

The Two Witnesses, a Timeline and 70 weeks

Revelation 11:1-14

Several Items Introduced that Begin to Help Time Take Place

Some events come into focus

The ministry of the two witnesses

A person comes into focus

The beast from the abyss

Some dating comes into focus

42 months, 1260 days

A building and events that surround it come into focus

The Temple

The Temples

1. Solomon's

Temple started in 967 BC When Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians in 587 BC
Solomon's temple was burnt (2 Kings 25:9, 13-17) See Psalms 74:4, 7; 79:1 Isaiah 63:
18; 64: 11Jer 51:51 Lam 1:10; Lam 2:7,20.

2. Zerubbabel's Temple

Started 536 BC, resumed 520 BC finished 516 BC, Ezra 1-6; 1:2-4 and 6:3-5, 3:7
Haggai and Zechariah (1-8) Ezra 6:14 completion, second somewhat "inferior" to the
first (Hag 2:3; Zech 4:10 Ezr 3:12. This temple was destroyed again or severely
damaged as can be read about in 1 Macc and Josephus.

3. Herod's Temple

Herod became King de facto by his capture of Jerusalem in 37 BC. For political
purposes, he rebuilt the temple (see Jesus reference in John 2:20), this work was not
completed until 64 AD, and 6 years later it was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.
NO Jewish temple has been there since then.

Today a Mohammendan Mosque, perhaps the most sacred place for millions of Moslems

4. Tribulation Temple

Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Revelation 11:1,2

5. Ezekiel's Temple

Ezekiel 40-48

Built during millennial kingdom.

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

42 months and 1260 days, Revelation 11: 2, 3

Daniel's Seventy Weeks, Daniel 9:24-27

They are seventy 'sevens,' certainly all of Daniel's language demands they are 70 periods of 7 years each, 490 years.

When did this start?

First, why 490 years?

Parallels the time of failed Sabbaths, 2 Chron 36:21, Daniel 9:1, 2

When did Daniel's 70 7's start?

Daniel 9:25

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem..."

Nehemiah 1:1-4; 2:1-8

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes... (2:1)

"This is one of the best known dates in ancient history..." March 14, 445 BC

The Jewish and ancient near eastern calendars were 360 days, (they adjusted for "leap years" differently than we do).

When did the 69 7's stop?

Doing the math, adjusting for leap years and Jewish calendars, etc, that date was April 6, 32 AD.

What happened that day?

“Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem ***until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes,*** there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’

Luke 19:41-44

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it **42** and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. **43** The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. **44** They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

When will the final “missing 7” take place?

Nothing happened of significance seven years after Christ died. There is a parenthesis of 2000+ years.

In the future, Matthew 24:19

Who is the “ruler who will come,” Daniel 9:26

He is the “little horn,” Dan 7:8; the “Stern faced king” of Dan 8:23, “the king who will do as he pleases,” Dan 11:36, “the man of sin,” 2 Thess 2:3, “the beast from the abyss,” Rev 11:7

What takes place in the first 42 months of the tribulation politically?

He will have a great relationship with Jewish people in the first half of the tribulation, Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:19; the man of lawlessness is revealed, 2 Thess 2:3.

He will rebuild a Jewish temple and reinstitute sacrifices for the Jewish people.

At the middle of the tribulation period, he will turn on the Jewish people as described in Dan 9:27, 2 Thess 2:4

This is where Rev 11 fits in and picks up the flow of chronology

And where we will pick up next time together...