

Bible Prophecy Guide

The Bible's Longest Time Prophecy

Summary 5

2 Corinthians 5:10 – We all will face judgment.

Revelation 22:12 - The judgment must take place before the 2nd coming if Jesus is bringing a reward with Him.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, 21-22, 26-27 – Daniel jumps around in this dream of Daniel 7 but it helps to understand that in a sense, he's recording it as he sees it and thus he skips around. As we read the account as given, we discover that the Ancient of Days is the Father in Heaven and that Jesus, "the Son of Man," approaches Him. Then judgment is made in favor of the saints. After this judgment, we see that the saints come to possess the kingdom and the Little Horn, and all the wicked will be destroyed. We will cover the details of this final phase of the judgment along with the identity of the little horn later in the series.

1 Peter 4:17 – Here Peter confirms the truth that judgment begins with God's people.

Daniel 8:14 – Here we learn that the cleansing of the sanctuary begins after 2300 years (day = a year in Bible prophecy). What was the cleansing of the sanctuary? When do the 2300 years end? These are questions that need answers.

To understand this phrase, "then the sanctuary shall be cleansed," we must first review the plan of salvation as illustrated in the sanctuary system God gave Israel in the Old Testament.

Leviticus 4:27-31 – If you lived back in the Old Testament period and sinned, you had to take a lamb or goat and confess your sins over and kill it. Then the priest took the blood (blood represented life) of the lamb and placed it in the Holy Place of the sanctuary. This meant that your sins were now transferred via the lamb into the sanctuary and no longer resided with you. This took place throughout the year and thus the sins of God's people were collected in the sanctuary.

Leviticus 16:15-17, 7, 20 - Once a year they cleansed the sanctuary of all the sin that had collected there. This day was called the day of atonement and was essentially a day of judgment. After the High Priest interceded before God via the blood of the sacrificed goat, he would take the other goat which remained alive and place symbolically all the sins of the sanctuary on it. Then they sent this live goat out into the wilderness to die on its own. Thus, the sanctuary was now cleansed, and the only way sin could reside in the camp is if someone failed to confess all their sins. This was a time of judgment for Israel. This judgment scene on the Day of Atonement didn't relate to those who were not of the camp of Israel, it only pertained to those inside the camp.

Hebrews 9:24-26 - Now Jesus is in heaven serving in the heavenly sanctuary. He was represented by the lamb and the priest in the Old Testament service. Now He intercedes on our behalf.

1 John 2:1 – Jesus is our advocate and judge. When we sin, we don't sacrifice a lamb anymore, for the lamb died and has risen, and now we go straight to Him with our mistakes.

Daniel 8:14, 17,26-27 – This time prophecy takes us to the time of the end according to verse 17 and this vision troubled Daniel.

Ezekiel 4:6 & Numbers 14:34 – A day represents a year in prophecy. Now we can understand why this prophecy in Daniels day could take one to the time of the end for 2300 years is a very long time.

Daniel 9:24 – After spending time in much prayer in the first part of Daniel 9 over the vision of Daniel 8, Daniel receives a message to clarify the vision. The angel says that 70 weeks are determined for his people, meaning the Israelite people. But what they are asked to accomplish in that time seems humanly impossible. A better translation for determined is cut off and when you consider that this message is in response to Daniel 8's vision, you realize that 70 weeks are cut off of the 2300 days. Since there are 7 days in a week, we multiply 7x70 to arrive at 490 days or years in prophecy. These days are cut off of the 2300 of Daniel 8.

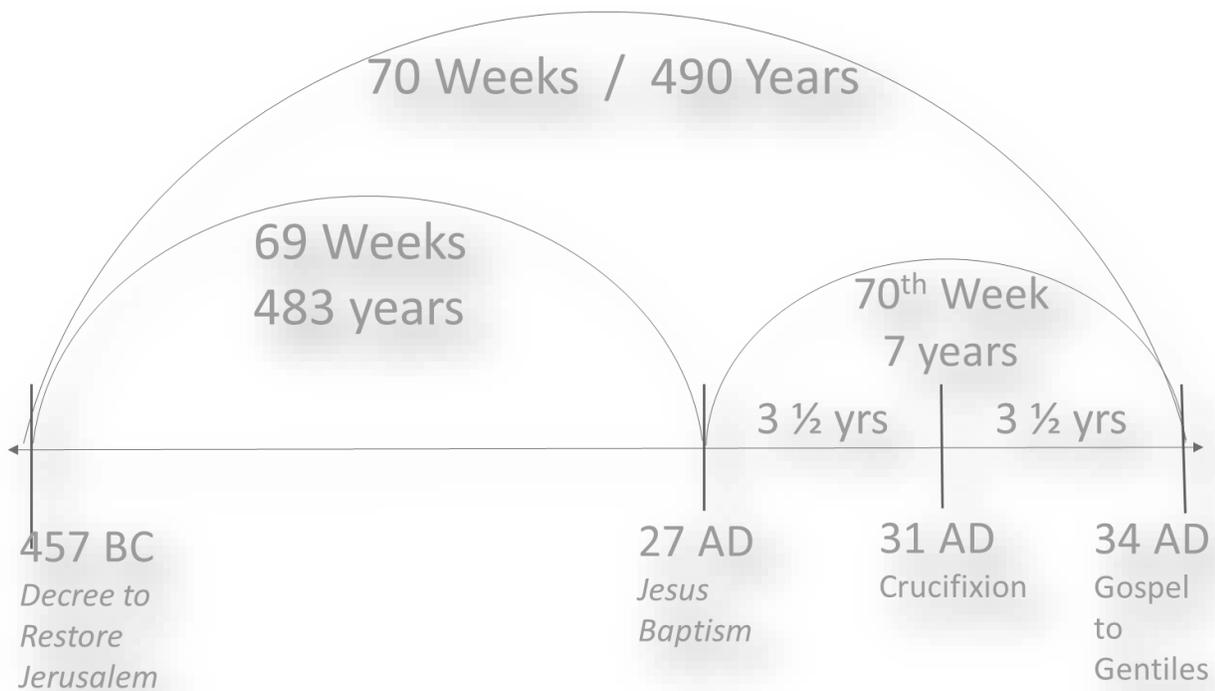
Daniel 9:25 – Then the vision gets more specific. It says that from the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince shall be 62 and 7 weeks which equals 69 weeks or 483 days (years). If we look in history at when this decree was issued, we see that King Artaxerxes issued a decree in 457 BC to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. If we add 483 years to this date, we end up with 27AD. According to this prophecy, we should see the Messiah the prince in this year.

Luke 3:1 – This passage tells us that Jesus was baptized in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar. History reveals that the 15th year of his reign was in 27AD thus confirming the accuracy of this prophecy.

Daniel 9:26-27 – Then after the 483 years, the Messiah would be cut off but not for Himself. This reminds us that Jesus didn't die for Himself but for you and me. The text tells us that He would confirm the agreement with us in the middle of the week and that this would bring an end to sacrifice and offering. A half week in Bible prophecy is 3 ½ years (day = year) and Christ's public ministry lasted 3 ½ years. Jesus died just when prophecy predicted.

Matthew 27:50-51 – The thick curtain dividing the Holy from the Most Holy Place was torn from top to bottom the moment Jesus died signifying that the sanctuary service which pointed towards this event was no longer needed.

Acts 8:2,4 – Stephen was stoned in Acts 7 and here we see that it was then, 3 ½ years after Christ's death, that we see that indeed, the gospel began to be preached to the Gentiles as well.



Matthew 10:5-6 – Jesus originally instructed the disciples to reach out to the Israelites. He was calling them to repentance and unto Himself, the true Lamb of God!

Luke 13:34-35 – Jesus labored with Israel to bring them unto Himself, but they refused. Thus their temple, which they felt was the house of God, was left unto them desolate.

Matthew 21:43 – Jesus warned the Israelites that indeed, that the kingdom would be taken from them and given to those who would respond and bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Jeremiah 18:7-10 – Israel failed to repent as a nation, and thus the promises made to them, which were conditional based on their faithfulness, are now to be realized in Christ and those who are His faithful followers, whether Jew or Gentile.

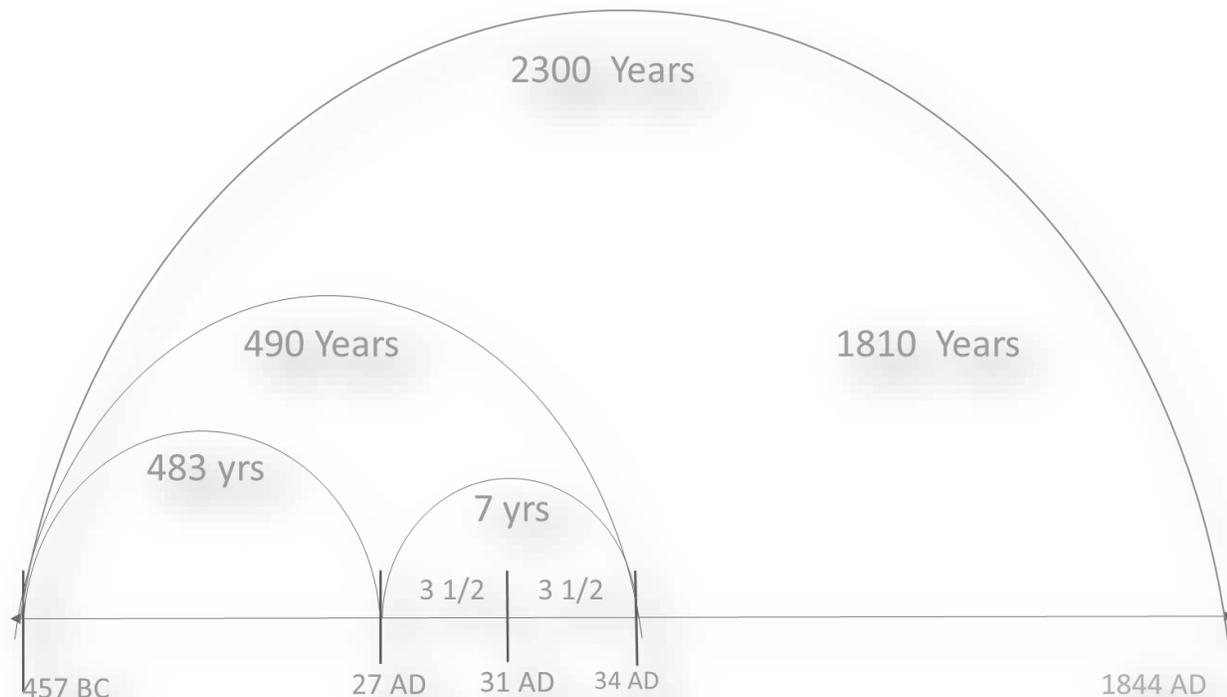
Romans 9:6-8 – Makes it clear that faithfulness to God, not one's ancestry, is what matters with God.

Galatians 3:28-29 – Thus the Bible says that if we are in Christ, we are heirs according to the promise given to Abraham.

Romans 2:28-29 – You are not an Israelite because you are born a Jew; you are an heir of the promise if you are born anew in Christ. Circumcision is now of the heart. You don't have to be born an Israelite to be an heir of the promise.

Romans 11:14-15, 19-21, 23 – We are grafted in through Jesus. But unbelief will require that you be cut off. There is hope for the Israelite people, but it's the same hope we all share. By coming to Christ, we can all be grafted in.

When we return to the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and consider that the start date is 457 BC as detailed in Daniel 9:24-27, we realize that 2300 years end in 1844. Thus, according to Scripture, the cleansing of the sanctuary or the judgment of God's people began in 1844. And according to Daniel 8:17, this means we are living in the time of the end today.



Revelation 14:6-7 – The hour of his judgment has come according to this message and that is GOOD NEWS!!!

Hebrews 4:16 – Because Jesus died for us, we can come boldly to the throne of grace and receive forgiveness. We are living in the judgment, but that is good news if you know the Judge.

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