

Between Weeks & Rev 4

Sunday Evenings

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Daniel 9:24-27



1. "Weeks"

• Daniel 9:24-27 we read:

- "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. 25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. 26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. 27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

Daniel 9:24-27



- Gabriel explains in these verses the interpretation of what comes before it
- Daniel had been reading and praying over Jeremiah's prophecy regarding number of YEARS (v 2)
- The entire chapter 9 deals with YEARS
- Gabriel comes to provide interpretation of Jeremiah's writings
- The term "weeks" (by translators), here should have been translated "sevens" (though the result is the same).

Daniel 9



- Daniel believed the end of the 70 years spoken by Jeremiah were at an end
- He was partly correct but Gabriel comes to provide specifics
- Gabriel says is that it's not 70 "weeks" but 70 "sevens" of weeks – a bit of a play on words
- 70 sevens of years OR 70 times 7 years
- 70 **sevens** of years equals **490** years TOTAL
- The 70 years of Jeremiah is merely one portion of the total program for Israel = 490 years

70 "Sevens" or 490 Years



- The captivity suffered by Jews was going to end because 70 years was almost up.
- However, this was only part of the whole
- 490 years was decreed by God to:
 - Finish the transgression
 - Put an end to sin
 - Atone for the iniquity
 - Bring in everlasting righteousness
 - Seal both the vision and prophet
 - Anoint a most holy place

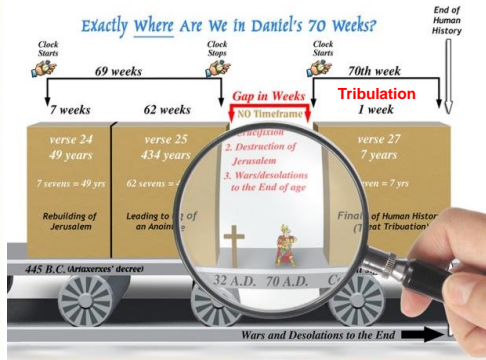
When Did the 490 Years Start?



- Most conservative biblical scholars believe the date of origin is:
- Artaxerxes Longimanus 445 BC (both Ezra 4 & Nehemiah 4 support this)
- From March 14, 445 BC to Jesus' Triumphant entry 173,880 days passed = 483 years or 69 "weeks"
- Based on Jewish calendar of 360 days/year

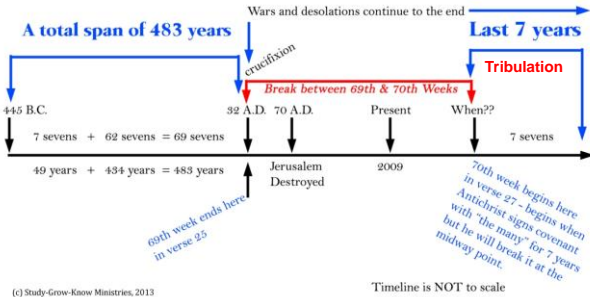


Timeline of 70 "sevens" or 490 years





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Revelation 4 - God's Throne Room

"After these things..." (Rev 4:1)

- John sees an open door in heaven
- He is told to "come up" to see what was slated to happen in the FUTURE
- This "come up" does not necessarily prove a PreTrib Rapture
- It appears that God wanted John to see things from the vantage point of heaven
- "I will show you things which must* take place after this..."
- "must" = *dei* = divine necessity



Revelation 4 – God’s Throne Room

- As soon as John heard the divine voice, he was translated *spiritually* (while his body remained on earth), to God’s throne room
- What John sees from chapter 4 onward is what comes AFTER the period of the 7 churches
- This *may* indicate a PreTrib Rapture
- The Church may already be in heaven at this point...
- But again, what John sees is a VISION



Revelation 4 – God’s Throne Room

What John sees:

- One sitting upon the throne
- this One shined brilliantly
- most likely God the Father

The attendants

- 24 thrones with Elders
- in white with crowns

- White is a symbol of salvation throughout Revelation
- Celestial beings do not need salvation
- Elders were at one time *lost* but became saved



Revelation 4 – God’s Throne Room

What John sees:

- Crowns are not “diadems” worn by royalty
- Crowns are “stephanos” = overcomers
- This *could* signify the Church
- The term “elders” is nowhere else used in Scripture for angelic beings
- The term is exclusively used of humans in positions of authority in synagogue or church
- Since Church is a kingdom of priests, the 24 elders *may* represent the Church as a whole



Revelation 4 – God’s Throne Room

What John sees:

- Holy Spirit is referenced in v 5
- Verses 6-8 describe four living creatures
- They are likely seraphim as described in Isaiah 6:1-3:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"



Revelation 4 – God’s Throne Room

What John sees:

- The entirety of what John sees in God’s throne room is symbolic of God’s sovereignty exercised in judgment.
- From this point of origination proceeds the outworking of God’s wrath described in the body of the Apocalypse (cf. 6:10, 16-17; 14:7;15:1; 16:5, 19; 18:20; 19:2, 11).
- Though evil reigns for a time on earth, God will ultimately prevail.



Revelation 4 – God’s Throne Room

What John sees:

- There is constant, continuous praise of and for God – His *righteousness*, His *truth*, His *sovereignty*.
- One day, all of God’s saints will join in uniting their voices and hearts in absolute and continual praise to and for God.
