

THE LAMPSTAND - PIVOTAL EVENTS OF THE 7 YEAR TRIBULATION

I. FIRST 3 ½ YEARS OF THE 7 YEAR TRIBULATION

Antichrist Established the 7 Year Treaty with Israel - The 7 Year Tribulation Begins

Daniel 9:21, 24-27

21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

24 Seventy weeks 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 to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: 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, but not for himself: and the people 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.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: 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.

❖ THE 7 WEEKS OF YEARS (v. 25)

49 years or 7 weeks of 7 years is the period where the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem was given. It took 49 years to accomplish this beginning in 445 BC.

❖ THE 62 WEEKS OF YEARS (v. 25)

434 years or 62 weeks of years (62x7 = 434) is the period from the end of rebuilding the walls to the time Messiah would be revealed.

Adding the 7 weeks or 49 years to the 62 weeks or 434 year brings us to exactly 483 years from the rebuilding of the wall unto the very day April 2, 30 AD, that Jesus paraded through the streets of Jerusalem just prior to going to the cross.

Note: Due to the various calendars used in history, the math must be performed according to those calendars. Bible scholar Clarence Larkin, an engineer by trade, worked out the years down to the exact day.

❖ THE FINAL WEEK OF 7 YEARS (v.27)

This period describes the final week of years of the original 70 weeks. It is the 7 year Tribulation. The antichrist will establish a 7 Year Peace Treaty with Israel, thereby confirming the covenant. This treaty marks the beginning of the 7 Year Tribulation period, which is defined by very specific dates and events. It is described by two very distinct halves of exactly 3 ½ years each, not a day more not a day less. These two 3 ½ year periods are based on a 360 day Jewish calendar described as either 1260 days, 42 months or a time, times and half of time. (time - 1 yr, times - 2 yrs, and ½ of time - half a yr)

1st Day of the 7 Year Tribulation - The Two Eyewitnesses Begin 1260 Days of Testimony

Revelation 11:3

I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, (1260 Days) clothed in sackcloth.

The 144,000 Bond Servants Sealed During the First 3 ½ Years - The Firstfruits

Revelation 7:2-4

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the (bond) servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. (12,000 from 12 Tribes)

❖ Revelation 14:4

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

II. FIVE PIVOTAL MIDWAY EVENTS - EXACTLY 3 ½ YEARS INTO THE TRIBULATION

1. The Devil and the Demonic Angels are Cast Out of the 2nd Heaven

Revelation 12:7-9, 12-13

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

2. The Antichrist and the Devil Given Dominion for 3 ½ Years

Daniel 7:25-26

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (3 ½ years)

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Revelation 13:2, 5-7

2 And **the beast** which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and **power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.** (3 ½ years)

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And **it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

3. The Two Eyewitnesses are Killed on Day 1260 - The Exact Midpoint

Revelation 11:3, 7, 11-12

3 And **I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days** (exactly 1260 Days = 3 ½ years), clothed in sackcloth.

7 And **when they shall have finished their testimony**, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

11 And **after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.**

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And **they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.**

- ❖ The two witnesses finish their testimony exactly on day 1260. Mathematically, there is no possible way that they could have operated in the 2nd half of the tribulation. It is very clear that the devil and his antichrist will be given exactly 1260 days or 42 months or a time, times and half a time, not a day more - not a day less. After the 42 months, the judgment will sit. This specific timeframe is exactly the length of days that the two witnesses are given.
- ❖ At the end of their testimony of exactly 1260 days, they are killed and their bodies lay in the streets for 3 ½ days. Then in the 3rd day, they are resurrected while their enemies behold them. The problem with this scenario is that on 1260 day of the second half of the tribulation, Jesus Christ destroys the armies of the antichrist in the Battle of Armageddon, and throws the antichrist and the false prophet into the lake of fire. This is synonymous with the exact number of days that the antichrist was allowed to rule, 1260 days or 42 months or a time, times and half a time, not a day less - not a day more. This being the case, then the two witnesses would have been laying in the streets dead for 3 days, and on the 3rd day they are resurrected in front of their enemies that are now defeated, and thrown into the lake of fire. Meanwhile, Christ would leave them on the streets for 3 days, after defeating the armies of Armageddon on day one. The math simply does not work.

3. The Antichrist Commits the Abomination of Desolation - Declares Himself God

Matthew 24:15-16

15 **When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 **Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:**

Daniel 9:27

He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: 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.

II Thessalonians 2:3-4

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

4. Israel Flees from the Antichrist for 3 ½ Years

Revelation 12:13-14

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.

III. TWO PIVOTAL EVENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MIDWAY HAPPENINGS

1. The False Prophet

Revelation 13:11-14

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

2. The Mark of the Beast

Revelation 13:15-18

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.