

Seven & The General Revelation Tribulation Map

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The number of sevens in Revelation is showing something about the main time element of this timeline. Not that every reference to seven has something to do with it; but there are significant notable sevens in the book to show more importantly the length in years of the Tribulation. The seven churches for instance are left over local churches that are IN the Tribulation as far as the doctrinal inferences go.

Some examples of this are:

To Ephesus it says: Revelation 2:7, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to **eat of the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” So what if you are NOT an overcomer? Does this mean you will NOT eat of the tree of life? And what happens if you do NOT eat from it? Does this mean you lose your life?

To Smyrna it says: Revelation 2:11, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh **shall not be hurt of the second death.**” Oh? So what if you are NOT an overcomer? Will you be hurt of the second death??? So you lose your salvation?

To Pergamos it says: Revelation 2:16, “Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will **fight against them with the sword of my mouth.**” Wait now this happens in Revelation 19:15, “And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” So they go through the tribulation and are not raptured prior to it?

To Thyatira it says: Revelation 2:22, “Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her **into great tribulation**, except they repent of their deeds.” So if you were to commit adultery with her and not repent then you go into great tribulation?

To Sardis it says: Revelation 3:3, “Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. **If therefore thou shalt not watch**, I will come on thee **as a thief**, and thou shalt **not know what hour I will come upon thee.**” This sounds like Revelation 16:15-16, “Behold, **I come as a thief**. Blessed is **he that watcheth**, and **keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked**, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon.**” So they go through the tribulation and the Lord could come as a thief in the night! A second coming phrase! Notice the reference to keeping his garments, lets he walk naked. And now compare this

with Sardis Church: Revelation 3:4-5, “Thou hast a few names even in Sardis **which have not defiled their garments**; and **they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy**. He that overcometh, the same shall be **clothed in white raiment**; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” Wait, his name will NOT be blotted out of the book of life? What if he is NOT an overcomer? His name DOES get blotted out! Not only that but he is naked and shamed!

To Philadelphia it says: Revelation 3:10, “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee **from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth**.” So the others that did not keep the word of His patience; are they going into the hour of temptation? This is an obvious reference to the great tribulation like above with Thyatira in Revelation 2:22.

To Laodiceans it says: Revelation 3:16, “So then **because thou art lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth**.” How can the Lord spue you out of His mouth when you are the body of Christ? This is obviously a local church in the tribulation and none of these are doctrinally the body of Christ. They are lost church members! How can the Lord spue you out of His mouth if no one can pluck you out of His hand?

So we see these seven churches are tribulation local churches and even though there is a typology to the church age because the Body of Christ meets in the Local Church they are present but these are doctrinally NOT the Body of Christ. In the typology they are representative of a timeline. But you cannot place these doctrinally on the church age Body of Christ without seriously contradicting Paul’s Seven Churches.

Seven in Revelation

Revelation 1:4, “John to the **seven** churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the **seven** Spirits which are before his throne;”

Revelation 1:11, “Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the **seven** churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.”

Revelation 1:12, “And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw **seven** golden candlesticks;”

Revelation 1:13, “And in the midst of the **seven** candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.”

Revelation 1:16, “And he had in his right hand **seven** stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”

Revelation 1:20, “The mystery of the **seven** stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the **seven** golden candlesticks. The **seven** stars are the angels of the **seven** churches: and the **seven** candlesticks which thou sawest are the **seven** churches.”

Revelation 2:1, “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the **seven** golden candlesticks;”

Revelation 3:1, “And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the **seven** Spirits of God, and the **seven** stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.”

Revelation 4:5, “And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were **seven** lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the **seven** Spirits of God.”

Revelation 5:1, “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with **seven** seals.”

Revelation 5:5, ”And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the **seven** seals thereof.”

Revelation 5:6, “And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having **seven** horns and **seven** eyes, which are the **seven** Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”

Revelation 8:1, “And when he had opened the **seventh** seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.”

Revelation 8:2; “And I saw the **seven** angels which stood before God; and to them were given **seven** trumpets.”

Revelation 8:6, “And the **seven** angels which had the **seven** trumpets prepared themselves to sound.”

Revelation 10:3, “And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, **seven** thunders uttered their voices.”

Revelation 10:4, “And when the **seven** thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the **seven** thunders uttered, and write them not.”

Revelation 10:7, “But in the days of the voice of the **seventh** angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”

Revelation 11:13, “And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men **seven** thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

Revelation 11:15, “And the **seventh** angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

Revelation 12:3, “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having **seven** heads and ten horns, and **seven** crowns upon his heads.”

Revelation 13:1, “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having **seven** heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”

Revelation 15:1, “And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, **seven** angels having the **seven** last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.”

Revelation 15:6, “And the **seven** angels came out of the temple, having the **seven** plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.”

Revelation 15:7, “And one of the four beasts gave unto the **seven** angels **seven** golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.”

Revelation 15:8, “And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the **seven** plagues of the **seven** angels were fulfilled.”

Revelation 16:1, “And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the **seven** angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.”

Revelation 16:17, “And the **seventh** angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.”

Revelation 17:1, “And there came one of the **seven** angels which had the **seven** vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:”

Revelation 17:3, “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having **seven** heads and ten horns.”

Revelation 17:7, “And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the **seven** heads and ten horns.”

Revelation 17:9, “And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The **seven** heads are **seven** mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”

Revelation 17:10, “And there are **seven** kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Revelation 17:11, “And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the **seven**, and goeth into perdition.”

Revelation 21:9, “And there came unto me one of the **seven** angels which had the **seven** vials full of the **seven** last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.”

Revelation 21:20, “The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the **seventh**, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.”

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The words “seven *” occur 668 times in 562 verses. In revelation only two of these words occur “seven” and “seventh”. The word “seven” occurs 55 times in Revelation and in 463 times in 391 verses in the whole Bible. The word “seventh” occurs 5 times in Revelation and so the count of the number “seven” or any variation of it is 60 times in Revelation. $60 \times 7 = 420$. Now many times we see the number 42 and $6 \times 7 = 42$ months for half the seven years and $6 \times 7 = 42$ so that each year has a division of 6 parts so 2 months per part for 12 months in the year. This would match the map in Revelation’s chapters 6 to 19 giving a chapter for each 6 months or half a year.

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The prophetic statement in Daniel 8:13-14 is absolute proof that the time last longer than 3½ years. This is a definitive statement on the length of the totality of Daniel 9:27 to be

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what it says: a week (of years) which correlates to all the 3½ statements because they are all doubled by references and are not the same 3½ year times. All the sevens in Revelation point to seven years; as does the beast in Daniel where a man turns into a beast for seven times. In this

prophecies fulfilling another element shows up: Daniel 4:29-33, “**At the end of twelve months** he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and **seven times shall pass over thee**, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.” There are twelve months from the time of the prophecy to this event. That is 1 year and the seven times starts. So there is one year prior to the 7 years.

This person called The Antichrist shows up first as a world leader and makes a treaty or covenant of peace for seven years a year before it is enacted or confirmed. This will show who the man of sin and the son of perdition is to the church. For about half a year we will see this Antichrist bring in peace and safety; all they while lying about his ulterior motive. After we are raptured another half a year transpires while the Antichrist explains away those that were against him were removed to allow him to bring in his peace plan. After that year expires he will confirm the covenant for seven years; and he becomes the man of sin and the tribulation starts. After 3½ years he walks into the Holy of Holies in the Temple (or tabernacle) in Jerusalem and sits on the mercy seat and proclaims that he is God! He becomes the son of perdition by being wounded to death and the false prophet brings him back to life. He then continues for another 3 ½ years to fulfill the 7 year time in Daniel’s

prophecy. All the verses for these things are in the charts below. This first chart shows some references to this time period where the lengths are over 3½ years and under 7 years.

Daniel's prophecy of 9:24-27 gives a timeline of the events including the last week of the prophecy given that “day for a year” prophetic understanding: Daniel 9:27. “And he shall **confirm the covenant with many for one week**: and **in the midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” The prophetic “day for a year” comes from Numbers 14:34, “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.” The whole prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 would be therefore 70 weeks of years or 70 x 7 years. This would be 490 Years. That also means that the last week would be 7 Years. In this study I am not dealing with anything but the last week of seven years. However some things need to be worked out.

When it says “...he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week**...” This would mean seven years. This has never happened as of yet. It is therefore important to understand that the first 3½ years has NOT happened yet and that these events of two 3½ year events will take place back to back and constitute the Tribulation. The reason for this statement is because the first “he” that confirms the covenant for 7 years is the same “he” that causes “...the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...” “...the midst of the week...” And is the same “he” that also makes “...make it desolate...” “for the overspreading of abominations”. So this is NOT a split Tribulation by any time length but an event that happens by the same person that confirmed the covenant. Another question arises from the term “confirm” to confirm a covenant; the covenant must have been already written and established for a future time and then confirmed later. This confirmation would then be the enactment of the covenant and not its inception or writing.

Daniel 7:25, “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**.” The prophetic word “time” would be for “1 year” and “times” for “2 years” and “the dividing of time” for “½ a year” so the above would be 3½ years. This 3½ years reflects the first half of the seven years from Revelation 6 to

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360 Days in a Year

Days to Years, Months, Days

1290 Days is:

3 Years, 7 Months, 0 Days

Daniel 12:11, “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” This is 1290 Days.

Daniel 12:12, “Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the

thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.” This is 1335 Days.

So we see by these that the total time of the Tribulation cannot be just three and a half years. God does things in sevens and the time of Jacob’s Trouble is no different from this. Notably each time a 3½ time element is given; it is given twice. And $2 \times 3\frac{1}{2} = 7!$

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Days to Years, Months, Days

1335 Days is:

3 Years, 8 Months, 15 Days

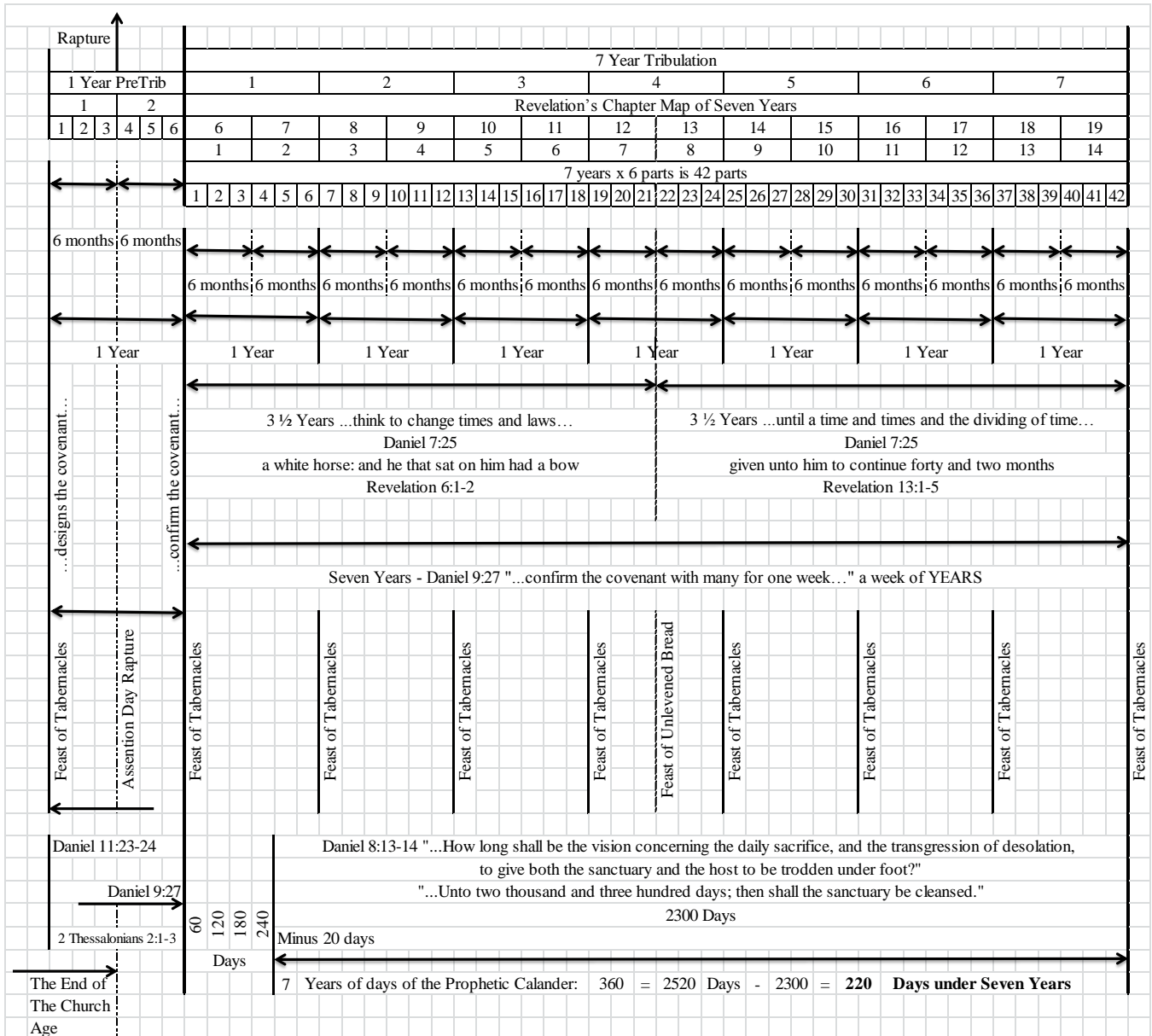
Then we have the next issue that each of the 3½ year times given have an event happening prior to them or after them.

An example of this is Revelation 13:5, “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.” This is about the Beast after he was raised from the dead by the false prophet where the key word is the word “continue” and the implication would be to ask: From WHAT? And the obvious answer is: From the previous 3½ years making the total of 7 years.

With the issue of Daniel 8:13-14 going way past a 3½ year period of time and with the event happening in Daniel 8 matching the total reign of the Antichrist, the man of sin and the son of perdition there is an obvious three periods of time where he alters. The Antichrist for a year from proclamation and declaration of a treaty and league (Daniel 11:22-24): to the man of sin for 3½ years in the establishment and confirmation (Daniel 9:27) to the son of perdition for 3½ years in betrayal and the breaking of the covenant (Daniel 8:13-14; 9:27; Revelation 13:5).

The End

Appendix: Tribulation Map



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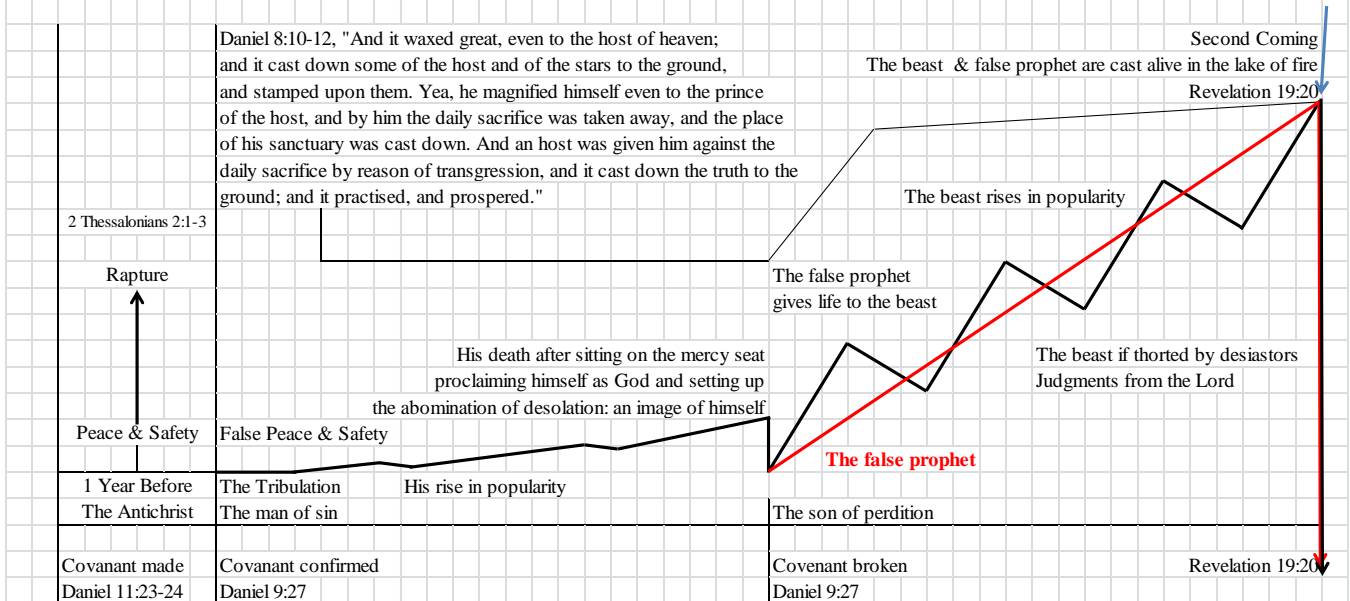
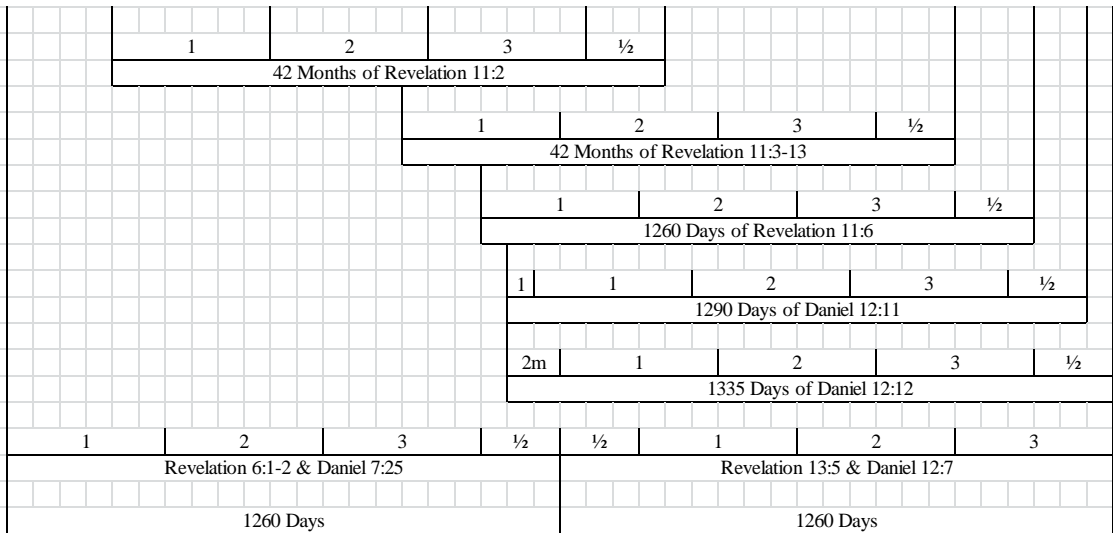
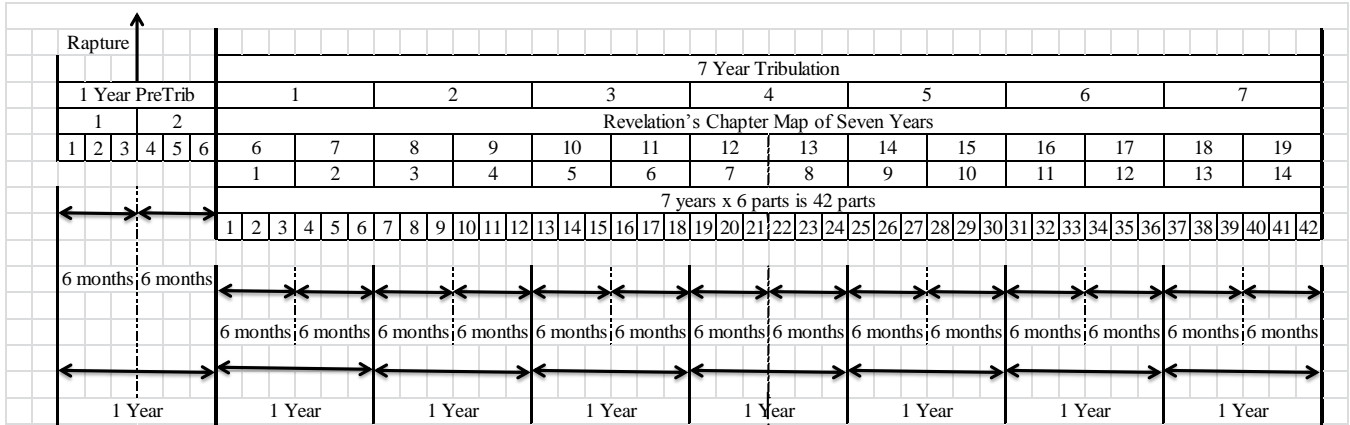
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Appendix 2: Tribulation Map Extended



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