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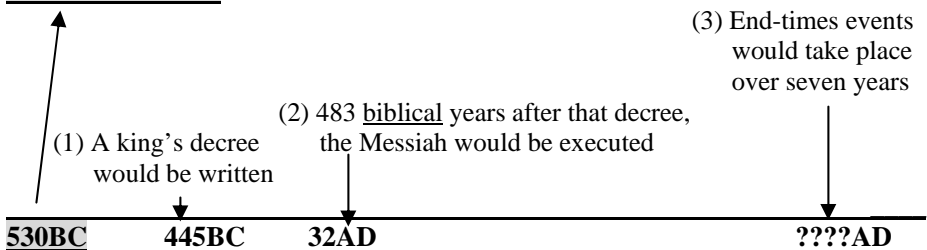
The Final Seven Years

The time allotted to end-time events is limited to seven years. Daniel foretold a 490-year timeline; 483 years occurred just as predicted. Based on that track record, the remaining end-time seven years are inevitable.

God limited the time allotted to end-time events to seven years. These seven years are part of a larger 490-year timeline that the prophet Daniel described—in only four verses. Realize that 483 of the 490 years have already occurred—exactly as predicted.

In the following graph, events (1) and (2) occurred exactly as Daniel predicted in 530 BC. Historical validation of this scriptural material as legitimate prophecy—capable of flawlessly predicting future events—is so very important. It demonstrates the ability of these same scriptures to foretell the still-future end-time events.

Daniel foretold ...



At first look, these verses appear exceptionally difficult to understand. For that reason, start with the summary below.

Daniel 9:24-27	Paraphrase of Main Points
<p><i>“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. (Daniel 9:24)</i></p>	<p>70 x 7 years = 490 years</p> <p>There is a 490-year period for Israel and the city of Jerusalem—during which time God’s will for our Age will be completed.</p>
<p><i>“Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree 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. (Daniel 9:25)</i></p>	<p>It is important to understand how these 490 years are distributed. <i>From the issuing of King Artaxerxes’ (then future) decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (coming from Israel’s Babylon captivity), until the Christ comes to Jerusalem (the week of Jesus’ execution) will be 483 years.</i></p> <p>$(7 \times 7 \text{ years}) + (62 \times 7 \text{ years}) = 483 \text{ years}$</p>
<p><i>After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.</i></p> <p><i>The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.</i></p> <p><i>The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. (Daniel 9:26)</i></p>	<p>The Christ <i>will be</i> stripped of everything and be executed.</p> <p><i>The people of the future Antichrist, the Romans, will then destroy Jerusalem and the Second Temple, which happened in 70 AD.</i></p> <p><i>The end-times will come upon the world like a flood. It will not be pleasant—know that wars will continue until the end.</i></p>
<p><i>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 on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. (Daniel 9:27)</i></p>	<p>Antichrist will <i>confirm a</i> peace treaty with many nations for a ‘seven’-year period. <i>In the middle of the ‘seven’-year period, Antichrist will put an end to the Jewish Old Testament sacrifice and offering (to be reestablished) at the rebuilt Temple—and violate his treaty.</i> Inside <i>the temple, he will set up an altar to himself. Antichrist will be a celebrity, but remember that he is destined for a horrific demise.</i></p>

Detailed Key

Daniel Wrote:	Interpretation
<i>decree to restore and re-build Jerusalem</i>	Persian King Artaxerxes decree, 445 BC
<i>seven 'sevens'</i>	49 years
<i>sixty-two 'sevens'</i>	434 years
Note: (7 + 62) x 7 years	483 years (7 years less than 490 years)
<i>the people of the ruler</i>	Roman/European people
<i>the ruler who will come</i>	Antichrist
<i>the Anointed One</i>	Christ
<i>cut off</i>	Executed
<i>the city and the sanctuary</i>	Jerusalem, to include the Temple— (Rome destroyed in 70 AD)
<i>He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven'</i>	Antichrist sponsors a large peace treaty for a seven-year time period— (Daniel's years 484–490)
<i>in the middle of the 'seven'</i>	At the 3 ½ year point (42 months)
<i>he will put an end to sacrifice and offering</i>	The Israeli temple on Mount Moriah will be re-built; animal sacrifices will again be offered; Antichrist stops sacrifices at the Temple
<i>wing of the temple he will set up...</i>	Antichrist will use the Temple to make an altar to himself
<i>end that is decreed</i>	Antichrist thrown into the Lake of Fire

The Overview

“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. (Daniel 9:24)

There exists a 490-year timeline for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem, to complete God’s purposes for Israel within our current Age. (70 x 7 years = 490 years)

The counting of the 490 years began in 445 BC when King Artaxerxes wrote the foretold *decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem*. (Ezra 7:11-28) God halted the counting of these years only seven years before the 490 years were completed—at 483 years. This interruption coincided with the time of Jesus’ death, and the establishment of the New Testament covenant.

Accordingly, there remains one final seven-year period for Israel, which will occur during the end-times.

TIME OF THE JEWS = 490 YEARS

Time of the Jews (initial)		Time of the Gentiles	Time of the Jews (end-time)
49 years (7 x 7 years)	434 years (62 x 7 years)	These Years Do Not Count	7 years (1 x 7 years)
Cumulative Total: 483 years 483 years (69 x 7 years)			Cumulative Total: 490 years (70 x 7 years)

THE 490-YEAR TIMELINE

Period	Prediction	Event	Time
	Daniel predicts: - Start Period 1 - End Period 1 - End Period 2 - Start Period 3	Daniel wrote time-specific prophecy that established a 490-year timeframe for Israel. This timeframe was divided into three periods.	530 BC
Start of Period #1	There will be a <i>decree to restore and re-build Jerusalem</i>	Historic decree Persian King Artaxerxes issued in 445 BC This event started the clock measuring Daniel's 490 years	0 YEARS
End Period #1 Start Period #2	Jerusalem will <i>be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.</i>	Period #1 ends with the rebuilding of Jerusalem. (Ezra, Nehemiah)	7 x 7 = 49 years later 49 YEARS
End of Period #2	Jesus, also called <i>the Anointed One, or the ruler, will come to Jerusalem</i>	Period #2 ends with Jesus coming into Jerusalem for execution in 32 AD.	62 x 7 = 434 years 483 YEARS

TIME OF THE GENTILES – TODAY

Start of Period #3	<i>The end-times will come like a flood: ... He (Antichrist) will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. ...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antichrist will forge a seven-year peace treaty with many nations. - In the middle of the seven years, Antichrist will turn against Israel—and stop the religious practices of <i>sacrifice and offering.</i> - Antichrist will proclaim that he is God. 	1 x 7 = 7 years — for the future 490 YEARS
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Israel

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Daniel foretold that the *Anointed One* (Christ) would come to Jerusalem 483 years after *the issuing of the decree to restore and re-build Jerusalem*. King Artaxerxes issued such a *decree*. Then as predicted, 483 years (of 360 days) later Jesus entered Jerusalem the week of his death. The math is $(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7) = 483$ years.

This verse foretold the time of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the time of the crucifixion. Experts calculated the dates as being from March 14, 445 BC (1 Nisan in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes) to April 6, 32 AD (10 Nisan the year Jesus enters Jerusalem).

Some historians dispute the exact dates. Jewish years were shorter than 365 days; accordingly, current calendars do not depict the elapsed time as 483 years. Variables such as leap years make conversion to ancient calendars difficult. Historians generally use 360 days per ancient calendar year, for 483 years, equal to 173,880 days.

To resolve controversy, set aside calculations that use exact dates. Only one person claimed to be Messiah when the 483 years expired; without doubt, these scriptures point to Jesus of Nazareth.

The 483 years in our past are one 'seven' year period short of the 490 years. This final seven-year period is reserved for the end-times. The initial 483 years ended at the time of Jesus' crucifixion, when the "Time of the Jews" gave way to the "Time of the Gentiles."

Crucifixion to the End Times

After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. (Daniel 9:26a)

Daniel foretold what would happen when the *Anointed One* (Messiah) would be executed. Some translations use a less descriptive phrase as a replacement for "executed." For example, the NIV translation translates as "*cut off*."

The Time of the Gentiles

Events the week of the crucifixion signified an end to the initial time of the Jews. Jesus cursed the *fig tree*, a symbol for the nation of Israel: *The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.* (Mark 11:12-14) *The next day: In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.* (see Mark 11:20)

At the same time, Jesus also rejected the Israeli religious system: *On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'*" (Mark 11:15-17)

The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. (Daniel 9:26b)

Daniel is now referring to the (then) future destruction of Jerusalem. In 70 AD, because Israel had rejected its Messiah, this destruction occurred. The *people* (Romans) who destroyed *the city* (Jerusalem) and *the sanctuary* (Temple) were to be *the people of the ruler who will come*. In other words, the invading (Roman) army was to come from the (*people of the*) future Antichrist's kingdom. Therefore, the kingdom of the Antichrist must be a Roman Empire.

Jesus also foretold the destruction of the Temple: *Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.*" (Matthew 24:1-2; see Mark 13:1-37, Luke 21:5-36) This later occurred when Roman commanders ordered soldiers to ensure that *not one stone* be left standing on top of *another*, to ensure all gold was plundered from the Temple.

Because these stones were scattered, when Islamic people came to Jerusalem to build on the site of the first two Israeli Temples, they built on a different location. Accordingly, the Islamic shrines are on the wrong location. This error will allow the third Israeli temple to be built, exactly as prophecy foretold, without destroying politically sensitive Islamic shrines. This rebuilt temple is certain to exist during the end-times. (Revelation 11:1-2)

The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. (Daniel 9:26c)

The end-times are to come quickly, without warning, similar to an unexpected *flood*.

The Final Seven Years

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The end-times start with a seven-year peace *covenant*, which Antichrist will break after three and a half years. He will travel to the Temple Mount, where priests at the rebuilt *temple* will have reinstated the Old Testament practice of blood *sacrifice and offering*. Antichrist will stop blood sacrifice, and announce to the world that he is *God*. Paul said concerning Antichrist that *he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God*. (see 2 Thessalonians 2:4)

God will have an awesome response to Antichrist. He will lift the veil that has blinded Israel for two millenniums, and all Israel will see Jesus as its Messiah. The entire nation of Israel will turn to Jesus. The Old Testament described the moment Israel will accept its crucified Messiah—the one pierced on the cross: *And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a first-born son. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great ...”* (Zechariah 12:10-11)

Paul also wrote with certainty of Israel’s accepting Jesus: “*I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved ...*” (Romans 11:25-26)

At the time *all Israel* is saved, unsaved Gentiles’ hearts will be hardened, like how God hardened Pharaoh’s heart in Egypt. (Exodus 10:27) This hardening occurs after *the full number of the Gentiles* have been saved. Scripture tells us that unless God *draws* a person, that person cannot find salvation. Beyond this point in time, the *Father* will never again *draw* a lost Gentile. (John 6:44) Gentiles will accept the mark of the beast, and accept an eternal covenant with Antichrist while still living.

“TIME OF THE JEWS” and “TIME OF THE GENTILES”

Time of the Jews ← 483 years →	Time of the Gentiles gap	Time of the Jews ← final seven years of our Age →	
Israel in belief (Old Testament)	Israel in unbelief (New Testament)	3 ½ Years PRE-BELIEF	3 ½ Years POST-BELIEF
		Israel continues to reject Christ	Israel accepts Christ
Starting from a king’s decree to rebuild Jerusalem, this period would last 483 years.	Jesus curses a fig tree—the symbol for Israel. The tree dies—a symbolic end to the initial Time of Jews. - Mark 11:12-21	Two witnesses, with supernatural powers, testify in Jerusalem; however, Israel does not respond. - Revelation 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel turns to Jesus • Worldwide persecution of Israel. - Revelation 11:13
		Last chance for Gentiles to find eternal life	Last chance for Jews to find eternal life