

The Prophetic Timeline in Daniel

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks (**weeks of years = 490 years**) are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment(**Nehemiah in 444BC**) to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince(**Jesus**) shall be seven weeks (**7**), and threescore and two weeks(**62**): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

²⁶ And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, (**7+62 = 69th week. From Nehemiah 444BC to Jesus' ascension 33AD = 173,880 days per Mark Hitchcock "The End": 173,880 / 360 / 7 = 69 weeks of years. Perfect fulfilled prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion.**) but not for himself: and the people(**Rome 70AD**) of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

The fulfilled prophecy of Daniel is amazing. Now for the unfulfilled, the 70th week (final 7yrs, or the tribulation).

²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week(**7 years**): and in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

This 7 year period is divided in halves. Jesus called the first half the beginning of sorrows Matt 24:8. The second half is called Great Tribulation as seen in Daniel 24:27 above when the antichrist breaks his covenant. Jesus refers to this in Matt 24:15. Paul refers to this in 2 Thess 2:3-10. **3 ½ years is referred to as 1260 days, time times and half a time and also 42 months.**

Why is there a pause in the 70th week prophecy clock? The first 69 weeks of years calculated perfectly to the death and resurrection of Jesus. The obvious answer is so the finished work of Christ would have time to build the Church, His body. Had the 70th week followed His ascension, the Church would not have been able to grow and we would already be past the millennium that is prophesied in Revelation 20 which directly follows the 70th week that ends with Armageddon. None of this has happened yet.

Now for Revelation 12. This is an inserted parenthetical chapter and does not follow the timeline of events: seals to trumpets to bowls of wrath. **It is its own timeline.** It begins with a woman clothed with the sun. This is a very similar description of Israel that was seen in Joseph's dream Genesis 37:9. We see in verse 12:4 that there is a dragon (Satan) who wants to devour the child, for He is the seed of woman promised to bruise his head. Beginning with the murder of Abel to Herod killing a whole town of babies, Satan tried to prevent the seed of woman from defeating him.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

This description is used twice. Once for Jesus: **Psalm 2:8** Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. ⁹Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

And for the Church, the body of Christ: **Revelation 2:26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: ²⁷And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father

It would make sense if the Head, Jesus will rule with a rod, so would His body the Church. **Ephesians 2: 15** Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; **for to make in himself of twain one new man**, so making peace; One new man!

After the man child is caught up to God and His throne V5, **in the very next verse**, V6 we get a time period of 1260 days, or 3.5 years, a direct reference to the tribulation period. **Revelation 12:6** And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**. Note that this did not happen after Jesus ascended. Revelation 12 is fulfilled prophecy from verses 1-4, partly fulfilled by Jesus in verse 5 but will be fully fulfilled by the Church at the rapture. This supports the pre-tribulation rapture belief. When the Head and the Body are both caught up to God and His throne, the tribulation begins.

The very next passage, verses 7-12 describes the war in Heaven at the mid point of the 70th week. Michael and the angels cast Satan to the earth. We know in Rev 8:13 that there are 3 woes, one for each trumpet 5,6&7. The third woe is found at this battle in Rev 12:12. This places the middle of the 70th week to the 7th trumpet. The 7th trumpet proclamation at Rev 11:15 is the same as the one given when Satan is cast to earth Rev

12:10. This third woe is the worst because Satan is now on earth and the antichrist is fully demonized, breaking his covenant, bringing the Great Tribulation to the earth.

After the mid point war in heaven we are given a time reference to the second half of the tribulation: **Revelation 12:13** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. ¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a **time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent. We know this is reference to 3.5 years.

Revelation 12 ends with the dragon going to make war on the woman (Israel) which is a prophecy of Armageddon, ending the 70th week, and also ending this timeline.

The time between Jesus ascending and the Church ascending in the rapture is the gap found in Daniel 9 between the exactly fulfilled first 69 weeks of years and the future 70th week of years that must happen. This also supports the belief that when the Church has departed to heaven, the restrainer of the antichrist is taken out of the way. 2 Thess 2:6-8.