

70 Weeks of Daniel

Daniel 9:24-27

A Dispensational Premillennial Perspective

Why study this prophecy?

- To illustrate the value of a consistent literal, historical, grammatical interpretation of prophecy
- To show how Daniel allows us to make sense of the Book of Revelation
- To show that God is not finished with Israel and that the church has not replaced Israel

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Note the three contextural references:

- a. v. 24 Jews, Israel
- b. vv. 24-26 Jerusalem
- c. vv. 26 & 27 Temple, Sanctuary

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Note two rulers are referenced:

- a. vv. 25 & 26 the Anointed One, the ruler
- b. v. 26 the ruler who will come

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The time period involved is exactly specified as 70 'sevens' or 'weeks' (v.24). These 70 weeks are divided into three lesser periods:

- a. v. 25 seven 'sevens'
- b. v. 26 sixty-two 'sevens'
- c. v. 27 one 'seven'

- 24 **Seventy sevens** are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.
- 25 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.'** It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.
- 26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.
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The beginning of this 70 'sevens' starts with the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem proper (i.e., with streets and a trench). (v. 25).

The end of the 69 'sevens' will be marked by the appearance of the Anointed One. (v. 25)

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At a later time, *After the sixty two 'sevens,'* which follow the first seven 'sevens' (i.e., after 69 'sevens') two events will occur:

- a. v. 26 The Anointed One will be cut off
 - b. v. 26 The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary (Jerusalem and the Temple).
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After these two important events we come to the last 'seven.' Its beginning will be marked by the establishment of a confirmed covenant between the ruler who will come and the Jewish nation for one 'seven.' (v. 27)

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In the midst of this one last 'seven' the ruler who will come apparently breaks his covenant and causes the Jewish sacrifice and offering to cease (v. 27).

This will last until the end of the 'seven' when the end that is decreed is poured out on him (v. 27).

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When the seventy 'sevens' are complete, there will commence a time of everlasting righteousness for Israel involving the anointing of the Most Holy (v. 24).

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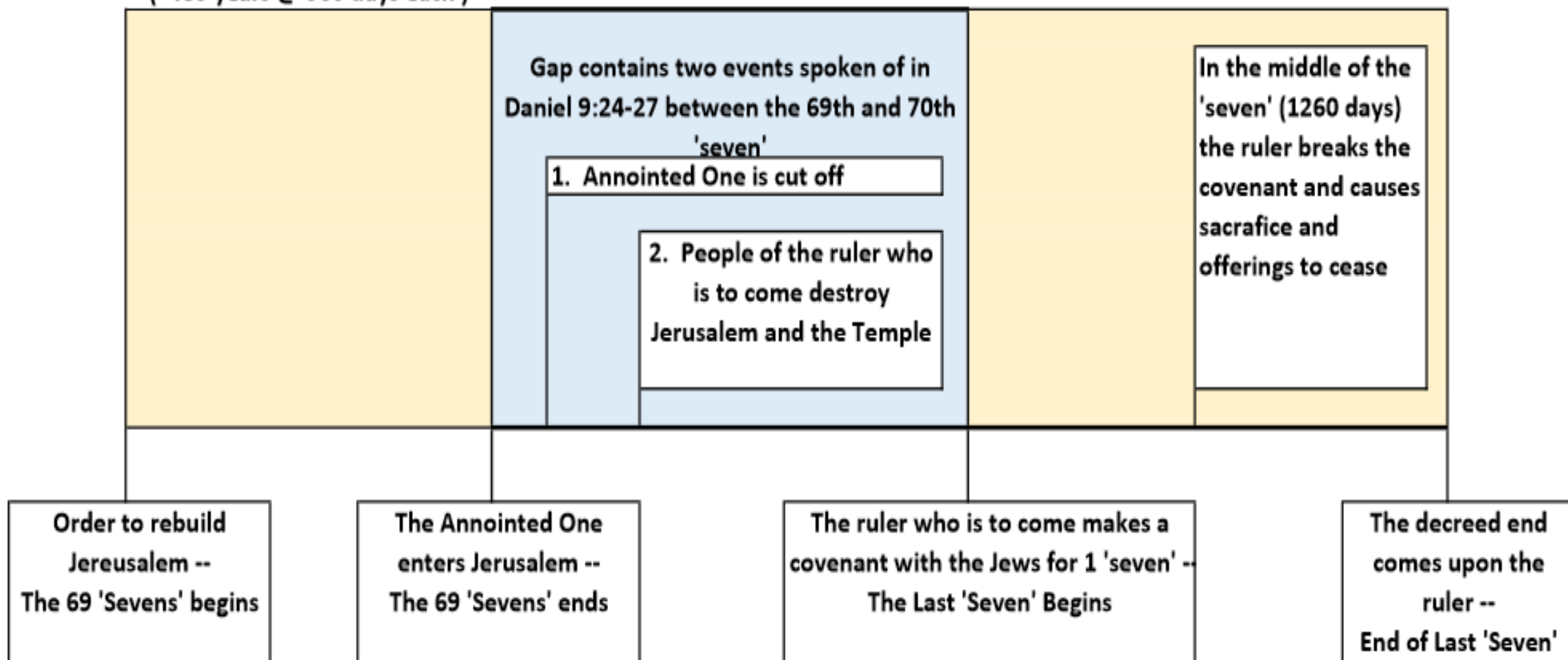
1. So is the term 'seven' referring to hours, days, weeks, or years?
2. Let's look at the context of Daniel 9.
 - a. Daniel 9:1 The time was the first year of Xerxes – 539-538 BC
 - b. Daniel 9:2 Daniel was studying the Book of Jeremiah where he understands the captivity will last 70 years.

This what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my gracious promise to bring you back to this place." Jeremiah 29:10
3. Daniel goes into prayer and shortly after Gabriel appears, cutting his prayer short and giving the message of the 70 'weeks'
4. The immediate context is years, so it is logical to follow context and view a 'seven' is a set of seven years

7 'Sevens' and 62 "Sevens" =
69 'Sevens'
(483 years @ 360 days each)

Undefined Gap In 70 'Sevens'

Final Week of 'Sevens' --
7 years @ 360 days each (2520 days)



So what sense does a literal, historical, grammatical hermeneutic (interpretation) make of all this?

- **LITERAL** – the context is years, so let's interpret this in literal solar years... a complete orbit of the earth around the sun @ 365.2422 days (this corrects for leap years)
- **HISTORICAL** – years to the Jews were 360 days based on a lunar calendar... we will have to convert to a common denominator (days) and back-calculate to understand dates in our Julian calendar
- **GRAMMATICAL** – we are taking the words at their face value within a context that appears in every way to be a communication of hard data... dates married to future events and a linear sequence of time cast in sets of 7 year segments

CALCULATIONS FOR THE FIRST BLOCK OF TIME – 69 ‘SEVENS’

- 1. Time block one – 69 sets of 7 years (69 ‘sevens’)**
- 2. $69 \times 7 = 483$ years**
- 3. $483 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days} = 173,880 \text{ days}$ (this = 69 ‘sevens’)**
- 4. Start of the 69 ‘sevens’ was the order to rebuild Jerusalem... this was done by Xerxes on March 14-15 445 BC (Neh. 2:1-2)**
- 5. The end of the 69 ‘sevens’ is marked by the Anointed One presenting Himself as King to the Jews... 173,880 days from March 14-15 445 BC**

- 6. To convert from the Jewish lunar calendar to the Julian solar calendar it is necessary to divide 173,880 days by 365.2422**
 $173,880 \text{ days} \div 365.2422 \text{ days in solar year} = 476.06766 \text{ solar years}$
- 7. Now we need to see how many days are in 0.06766 solar years**
 $365.2422 \times 0.06766 = 24.71 \text{ days (round up to 25 days)}$
- 8. In the Julian solar calendar we would expect to see the end of the 69 weeks when the Anointed One presents Himself as King of the Jews 476 years and 25 days from March 14-15 445 BC.**
- 9. Let's do the year calculation first:**
 $476 - 445 = 31 \text{ AD (add 1 because there is no year '0')} 32 \text{ AD}$

- 10. Now add to March 14-15 32 AD the 25 extra solar calendar days

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 1	16 2	17 3	18 4	19 5
20 6	21 7	22 8	23 9	24 10	25 11	26 12
27 13	28 14	29 15	30 16	31 17		

This takes us to the April 8-9 time window for the end of the 69 'sevens' when the Anointed One was to present Himself as King of the Jews

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					¹ 18	² 19
³ 20	⁴ 21	⁵ 22	⁶ 23	⁷ 24	⁸ 25	⁹ (25)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Was Jesus really presenting Himself as King of the Jews and Messiah at the triumphal entry?

- **1. The Sanhedrin and His enemies thought so in John 11:45-53. There are three references to how Jesus was a threat to their position in the Jewish nation.**
- **2. In Matt. 21:1-17 Jesus enters Jerusalem in fulfillment of Zech. 9:9 with the crowds cheering Him as the Son of David. Again, His enemies understood what this meant in Matt. 24:15-16. The crowd saw Him as the Messiah... the King of a literal Jewish nation.**

- **3. In Luke 19:41-44, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because they, “... did not recognize the time of God’s coming....” If they had, a time of peace would have commenced for the literal Jewish nation. Instead now, the Jewish nation shall be dashed to the ground.**
- **4. This fits the chronology of events in Daniel 9:**
 - **a. The end of the 69 weeks is marked by the appearance of the Anointed One to the Jews**
 - **b. Afterwards, the Anointed One is cut off**
 - **c. Then Jerusalem and the nation are destroyed**

- **Jesus presented Himself as then Anointed One within the context of a literal Messiah King over Israel the first time in April 32 AD.**
- **When Jesus comes the second time it will be to present Himself as the Anointed One within the context of a literal Messiah King over Israel.**

So to summarize the dates....

- 1. The beginning of the 69 'sevens' begins with Xerxes command to rebuild Jerusalem on March 14=15 445 BC (Neh. 2:1-2)**
- 2. The end of the 69 'sevens' is when Jesus Christ made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem where He formally presented Himself as Messiah and King. (Matthew 21: 1-17 cf Zech. 9:9)**
- 3. This amends our chart as follows in the next slide**

7 'Sevens' and 62 "Sevens" = 69 'Sevens' (483 years @ 360 days each)	Undefined Gap In 70 'Sevens' The Church Age	Final Week of 'Sevens' -- 7 years @ 360 days each (2520 days)
	<p>Gap contains two events spoken of in Daniel 9:24-27 between the 69th and 70th 'seven'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anointed One is cut off Crucifixion of Christ April 32 AD 2. People of the ruler who is to come destroy Jerusalem and the Temple Titus 70 AD 	<p>In the middle of the 'seven' (1260 days) the ruler breaks the covenant and causes sacrifice and offerings to cease</p>

Order to rebuild Jerusalem -
The 69 'Sevens' begins as
Xerxes orders Jerusalem
rebuilt March 14-15 445 BC
(Neh. 2:1-2)

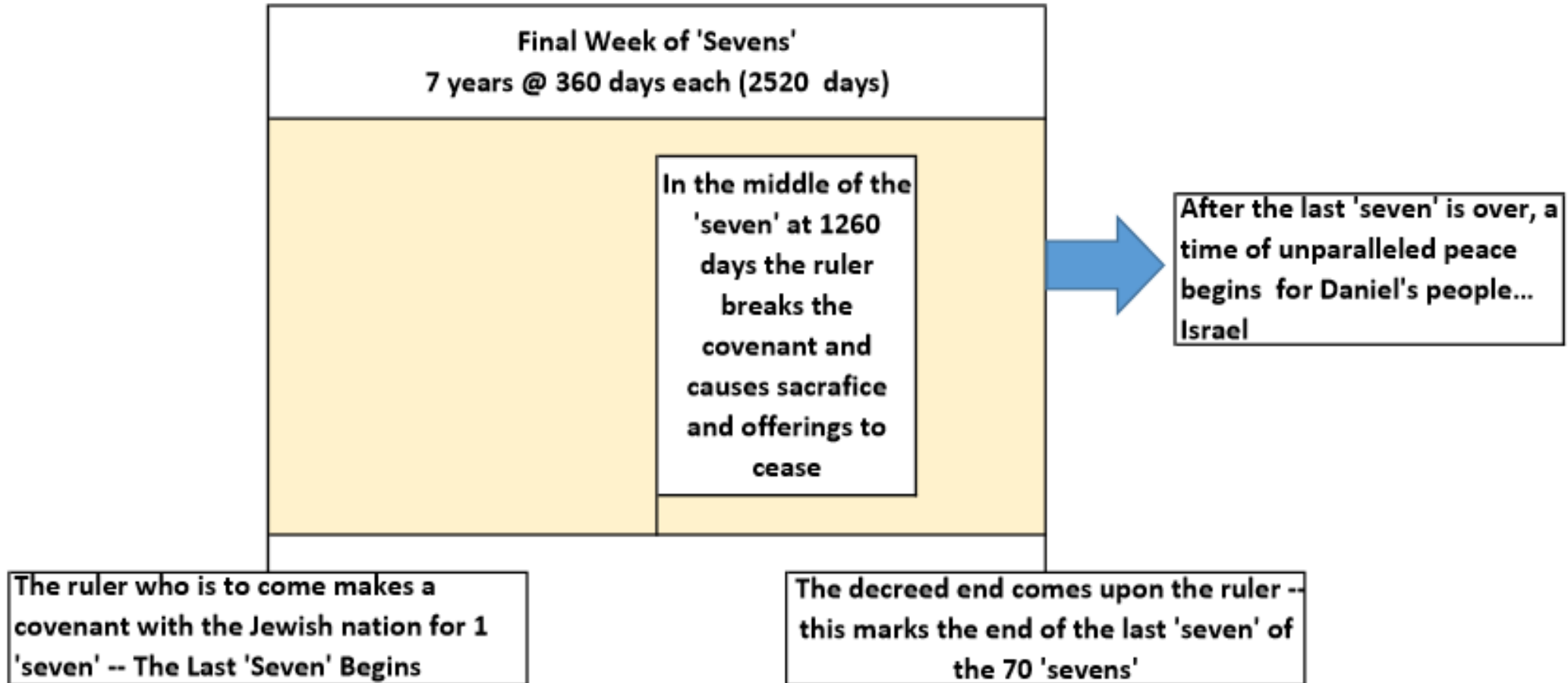
The Anointed One enters
Jerusalem --
The 69 'Sevens' ends
Jesus' Triumpal Entry
April 8-9 32 AD
(Matt. 21:1-17)

The ruler who is to come makes a
covenant with the Jews for 1 'seven' --
The Last 'Seven' Begins

The decreed end
comes upon the
ruler --
End of Last 'Seven'

So what do we make of the last 7 years of the prophecy?

THEY ARE YET IN THE FUTURE



Where did Jesus place the timing of Daniel's final 7 years?

- **1. Daniel 9:27** He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of seven he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up *an abomination that causes desolation*, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.
- **2. Matt. 24:15-16** So when you see standing in the holy place '*the abomination that causes desolation*' spoken of through the prophet Daniel – let the reader understand – then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
- **3 Matt. 24:30** At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

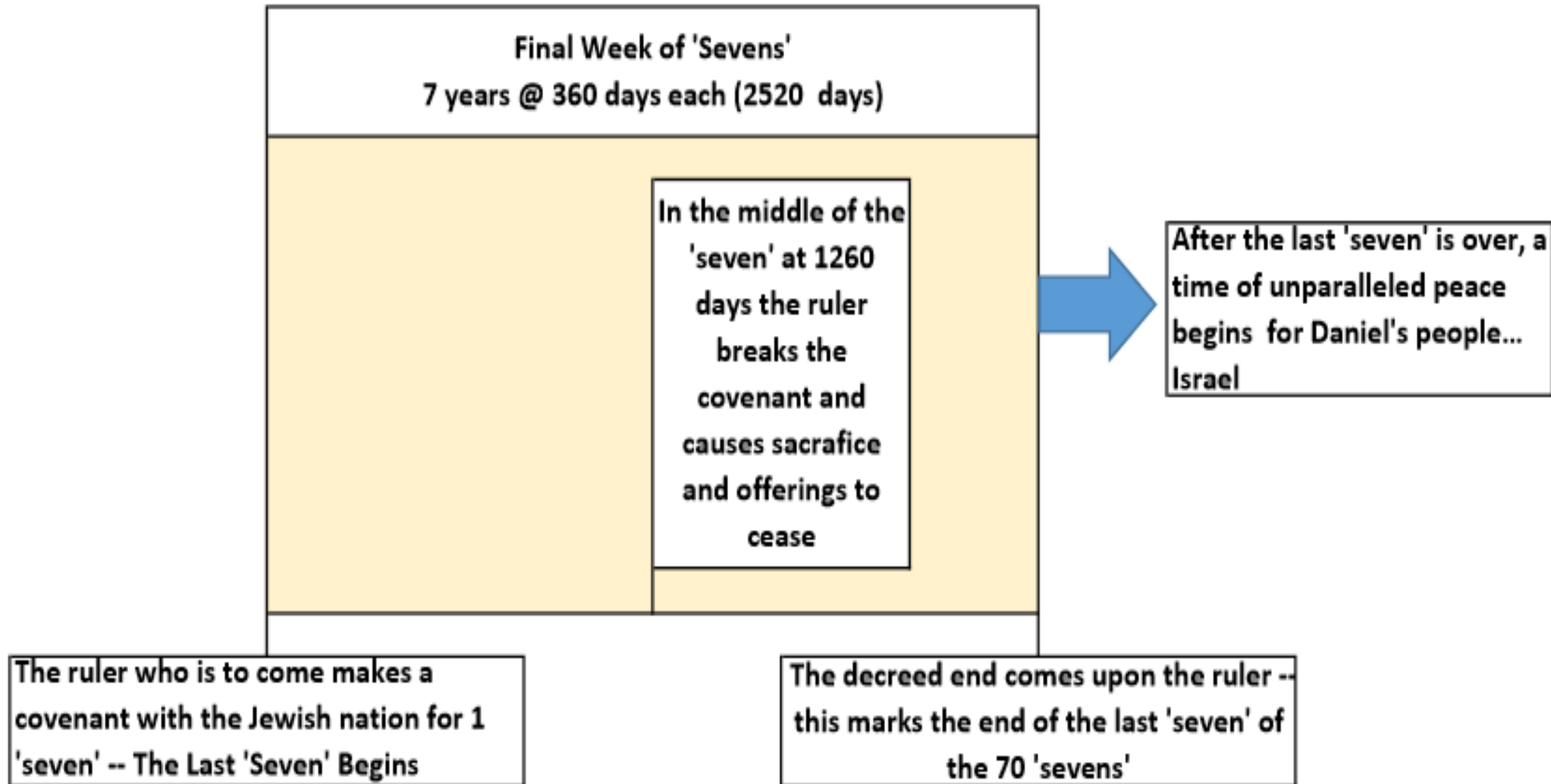
- **Whatever the ‘abomination that causes desolation’ is, Daniel placed it in the middle of the last set of seven years before the Anointed One was to appear again.**
- **In Matthew 24 Jesus clearly places ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ at the end, just before His second coming in glory.**
- **Therefore, the Seventieth Week of Daniel 9 must also come at the end of the present age just prior to Christ’s coming in glory. It is still in the future.**
- **This is Jesus’ interpretation of ‘the end.’”**

SO WHAT DO WE KNOW SO FAR?

- **1. The prophecy of the 70 weeks deals with 70 sets of 7 years**
- **2. This 70 weeks of years is broken down into two sub-sets:**
 - a. 69 weeks (483 years)**
 - b. 1 week (7 years)**
- **3 From the issuing of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem on March 14-15 445 BC to when Jesus rode into Jerusalem as King on April 8-9 32 AD it was 483 years to the day**

- **4. Daniel noted two events that occur AFTER the 483 years and BEFORE the 7 years:**
 - a. Anointed One is cut off (Jesus' crucifixion -- April 32 AD)**
 - b. People of the ruler who will come will destroy Jerusalem (Titus -- 70 AD)**
- **5. Therefore a gap exists between the 69th and 70th weeks.**
- **6. There is no reason to think of the last 7 years of the prophecy in terms of anything different from the 483 years. The last 7 years are the same lunar years of 360 days each.**
- **7. Jesus placed Daniel's prophecy of the abomination that causes desolation at THE END, just before His second coming in Matt. 24, so the 70th week is still future**

So again, what do we do with the final week of 'sevens'?

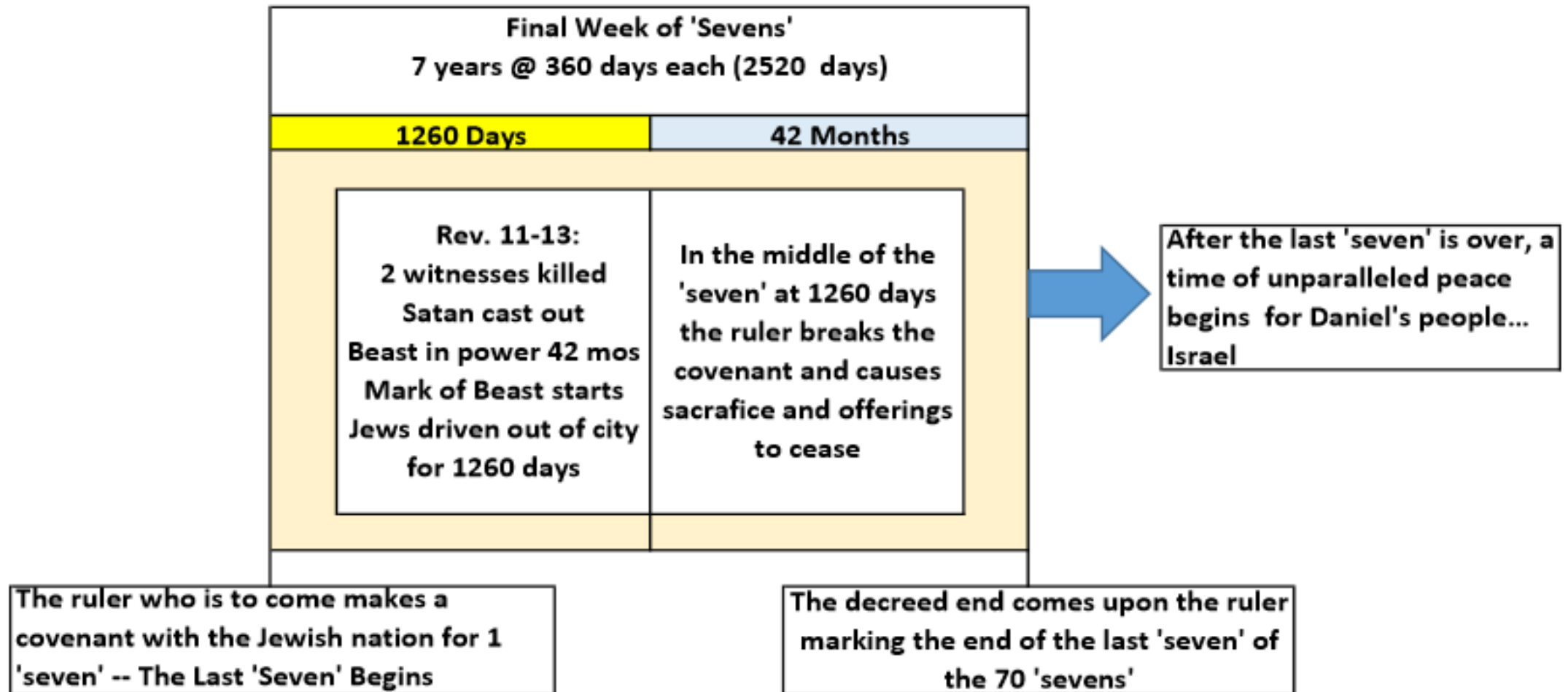


Could the 70th week of Daniel be the exact chronological framework of Revelation 6-19?

- **1. In Rev. 6-19 all chronological data is noted as 3 ½ lunar years of 360 days each**
 - **a. a time, times, and half a time (12:14)**
 - **b. 42 months (11:2; 13:5)**
 - **c. 1260 days (11:3; 12:6)**
- **2. Rev. 11:1-3 splits the time of the book of Revelation into two 3 ½ year segments**
 - **a. Time of the two witnesses @ 1260 days**
 - **b. Gentiles trample Holy City for 42 months**

- **3. Rev. 11 – 13 notes several events surrounding the midpoint of the 7 years”**
 - **a. 2 witnesses who prophesy for 1260 days killed 11:3**
 - **b. 7th trumpet 11:15**
 - **c. Jewish people driven into desert for 1260 days 12:6**
 - **d. Satan & his angels cast from heavens 12:7-9**
 - **e. Beast allowed authority for 42 months 12:5**
 - **f. Second Beast institutes “the mark” 12:16-17**

It appears the events of Rev. 11-13 fit right in the middle of what Daniel prophesied in the 70th week.



Which makes more sense?

