

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. (Daniel 2:31-35)

- Head of gold: Babylon – 626 to 539 BC.
- Arms and chest of silver: Medo-Persia – 539 to 331 BC.
- Belly and thighs of bronze: Greece (bronze) – 331 to 146 BC.
- Legs of iron: Rome – 146 BC to AD 476.
- Feet of iron and clay: Divided kingdom of the end times.

Daniel 7: A vision of the kingdoms, personified

The sea is an image of Gentile nations: darkness, separation, and sin. (Ps 144:7; Isa 17:12; Jer 47:1-2; Ezek 26:3)

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 7:13-14)

- First beast: Lion with wings like an eagle = Babylon.
- Second beast: Bear with three ribs in its teeth = Medo-Persia.
- Third beast: Leopard with four wings, four heads = Greece. Alexander’s empire was divided among four generals: Lysimachus, Cassander, Seleucus, and Ptolemy.
- Fourth beast: Unknown, but different than the ones that went before (v. 23); it crushes and devours, with iron teeth and ten horns = Rome.
- One like a son of man: Coming with the clouds of heaven.

The Little Horn:

²⁴The 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. ²⁵He 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. ²⁷Then 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: A timeframe to the end of the age

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.

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.

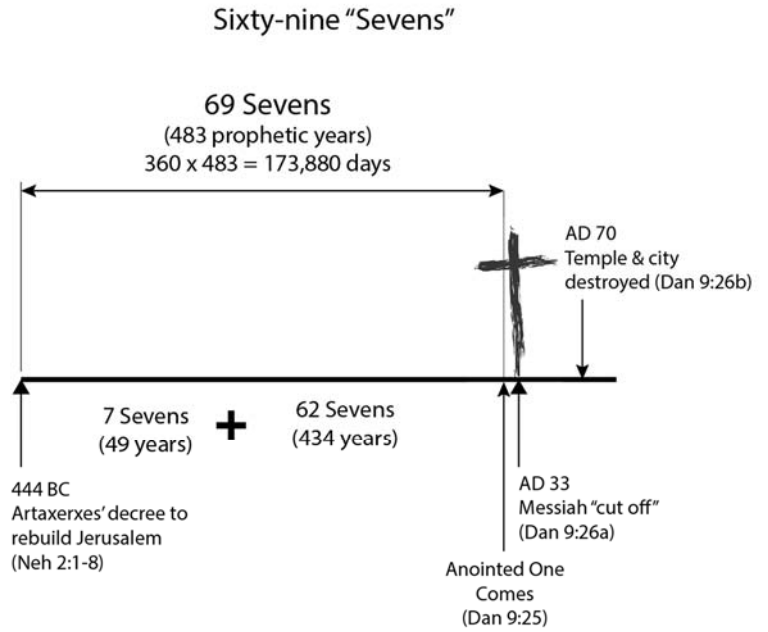
²⁶After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

²⁷He 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)

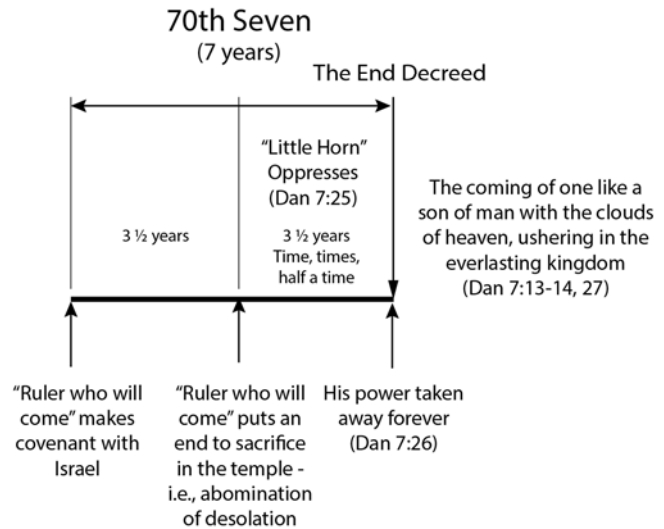
3 ½ years = 42 months = 1260 days

- Half of one “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) (Revelation 11:2)
- The two witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Revelation 11:3)
- The woman (i.e., Israel) will flee into the wilderness for 1260 days (i.e., 3 ½ years) (Revelation 12:6; see Matt 24:15-16)



Daniel's 70th "Seven"
Daniel 9:27



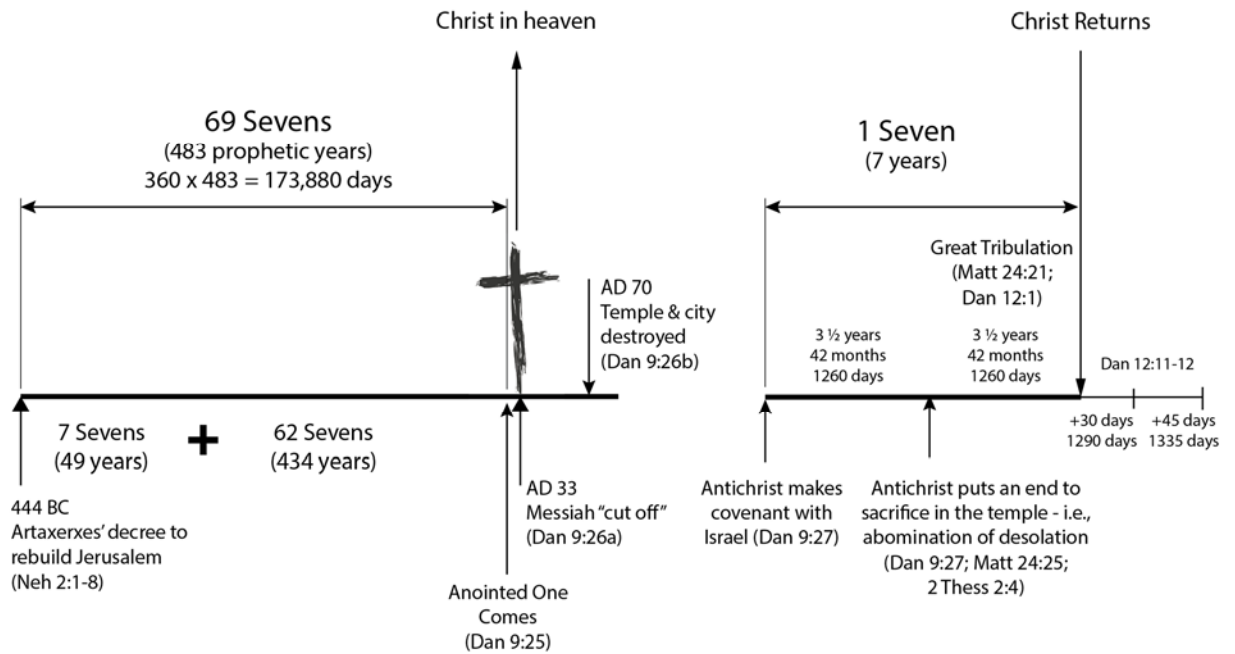
The Gap between the 69th and 70th sevens

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. (Dan 9:24)

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**, ²⁶and 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 9 + Daniel 12 + Matthew 24



Daniel 12: The Prophecy Sealed

Who is the man wearing linen? (Dan 12:7)

- He has eyes like blazing fire (Rev 1:14)/eyes like flaming torches (Dan 10:6)
- Wearing a golden sash (Rev 1:13)/wearing a belt of fine gold (Dan 10:5)
- With feet like bronze (Rev 1:15)/with arms and legs like bronze (Dan 10:6)
- With a face like the sun (Rev 1:16; see also Matt 17:2)/a face like lightning (Dan 10:6)
- With a voice like rushing waters (Rev 1:15)/like the sound of a multitude (Dan 10:6)

“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)

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

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?”

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)