

Daniel's Seventieth Week

(Why the Great Tribulation is only 3.5-yrs long and not 7-yrs)

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build JERUSALEM unto the Messiah the Prince [Mat 4:17; the beginning of Jesus' ministry] shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks [69-weeks/years: 7+60+2]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And AFTER [the] threescore and two weeks [which automatically includes the first seven weeks mentioned in v. 25] shall Messiah be cut off [@ 69 & ½ weeks], but not for himself: and the **people of the prince** [Dan 8:12] that shall come shall destroy the city [Rev 17:18] and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a **flood** [Isa 59:19; Jer 50:44; Rev 12:15: **military annihilation/Gog**], and unto the **end** of the **war** [**Armageddon**] **desolations** are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week* [7-yrs]: and in **the midst of the week** [3.5-yrs/1,260-days] he shall cause the **sacrifice** and the **oblation** to cease [i.e. the Old Testament sacrifices of the **Law**], and for the overspreading of **abominations** he shall make it desolate, even until the **consummation** [of the **marriage**: Mat 25:10], and that determined [or once that happens then] shall be poured [**destruction**] upon the **desolate**" Daniel 9:25-27

Also see: "Messiah cut off..."

Also see: "The 70-week Prophecy"

Jesus is given **3.5 years** to minister

Witnesses are given **3.5 years** to minister

In Daniel 9:21-24 Gabriel is sent to give Daniel "skill and understanding" concerning certain *weeks* that will follow their release from captivity (Ezr 1:1-5). Each "week" needs to be converted into 7-years (each day equaling one year) to make sense of the actual time frame. In Numbers 14 below & in Gen 29:27-20, God established this principle of "days for years."

"After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, *each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise." Numbers 14:34

The Great Tribulation: Mat 24:7-28

42-months: Rev 11:2

1,260-days: Rev 11:3

Time, times, and one half: Dan 7:25, 12:7; Rev 12:14

Daniel's "70th week" is actually seven prophetic years that take place after the 69th week. These "7-days" convert into *seven years* which was an *idiom* or common understanding for the Jews in those days (Num 14:34). Now even though the prophecy says "69-weeks till Messiah comes," which refers to the start of His ministry. This is when the prophetic time clock starts ticking once Jesus is baptized and begins His 3.5-yrs of ministry at the age of thirty: Lk 3:22-23; Mat 4:17. Daniel is one of the only places in the Bible that clearly states that Jesus/Yeshua/Messiah would personally minister for only 3.5-weeks/years. Yet, historical dating of events and political appointments surrounding this time period can also be used to confirm the time span. Thus, Jesus already served the *first half* of this prophetic "70th week (7-yrs)." The last half will be given to the saints of The Most High. God is shown to count 360-days as a year in places like Revelation 11 & 12 where 3.5-years equals **42-months/1,260-days/ time, times, and one half** (see Dan 4:16). Therefore God is shown to use exact 30-day months in prophecy. Now the problem is, many preachers teach a "seven year long" **great tribulation period**, even though the book of Revelation never mentions one. This is in error for they do not take into account that Jesus already fulfilled the first half of Daniel's 70th week.

The Math: 7-years x 360-days a year= 2520-total days for both Jesus and the Witnesses to minister.

Thus, 2520-days ÷ 2-ministries = 1,260-days (Rev 11:3) apiece to minister.