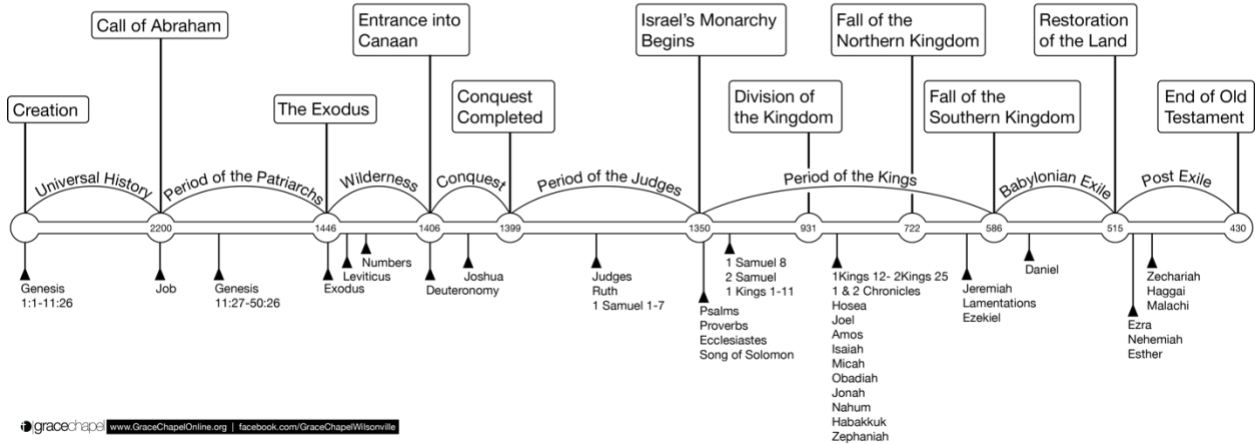
Daniel 9:27. *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,*

- One week (seven-year period) remains
 - The start will be a "peace" type covenant/treaty with Israel and surrounding nations.
 - A. Kurschner: The beginning of this 7-year period will likely be hard to determine with various treaties involved. (Part I Pre-Wrath). Today we can rest assured this treaty and the alignments it will bring is a process underway.
 - Marked by false christs; wars, famines, birthpangs.

³ Latorre

- The mid-point of the 7-year period will be marked by the Anti-christ stopping temple sacrifice

OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE



Explaining 1260, 1290, 1335 days, Rev. 11:2, and Daniel 12:11-12

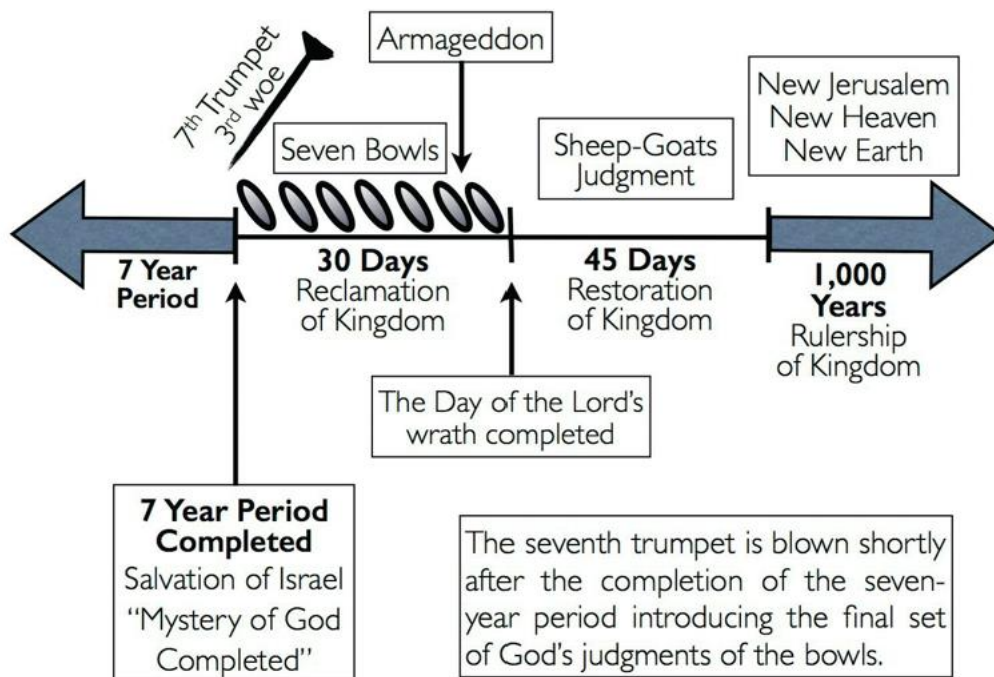
Rev. 11:2 speaks of 1260 days = 3.5 years using a “prophetic year” of 360 days

- Two witnesses are given power to prophecy, 1260 days, Rev. 11:2

Dan 12:11-12 *"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be **one thousand two hundred and ninety days**. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the **one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days**."*

- Daniel 12:11 1290 days:
 - There is not a clear explanation in the Bible, but many explain it as a time of restoration of Israel
- Additional 45 = 1335 days.
 - The Bible is not clear on what happens during the 45 days, but obviously, those who wait will be blessed. Most explanations view it as a time of judgment of the “sheep and goat” nations.
- Below is a graph of Alan Kurschner’s timeline

POST SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD



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