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Revisited

Now, the Bible is a very interesting book. Unfortunately, most people never realize this because they do not devote a *large portion of their life studying it*. Yet we all should, “I mean it is God’s word”. Yet how much time do we listen to man’s word rather than God’s? If you struggle to *study* the Bible, and I don’t mean by this Bible *reading*, I mean by this Bible *study*; where you use tools to help you discover the author’s original intention. We’re not interested in what this means to you. If you have the idea that you’re here to figure out what the Bible means to you then you’re here for the wrong reasons. Of importance is what the original authors guided by the Holy Spirit intended to be understood. If you don’t *study* the Bible then you can’t really have a handle on the big picture because the Bible is by far the most interesting thing in the world. And it’s only when you study it and grasp the big picture that you can’t stop studying it. It’s just far more captivating than anything else. It’s more captivating than cars, girls, money, retirement, et. al. All you’ve got to do to discover this fact is really take some time to study the Bible.

Now, if you’ve been with us for the last several months in the study of Revelation then you know that we are about to head into a very interesting portion of Scripture: the Tribulation (Rev 6). Before we do that we have to set the stage. We have to get caught up to where we are in the story of God’s revelation. To do this I want to show you the 3 basic stages of revelation regarding the Tribulation period.

1. Dan 9:27 - this one verse describes the whole Tribulation period.
2. Matt 24:4-28 – these twenty-four verses describe the whole Tribulation period.
3. Rev 6-19 – these two-hundred and forty-five verses describe the whole Tribulation period. (hold these pages in your hand)

It should be obvious that the major portion of the Book of Revelation is devoted to the Tribulation. What I'm trying to show you is how the theme of the Tribulation was revealed in three basic stages.

Daniel 9:27 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Matthew 24:4-28 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. 6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. 7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs. 9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. 10 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11 "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. 12 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. 13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. 14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. 15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. 18 "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. 21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is*,' do not believe *him*. 24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. 25 "Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 "So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, *or*, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*. 27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Revelation 6:1 - 19:21

NAU **Revelation 6:1** Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. 3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." 4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him. 5 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard *something* like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine." 7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." 8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth. 9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also. 12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

NAU **Revelation 7:1** After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun,

having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, 6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, 7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, 8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed. 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. 16 "They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

NAU Revelation 8:1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. 6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to

sound them. 7 The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. 8 The second angel sounded, and *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, 9 and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed. 10 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. 11 The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter. 12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way. 13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

NAU Revelation 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. 2 He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. 3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. 6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them. 7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. 8 They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. 10 They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. 11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon. 12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things. 13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released,

so that they would kill a third of mankind. 16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. 17 And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. 18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm. 20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; 21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

NAU Revelation 10:1 I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. 4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them." 5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer, 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." 9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." 10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. 11 And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

NAU Revelation 11:1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who

worship in it. 2 "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. 3 "And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly. 15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. 18 "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." 19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

NAU Revelation 12:1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was

with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems. 4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. 7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. 12 "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time." 13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child*. 14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. 17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

NAU **Revelation 13:1** And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. 3 *I saw* one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast; 4 they worshiped the dragon because he

gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, *that is*, those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone *is destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints. 11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. 15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, 17 and *he provides* that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

NAU Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* like *the sound* of harpists playing on their harps. 3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. 4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These *are* the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And no

lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless. 6 And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters." 8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality." 9 Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." 12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." 14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud *was* one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. 18 Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." 19 So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered *the clusters from* the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. 20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

NAU Revelation 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished. 2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. 3 And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! 4 "Who will

not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED." 5 After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, 6 and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean *and* bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes. 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

NAU Revelation 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God." 2 So the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image. 3 The second *angel* poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like *that* of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died. 4 Then the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; 6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it." 7 And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." 8 The fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. 9 Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory. 10 Then the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, 11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds. 12 The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east. 13 And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; 14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.") 16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon. 17 Then the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." 18 And there were flashes of lightning

and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

NAU Revelation 17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed *acts of* immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, 5 and on her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." 6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly. 7 And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come. 9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, 10 and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. 11 "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction. 12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. 13 "These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. 14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful." 15 And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. 16 "And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and

will burn her up with fire. 17 "For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. 18 "The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

NAU Revelation 18:1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed *acts of* immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." 4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; 5 for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6 "Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back *to her* double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. 7 "To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I SIT *as* A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.' 8 "For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong. 9 "And the kings of the earth, who committed *acts of* immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' 11 "And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more-- 12 cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every *kind of* citron wood and every article of ivory and every article *made* from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, 13 and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and *cargoes* of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. 14 "The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *men* will no longer find them. 15 "The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, 16 saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; 17 for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea,

stood at a distance, 18 and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *city* is like the great city?' 19 "And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!' 20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her." 21 Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. 22 "And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; 23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. 24 "And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth."

NAU Revelation 19:1 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; 2 BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER." 3 And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER." 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" 5 And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great." 6 Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. 7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." 10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except

Himself. 13 *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the

Let me show you that these 3 passages are all speaking of the same time period

| | Dan 9:27 | Matt 24:4-31 | Rev 6-19 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Set Time Period | √ | √ | √ |
| Division of Time | √ | √ | √ |
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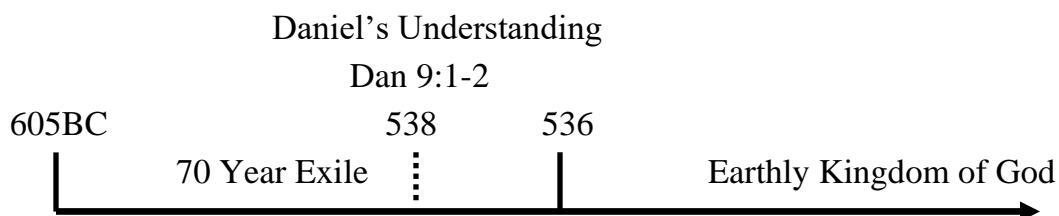
You can see that Matthew 24 ought to be read with Dan 9:27 in mind and Rev 6-19 ought to be read with both Dan 9:27 and Matt 24 in mind. Therefore, before we start studying Rev 6-19 we're going to study Dan 9:27 and Matt 24.

This week, let's start with Dan 9 since this is the starting point for grasping the Tribulation. This 3-fold revelation is a tremendous example of what we call progressive revelation. What is "progressive revelation"? It simply means that God revealed things gradually over time. This is very important for interpreting the Bible because if you recognize it then you will not be tempted to read the NT back into the OT.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Do you get the idea? Progressive revelation simply means that God did not reveal everything at one time but rather gradually over time. It is the simple recognition that the Bible did not fall down from heaven in one piece. God revealed things over time. In this revelation God added to previous revelation but He never changed previous revelation. God is just filling in the details. For example, an author may write a book and then go back years later and add details to the story. Revelation gives the details, Daniel 9, a sketch. Therefore, let's start with Dan 9.

This chapter begins in the year 538BC. Daniel went into exile in Babylon in the year 605BC so he had been in exile for 68 years. In this year, 538BC, Darius the Mede was the king. And during that same year verse 2 says, "I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, seventy years." So, Daniel had been reading Jeremiah 25:11 and 29:10. Jeremiah had written his book about 100 years before. And Jeremiah said that Jerusalem's desolation would be completed in seventy years. From Daniel's perspective that seventy years was almost complete, just two more years to go and Daniel believed the Promised Messianic King would come and with Him the restoration of Jerusalem and the Messianic Kingdom.



But apparently, Daniel's understanding of Jeremiah's writings were not completely accurate. He lacked some information which would give him the whole picture of Jerusalem's future. Thus, in verse 20, Gabriel, God's messenger angel arrives to give Daniel insight and understanding.

Daniel 9:20-23 Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, ²¹ while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to

me in *my* extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. ²² He gave *me* instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. ²³ "At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell *you*, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

Now, let's look at what Gabriel revealed to Daniel about the future of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:24-27 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*. ²⁵ "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. ²⁶ "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. ²⁷ "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

A. DANIEL 9:24: ISRAEL'S 490 YEAR CALENDAR

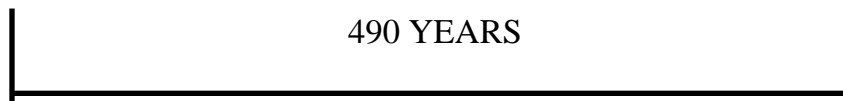
Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*.

Notice, Gabriel does not say "seventy years" but "seventy weeks". What does he mean by "seventy weeks"? The word "weeks" in the Hebrew is *shabuim*. **Shabuim means "a period of seven"**. This Hebrew word is a lot like our English word "dozen". "Dozen" means "a set of twelve". Whenever you need a dozen you still don't know what you need a dozen of unless you've been paying attention to the context. We all know this intuitively. You may want a dozen donuts or a dozen eggs. Context tells you. Well, that's what we're talking about here except it's not a group of "twelve" but a group of "seven".

What we need to know is seventy sevens of what? The answer is not provided in verse 24 so we have to search the context to discover the unit Daniel had in mind.ⁱ The unit that Daniel had in mind is found in Daniel 9:2 where reference is made to the “years specified by the word of the Lord, given through Jeremiah the prophet.” So, “seventy weeks” means 70 times 7 years. And $70 \times 7 = 490$ years. Therefore, Israel and Judah’s final restoration to the land would have to wait 490 years.

But now we have to ask how long the “year” is? Well, the Hebrews used a lunar year of 360 days. During the days of Noah’s Flood the water remained on the earth for 150 days (Gen 7:24) which was a period equal to five months (cf Gen 7:11; 8:4). So, before Noah’s Flood each month was 30 days and so each year was exactly 360 days. In the Book of Revelation a year is also exactly 360 days. For example, Revelation says that 42 months = 1260 days = time, times, and a half in the Book of Revelation (Rev 11:2; 13:5 (42 months); Rev 10:7; 12:6 (1,260 days); Rev 12:14 (time, times, and half a time)). Therefore, each of the 490 years mentioned here in Daniel 9:24 are 360 days each.

Now that we know these are 490 years of 360 days each we can exegete verse 24 briefly. Notice first of all that these 490 years have been decreed for Daniel’s people and Daniel’s holy city. So, the 490 years are for Israel and Jerusalem. They have nothing to do with the Church. They have to do with Israel and Jerusalem. That is extremely significant. What events related to Israel and Jerusalem must take place by the end of the 490 years or 70 sevens? There are six.



1. *TO FINISH THE TRANSGRESSION*

The first purpose of the 490 years is “to finish the transgression”.ⁱⁱ “The transgression” is Israel’s national rejection of the Messiahship of Jesus in Matthew 12. Thus, “to finish the transgression” refers to the coming to a stopping point, completion, or end of Israel’s national rejection of Jesus’ Messiahship and thus their national reception of the Messiahship of Jesus. Has the whole nation of Israel accepted Jesus’ Messiahship? No, thus, the 490 years are not yet completed but when they are “all Israel will be saved” (Rom. 11:26).

2. *TO MAKE AN END OF SIN*

The second purpose of the 490 years is “to make an end of sin”. This predicts a time when personal sin will cease in Israel. Has Israel stopped sinning personally? No, thus, the 490 years are not yet completed but when they are all personal sin in Israel will cease. This is because they will all be given a new heart (Jer 31:31-34).

3. *TO MAKE ATONEMENT FOR INIQUITY*

The third purpose of the 490 years is “to make an atonement for iniquity”. The word “iniquity” refers to the “sin nature” which we received from our parents and they from theirs all the way back to Adam. Jesus already made the atonement but it is not applied to Israel’s sin nature until the end of the 490 years when they believe in Jesus’ Messiahship.

4. *TO BRING IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS*

The fourth purpose of the 490 years is “to bring in everlasting righteousness”. “everlasting righteousness” refers to God’s righteousness being done on earth and forever. When the 490 years are completed and Jesus returns, the principles of eternal righteousness will be implemented on earth. Has this happened yet? No, but it will take place after the 490 years are completed.

5. *TO SEAL UP VISION AND PROPHECY*

The fifth purpose of the 490 years is “to seal up vision and prophecy”. This means God’s prophetic program will be completed by the end of the 490 years.

6. *TO ANOINT THE MOST HOLY PLACE*

The sixth and final purpose of the 490 years is “to anoint the most holy place” or “the Most Holy”. The “most holy place” refers to the holy of holies in the Millennial Temple (cf Ezekiel 40-48; Zech. 6:12, 13). Jesus will anoint the holy of holies in the Millennial Temple to ready it for a new sacrificial system.

Now, I ask you, have any of these six things taken place? No. So, what that means is that the 490 years have not come to a conclusion yet. All six of these purposes will be accomplished by the end of the 490 years, just before to the Second Coming or during the initial stage of the Millennial Kingdom. All these blessings confirm the fulfillment of Israel’s covenants at the Second Coming of Christ (Gen. 12:1-3, Deut. 29-30, II Sam. 7:12-16, Jer. 31:31-34).

B. DANIEL 9:25: THE 490-YEAR TIME PERIOD BEGAN ON MARCH 5, 444BC

Daniel 9:25 "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks [7 x 7 = 49 years] and sixty-two weeks [62 x 7 = 434 years]; it [Jerusalem] will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

In this verse Gabriel tells Daniel that Gabriel that exactly 483 years will occur between the issuing of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah.

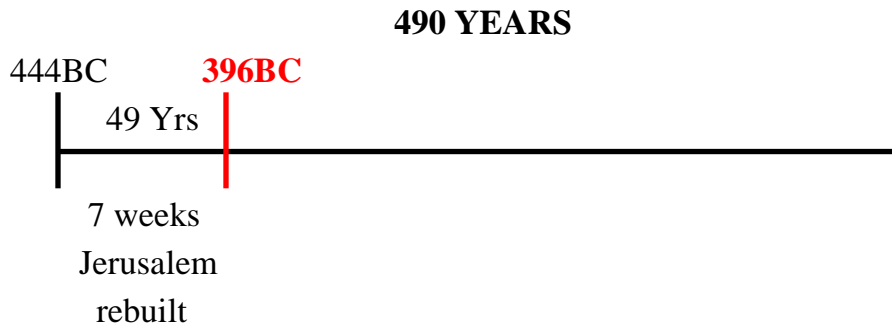
So, all we have to know is when the 483 years begin and then we will know when the Messiah will come to earth. Gabriel says it begins with the "issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem". This decree was issued on March 5, 444BC by Artaxerxes Longimanus (Neh 2:1-8).

Nehemiah 2:1, 7-8 And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes...And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors *of the provinces* beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸ and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted *them* to me because the good hand of my God *was* on me.

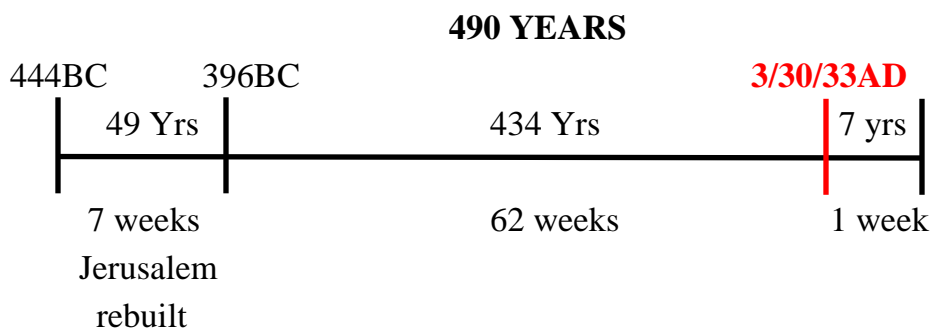
So, from computations we know that the 490 years began on March 5, 444BC.



Now go back to Daniel 9:25. What did Daniel say? Daniel said that there would be 7 weeks (= 49 years) + 62 weeks (= 434 years) before Messiah the Prince would come. Thus, during the first 7 weeks (= 49 years = 17,640 prophetic days), beginning in 444BC, the city of Jerusalem was completed with walls, streets, and a moat (396BC).



Next we have 62 weeks that follow (= 434 years = 156,240 prophetic days). The sixty-two weeks began in 396BC and extend to 33AD. The most accurate computations of the sixty-two weeks result in their end on March 30, 33AD (Julian Calendar). March 30, 33AD was the day of Jesus' Triumphal Entry, the last time Jesus was introduced as king of Israel (Luke 19:37-38, 39-40, 42, 44).

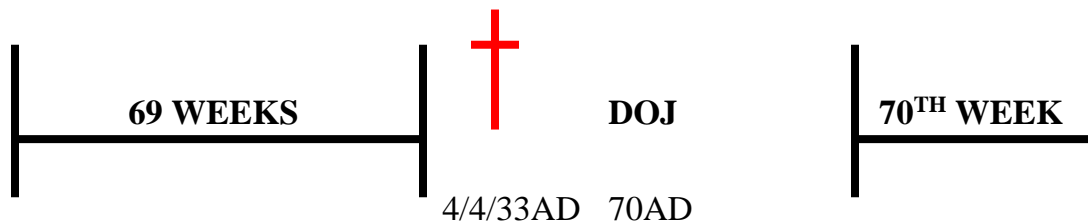


So, Gabriel is telling Daniel in verse 25 that exactly 483 years will pass between the issuing of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem and the coming of Messiah the Prince.

C. DANIEL 9:26: MESSIAH'S CRUCIFIXION AND THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM WILL HAPPEN IN BETWEEN THE 69TH AND 70TH WEEKS

Daniel 9:26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

First, notice the word “after”. The text does not say that these things happen *within* the 69 weeks or even *during* the 70th week but *after* the 69th week. Thus, there is clearly a gap of time in between the 483rd year and the 484th year. During this gap of unspecified duration verse 26 says two things will take place.



1. *MESSIAH WILL BE CUT OFF AND WILL HAVE NOTHING (9:26A)*

The first thing that must happen is “Messiah will be cut off”. This phrase refers to a violent death, namely, the “crucifixion” of Jesus. This occurred on April 4, 33AD (Julian Calendar). “He will have nothing” means that He will not have the earthly Messianic Kingdom that was promised in the OT.

2. *PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE WHO IS TO COME, WILL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY (9:26B)*

The second thing that must happen is “the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary”. The city and sanctuary here refer to Jerusalem and Herod’s Temple. Who were the people who destroyed Jerusalem and Herod’s Temple in 70AD? They were the Romans serving under Titus.

Who is the “prince who is to come”? He is the Antichrist who has yet to come and rule over the Revived Roman Empire. But whoever the Antichrist is he will be of Roman descent. He is of the same people that destroyed Herod’s Temple. After this gap of time there still remains a final week that must be fulfilled. This 70th week has not yet been fulfilled in history. That’s where Daniel 9:27 comes in.

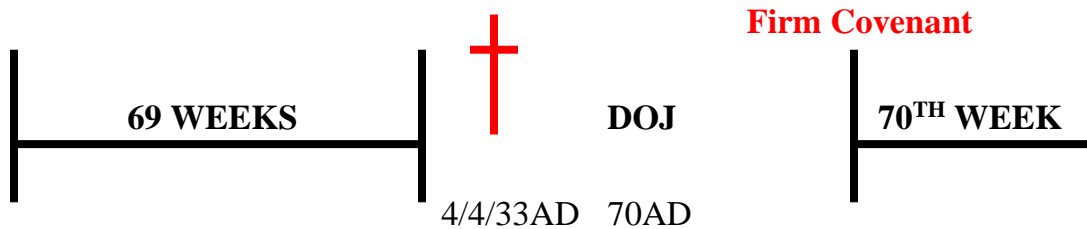
D. DANIEL 9:27: THE 70TH WEEK

Daniel 9:27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a

complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

1. *HE WILL MAKE A FIRM COVENANT*

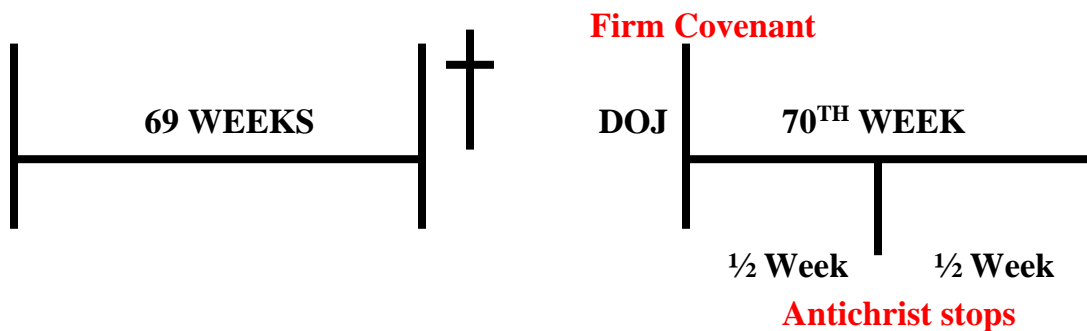
Who is "he"? "He" is the Antichrist who comes from Roman descent; the future world dictator. This "firm covenant" or contract marks the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel. Thus, what begins the 70th week of Daniel is not the rapture of the Church but the signing of a peace covenant between the Antichrist and Israel. This is a false peace but one that will lead the world to think that the Middle East conflict has been resolved. The treaty will be for "one week" which we know is 7 years of 360 days each for a total of 2,520 days.



2. *IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK HE WILL...STOP SACRIFICE*

First, this assumes a rebuilt Temple on the historic temple mount where the present Dome of the Rock now stands. It will have to be destroyed and replaced by a Jewish Temple. When this Tribulation Temple will be built is uncertain. Its construction may begin before the 70th week of Daniel begins or after it begins but whatever the case it must be operational before the middle of the 70th week. How do we know this? Because the text says, in the middle of the week he, that is, the Antichrist, will stop sacrifice.

Second, this text divides the 70th week of Daniel into two halves. The first half is 3 ½ years (1,260 days) and the second half is 3 ½ years (1,260 days). Matt 24 and Rev 6-19 divide the Tribulation into two halves of 3 ½ years each.



Sacrifice

3. *THE WING OF ABOMINATIONS COMES ONE WHO MAKES DESOLATE*

The “wing of Abominations” refers to the pinnacle of the Tribulation Temple. The Antichrist will apparently commit acts of such abomination that the Temple can no longer be called the Temple of the Lord but an idol temple.

4. *UNTIL A COMPLETE DESTRUCTION, ONE THAT IS DECREED, IS Poured OUT ON THE ONE WHO MAKES DESOLATE*

This describes a portion of the wrath of Christ at His Second Coming. Christ himself will pour out His wrath on the Antichrist. He will slay him with the breath of His mouth.

So, what I set out to show was that Dan 9:27 is a small sketch of the major events of the 70th week. It reveals that there is a set period of time, namely 7 years of 360 days each. Second, it divides the 70th week of Daniel into two halves of 3 ½ years each. Third, it mentions the Antichrist who will make a firm covenant with the leaders of Israel to begin the 70th week of Daniel. Fourth, it is implied that a Temple has been built on the historic temple mount and will be operational during the first half of the Tribulation. All sacrifices will stop in the middle of the 70th week. Fifth, it reveals that this period of time will be characterized by destruction. Sixth, this verse reveals that this period of 7 years will end with the Second Coming of Jesus.

| | Dan 9 | Matt 24 | Rev 6-19 |
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| Set Time Period | v 27 | v 22 | 11:2, 3; 12:6, 14; 13:5 |
| Division of Time | v 27 | v 15 | 11:2, 3; 12:6, 14; 13:5 |
| Antichrist | v 27 | v 24 | 13:1-10 |
| Temple | v 27 | v 15 | 11:1-2 |
| Destruction | v 27 | v 6-28 | 6-19 |
| Second Coming | v 27 | v 29-31 | 19:11-21 |

Matthew 24 will have all these details but it will also give us many more details. Finally, we'll see that Revelation 6-19 will give us many more details about the Tribulation which

is preparatory for Christ returning to take what is rightfully His since He paid the redemption price, not only for humans but for the whole earth.

ⁱ The word “sevens” is used in the following ways in other contexts. Genesis 29 sevens = 7 years that Jacob served Laban for Rachel; Gen. 41:25-27 seven = 7 years of Joseph’s dream; Job 1:2 seven = Job had 7 sons; Lev. 23:15, 16 seven = sabbaths/seven = days. As you can see the unit is not supplied by the word but must be supplied by the context.

ⁱⁱ Notice it says “the transgression” not just “transgression”. Some specific transgression is in view here, a specific outstanding sin that includes all the people of Israel. So, what we must discover is what national sin “the transgression” is referring to. Lev 26:40 and Matt 23:39 both describe a national confession of some national sin committed by Israel. The only sin this could possibly refer to is the national sin of Matthew 12 where the nation rejected Jesus’ Messiahship.

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