



End Times + REVELATION

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Daniel: The key to prophetic revelation

Daniel 2: A vision of the kingdoms, chronological

³¹ “Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. ³² The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. ³⁴ While you were watching, **a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.** ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2)



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Daniel 7: A vision of the kingdoms, personified

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

² Daniel said: “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.”



Daniel 7: A vision of the kingdoms, personified

⁴ “The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it.

⁵ “And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, ‘Get up and eat your fill of flesh!’

⁶ “After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

⁷ “After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.”

Daniel's dream (Daniel 7)



Daniel 7: A vision of the kingdoms, personified

⁸ “While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.”



Daniel 7: A vision of the kingdoms, personified

⁹ “As I looked,

“thrones were set in place,

and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;

the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,

and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,

coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,

and the books were opened.

¹¹ “Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. ¹² (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)”

Daniel 7: A vision of the kingdoms, personified

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 worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”



Daniel 7: The Little Horn

²⁴ “The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. ²⁵ He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws.



The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.

²⁶ “But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. ²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.” (Daniel 7:24-27)

Daniel 9: The Framework for the Tribulation

²⁴ “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.”



Daniel 9: The Framework for the Tribulation

²⁵ “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

²⁶ After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” (Dan 9:24-27)

Date of the Order to Rebuild Jerusalem

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.” (Nehemiah 2:1-2)

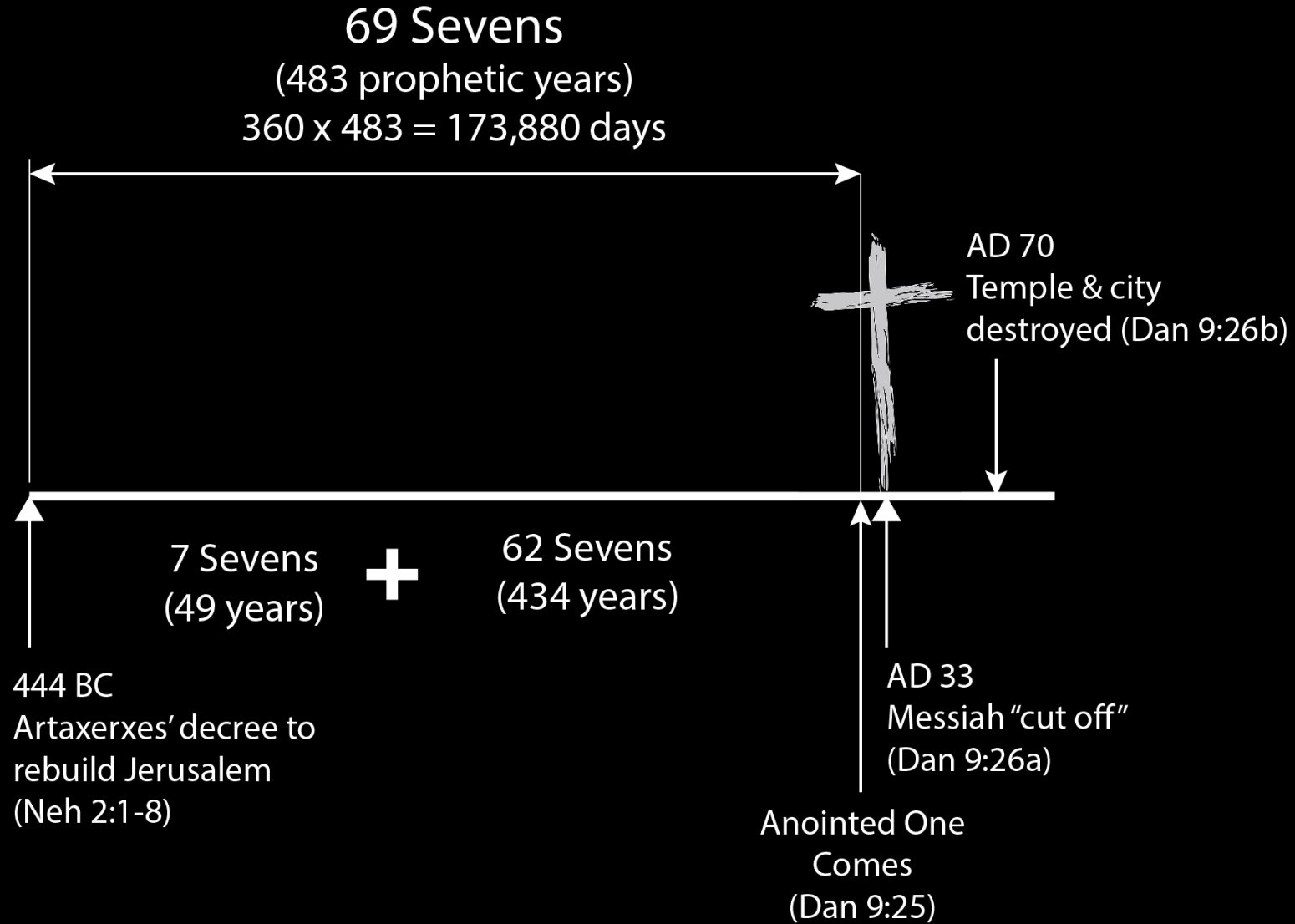
- Artaxerxes’ father was killed in 465 BC, we know from external historical evidence.
- Computing the 20th year of his reign depends on whether he assumed the throne earlier or later that year, but the safest option (given other times mentioned, e.g. Neh 1:1) is to conclude he met with Nehemiah in the month of Nisan in 444 BC.

Date of the Crucifixion

- Jesus died in a year when Passover (14th of Nisan) fell on a Friday.
- John the Baptist's ministry started in Tiberius' fifteenth year (Luke 3:1-2), which would be AD 29.
- This leaves us with three possibilities in that time frame: AD 30, 33, or 36.
- John mentions three Passovers in his gospel. So we know Jesus' ministry was somewhere between 3 and 4 years in length.
- Therefore, Jesus must have died in AD 33. The others don't fit.
- Translated to a Gregorian calendar, Jesus died on Friday, April 3, AD 33.



Sixty-nine "Sevens"



The Seventieth Seven

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Flash-ahead: The Olivet Discourse

¹⁵ “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. ¹⁸ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. ¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.” (Matt 24:15-21)

3 ½ years = 42 months = 1260 days

- In the middle of the “seven” (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Daniel 9:27)
- The little horn will oppress the people of the Most High for a time, times, and half a time (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Daniel 7:25)
- The time of great distress (Dan 12:1) will last for a time, times, and half a time (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Dan 12:7).
- From the time the desolation occurs until it is removed (implied), there will be 1290 days (i.e., 3 ½ years + one month) (Dan 12:11)
- The Gentiles will trample on the holy city for 42 months (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Rev 11:2)
- The two witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Rev 11:3)
- The woman (i.e., Israel) will flee into the wilderness for 1260 days (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Rev 12:6; see Matt 24:15-16)

The Abomination of Desolation

³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thess 2:3-4)



The Covenant & Israel's Hope

²⁴ “My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. ²⁵ They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. ²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. ²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.” (Ezek 37:24-28)



Daniel's 70th "Seven"

Daniel 9:27

70th Seven (7 years)

The End Decreed



The Gap between Daniel's 69th and 70th Sevens

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The Gap between Daniel's 69th and 70th Sevens

²⁵ I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: 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)

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.” (Matt 21:43)



Daniel 10: The Man in Linen

⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, ⁵ I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. ⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

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(Dan 10:4-6)

Revelation 1

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. (Rev 1:12-16)

Daniel 12: The Prophecy Sealed

¹ “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be **a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then**. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.” (Dan 12:1)

²¹ “For then there will be **great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again**.” (Matt 24:21)



Daniel 12: The Prophecy Sealed

² “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, **roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end.** Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”



Daniel 12: The Prophecy Sealed

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. ⁶ One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?”

⁷ **The man clothed in linen**, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “**It will be for a time, times and half a time.** When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.”

⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?”

Daniel 12: The Prophecy Sealed

⁹ He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

¹¹ “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.” (Dan 12:5-12)



Daniel 9 + Daniel 12 + Matthew 24

