

490 years
70 periods of '7s'

Six items are specified in Daniel chapter 9, verse 24:-

"Seventy periods of seven are determined on your people and on your holy city,

- 1 to finish the transgression and
- 2 to make an end of sins and
- 3 to make reconciliation for iniquity and
- 4 to bring in everlasting righteousness and
- 5 to seal up the vision and prophecy and
- 6 to anoint the most Holy."

These are to be accomplished within the "determined"* seventy times sevens. All would be accomplished within seventy Sabbaticals.

*The word "determined" [Hebrew CHATHAK] occurs only this once in all the scriptures. It properly means 'to cut off' [NOT 'to cut up' in pieces].

The whole 490 years were (figuratively speaking) 'cut off' in one complete whole piece, **not** cut into 3 separated pieces.

483 years
[49+434]
69 periods of 7s
[7+62]
Daniel chapter 9, verse 25 a & b
Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah the Prince will be seven periods of seven and sixty two periods of seven

The final 7 years
1 period of 7s
Daniel chapter 9, verses 26a, 27a
And after^{*4} sixty two periods of seven Messiah will be cut off, but not for himself ...

27a And he will confirm the covenant with many for one period of seven ...

7 periods of 7s
49 years
Daniel chapter 9, verse 25 a & c
Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah the Prince will be seven periods of seven and ... the street will be built again, and the wall,^{*1} even in troubled times

434 years
62 periods of 7s
Daniel chapter 9, verse 25 b
... and sixty two periods of seven ...

Daniel chapter 9, verse 24
Seventy periods of seven are determined on your people and on your holy city: to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins^{*1} and to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision and prophecy^{*2} and to anoint the most Holy.^{*3}

Daniel chapter 9, verses 26a, 27b
And after^{*4} sixty two periods of seven Messiah will be cut off, but not for himself ...

... and in the middle of the period of seven he will cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease and he will make it desolate ...

Daniel chapter 9, verses 27a
27a And he will confirm the covenant with many^{*3} for one period of seven ...

BC 458/457

BC 409/408

BC 408/407

AD 26 (autumn)

AD 30 (spring)

AD 33 (autumn)

BASE DATE FOR THE 490 YEARS [BC 458/457 + 490 years = AD 33]
In the 7th. year of his reign Artaxerxes sanctioned Ezra's requests (Ezra 7:6-9). Artaxerxes became Emperor in BC464, somewhere between the beginning of Av (month 5) and the end of Kislev (month 9).
[Nehemiah 1:1 & 2:1, exclude part of month 9 to month 1. Ezra 1:7,8,9 & 8:31 exclude months 1 to the beginning of month 9].
BC458/457 was the 141st. Sabbatical year.

*1 The rebuilding of the city defences is harassed by neighbouring tribes.

A Sabbatical Year.
The last year of the first 7 periods of 7s

The first of the next 62 periods of 7s

The Feast of Trumpets introduces the 30th. Jubilee year AD 26/27
[The 210th. Sabbatical year.]

*2 The Lord Jesus said "The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand..." (Mark 1:15 ,

*3 The Most Holy Lord Jesus, at his baptism, is anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah and acknowledged by the voice from heaven. [Acts 10:38]

*1 John the Immerser declares Him to be The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

The middle of the final seven years

The Lord Jesus is crucified and the temple veil is rent and the sanctuary is made desolate. [Matthew 23:38 and 27:51]

*4 "after" [Hebrew ACHAR] does not necessarily mean immediately after. For example the vision in Daniel chapter eight occurred two years "after" [c.8 v.1] the vision in chapter seven.

The first Gentiles are baptised, completing the confirmation of the new covenant with both Jew and Gentile.

*3 Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE 490 YEARS

Daniel chapter 9, verses 26b
and the people of the prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary and the end of it will be with a flood and to the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel chapter 9, verses 27c
[the sanctuary made desolate] for the overspreading of abominations, even until the consummation and that determined will be poured on the desolate.

AD 33 (autumn)

AD 70

The Feast of Trumpets introduces the 211th. Sabbatical year AD 33/34

After the crucifixion anarchy, rebellion and devastating desolations increased until even the temple was desecrated by the Jewish rebel troops using it as a fortress.

The city was ransacked and the temple itself finally destroyed by Titus' army in A70