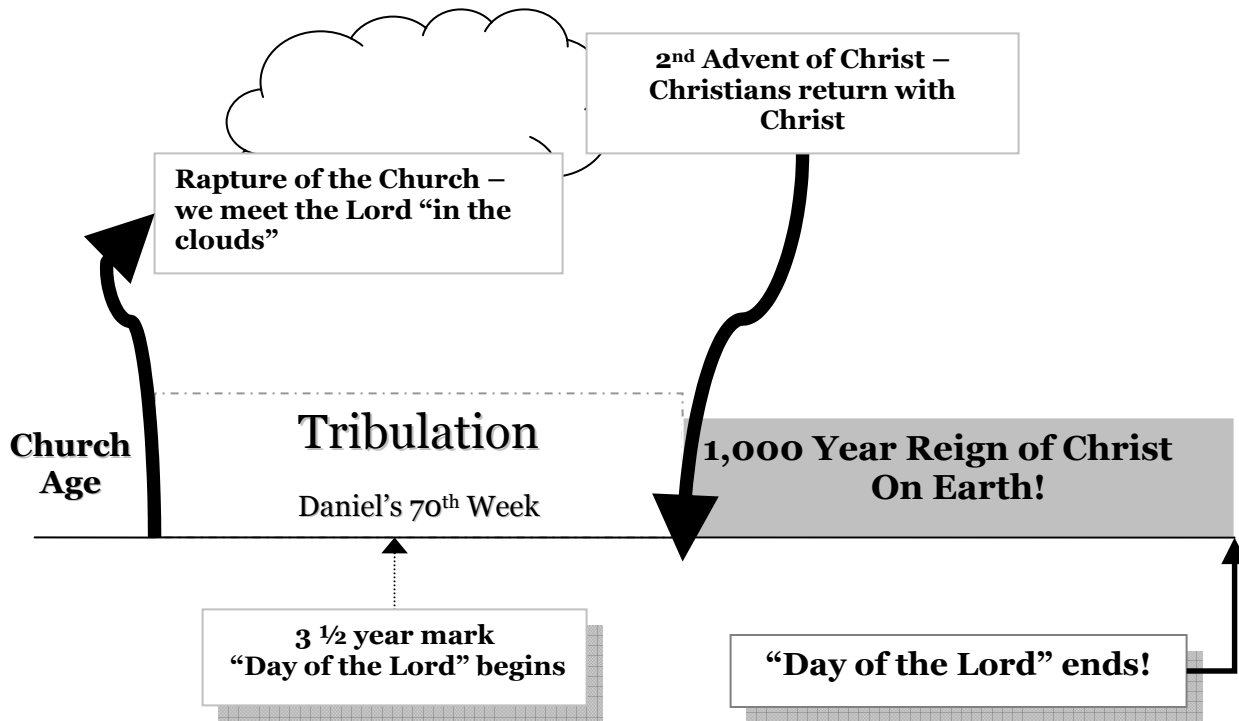


I Thessalonians

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Dan 9:24-26

(24) "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

(25) "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

(26) "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off (Day of Christ's triumphal entry to Jerusalem – when He presented Himself as King and was rejected) and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary (accomplished in 70AD). And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

From the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures).

HEBDOMEKONTA – "seventy"

HEBDOMAS – "sevens" (period of seven years)

From the Hebrew Scriptures

SHIBeIYM – "seventy"

SHABUA – "sevens" (period of seven years)

HEPTAD – a period of seven years

Vs. 24 - "Seventy weeks" is 70 - seven year periods or 490 years.

Vs. 25 - "seven weeks" is actually seven – seven year periods or 49 years and "sixty-two weeks" is actually sixty-two – seven year periods or 434 years.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.

Analysis of times

Some basic terminology –

Prophetic year – 360 days

Solar year – 365 days

Leap year –

- A leap year is a year with one extra day inserted into that year (in February).
 - Leap years have 366 days as opposed to 365 days.
 - During leap years February has 29 days instead of the normal 28 days.
 - Here are the guidelines that determine which years are leap years:
 - Every year divisible by 4 is a leap year
 - Every year divisible by 100 is NOT a leap year, but divisible by 400 is a leap year
 - Leap years are designed so that Henry Hastings III can celebrate a birthday ☺.
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Nehemiah 2:1-8

(1) And it came about in the month Nisan (March/April), in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

(2) So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid.

(3) I said to the king, "Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?"

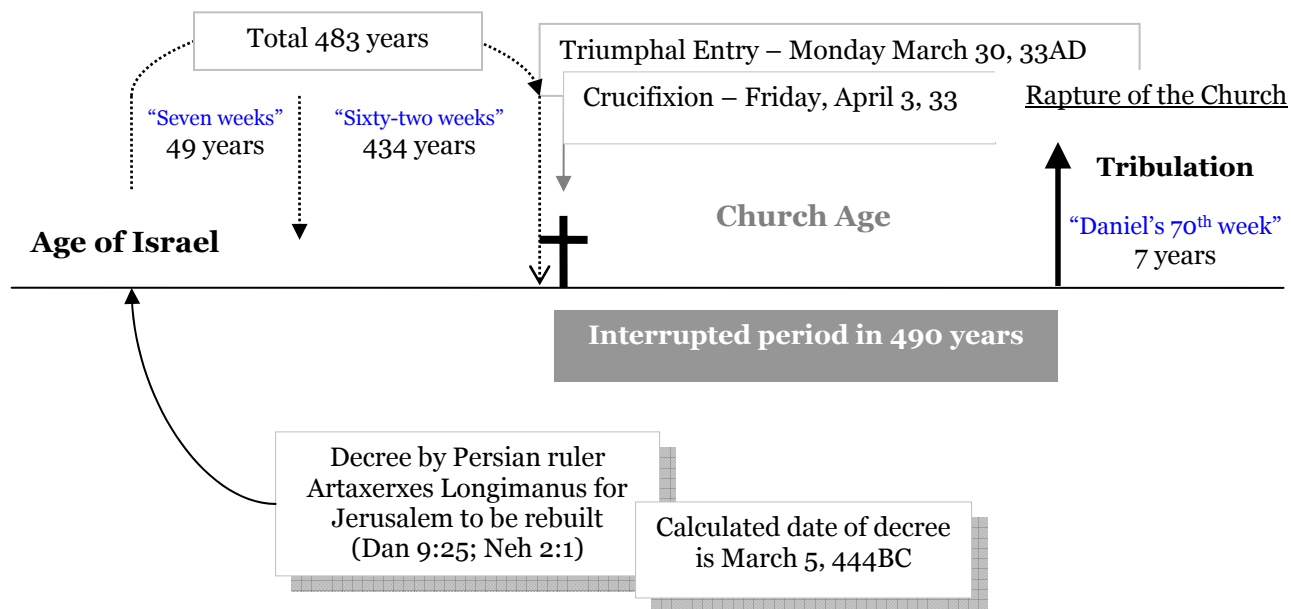
(4) Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.

(5) I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

(6) Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time.

(7) And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah,

(8) and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.



Calculation of days

- 1) "Seven weeks" - $7 \times 7 = 49$ years
- 2) "Sixty-two weeks" - $7 \times 62 = 434$ years
- 3) $434 \text{ years} + 49 \text{ years} = 483 \text{ years}$ - - [sum of #1 and #2] - - this time frame fulfilled BC - - the last 7 years fulfilled after the Church Age (called the Tribulation).

$$434 \text{ years} + 49 \text{ years} + 7 \text{ years} = 490 \text{ years (Dan 9:24).}$$

- 4) $483 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days} = 173,880 \text{ prophetic days}$
- 5) $173,880 \text{ (days)} / 365 \text{ (days in solar year)} = 476 \text{ (solar years)} \times 365 \text{ (days in solar year)} = 173,740 \text{ days (solar)}$
- 6) $365 \text{ (solar years)} - 360 \text{ (prophetic years)} = 5 \text{ days difference}$
- 7) $476 \text{ (solar years)} \times 5 \text{ (days)} = 2380 \text{ (days)} / 360 \text{ (prophetic days per year)} = 6.611 \text{ years}$

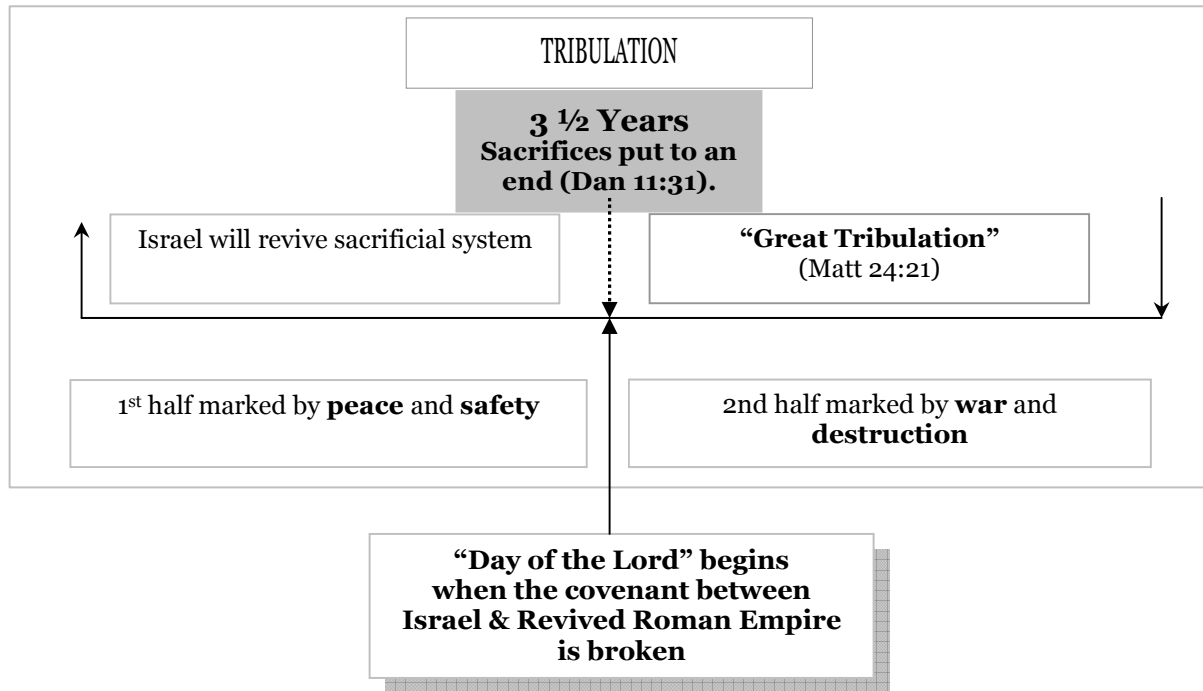
Leap year calculation

- 8) $476 \text{ years} / 4 \text{ (leap year every 4th year)} = 119 \text{ days} - 3 \text{ days (to adjust for 100 year with no leap year)} = 116 \text{ (leap year days added to total number of days)}$
- 9) $171,360 \text{ (prophetic days)} - 173,856 \text{ (solar years including leap years)} = 24 \text{ days}$

Known dates

- 10) Crucifixion date Friday, April 3, 33AD
- 11) Triumphal Entry Monday, March 30, 33AD
- 12) Adjusting for the 24 days [#9] determines a decree date of March 5, 444BC

Calculation of days taken from: Harold W. Hoehner, *Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing, 1977), 115-139.



1 Thess 5:3

(3) While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

**Application to the “stage setting” that is going on today in the Church Age –
Carpe Occasio!**