IS THE TRIBULATION 3.5 YEARS OR 7

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Daniel's 70 weeks of years in Daniel 9:24-27 & Malachi 3:7

There is reference to "...the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem..." here: Daniel 9:25, "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." Which has been thought to be the decree of Cyrus the king of Persia: 2 Chronicles 36:22-23, "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up." And in Ezra 1:1-4, "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and **build the house of the LORD** God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem."

Then there is the prophecy of Isaiah: Isaiah 44:28, "That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid." And in Jeremiah: Jeremiah 29:10, "For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place."

Jeremiah 25:8-9, "Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations." And Jeremiah 25:11-13, "And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations."

So far all this has been about the nation the land and the outward display of doing right before the Lord. However when the Lord came he confronted Israel with the need of a new heart. The Lord is looking for a spiritual return, not a physical one.

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When Christ became the Passover lamb, on what alter did He sprinkle His blood? What priesthood did He have that would warrant His Covenant to be above all others? It is important to understand that the "real" deal:

2 Corinthians 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Hebrews 8:1-2, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the <u>true tabernacle</u>, which the Lord pitched, and not man."

Hebrews 9:23-26, "It was therefore necessary that **the patterns of things in the heavens** should be purified with these; but **the heavenly things themselves** with **better sacrifices** than these. For **Christ is not entered into the holy places** <u>made with hands</u>, which are **the figures of** <u>the</u> <u>true</u>; but **into heaven itself**, now to appear **in the presence of God for us**: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest **entereth into the holy place every year** with **blood of others**; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but **now** <u>once</u> **in the end of the world** hath he appeared <u>to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself</u>."

Hebrews 10:1, "For the law having **a shadow** of good things to come, and **not the very image of the things**, can <u>never</u> with **those sacrifices** which they offered **year by year continually** <u>make</u> <u>the comers thereunto perfect</u>."

Hebrews 10:9-18, "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He <u>taketh away</u> the <u>first</u>, that he may <u>establish</u> the <u>second</u>. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ <u>once for all</u>. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had <u>offered one sacrifice for sins for ever</u>, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For <u>by one offering he hath perfected for ever</u> them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, <u>This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days</u>, saith the Lord, I will put my laws <u>into their hearts</u>, and <u>in their minds</u> will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where <u>remission of these is</u>, there is no more <u>offering for sin</u>."

An end of sin is made at the cross; but sins will not come to an end "...till his enemies be made his footstool..." and the last enemy is death: 1 Corinthians 15:26, "The **last enemy that shall be destroyed is death**." And that will happen when death is cast into the lake of fire: Revelation 20:14, "And **death** and hell were **cast into the lake of fire**. This is the second death."

So we have a total picture of the prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27. The rejection of Israel of their Messiah caused things to be in the order that shows up in verse 26. Had they received Jesus Christ as their Messiah, Rome would have still murdered Him, and things could have been different with Jesus actually crowned King of the Jews. But that did not happen. This prophecy goes out far past the Millennial Reign of Christ. It extends out to the New Heavens and New Earth: wherein dwelleth righteousness.

The reference to the command to go back and rebuild; would be for Israel to go back and rebuild their hearts to God. But they thought it was to go back and rebuild the city like Cyrus said; and yes that was to happen in part, but God wanted them to have their hearts towards Him. But they would not. The close of the Old Testament would be that command in 400 BC. The BC / AD year 1 is the same year, so you have to subtract or add depending on which direction you are counting. The 62 weeks of years would be 434 years. From Malachi to the Crucifixion would be 434 years. As Christ was in His 34th year minus 1 year for that transition from BC to AD, so it would be the year 35 AD nevertheless the count would still be 434 because the year 1 BC and AD are the same year.

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This leaves the 7 weeks of verse 25, and the last week of verse 27. After Christ's resurrection and assention and the Holy Spirit coming on the day of Pentecost in that same year; the Church

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John 2:19, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."				
Mark 14:58, "We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made with	out hand	ds."		
Matthew 26:61, "And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days."				
1 Corinthians 3:17, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."				
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starts. Hebrews 9:15-17, "And for this cause he is **the mediator** of **the new testament**, that **by means of death**, for **the redemption** of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of **eternal inheritance**. For <u>where a testament</u> **is**, <u>there must also of necessity be the death of the testator</u>. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."

The Church is allotted 2000 years which time the stopwatch of Daniel 9 is off. It stopped at the death of the testator. This time starts back with the resurrection of the Body of Christ (the Church) and the start of the Tribulation or the last week of Daniel's prophecy. The overlap between the Church and the Tribulation is a year's time. The Antichrist will make a league or covenant with the small people Israel: Daniel 11:23, "And after **the league made** with him **he shall work deceitfully**: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people." And enter in peaceable and forecast his devices for a time or for a year: Daniel 11:24, "He shall **enter**

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peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and **he shall forecast his devices** against the strong holds, even **for a time**."

This should happen in the fall time around the Feast of Tabernacles. He will be known to be The Antichrist; The Man of Sin; The Son of Perdition to the Church right before the "rapture" however, because of the local church great falling away, many will not believe such a peaceful person could not be an antichrist after all he preaches peace and love and harmony, etc. Daniel 11:21, "And in **his estate** shall stand up **a vile person**, to whom **they shall not give the honour of the kingdom**: but <u>he shall come in peaceably</u>, and <u>obtain the kingdom by flatteries</u>.

Daniel 11:32, "And such as do **wickedly against the covenant** shall <u>he corrupt by flatteries</u>: but **the people that do know their God shall be strong**, and do exploits." This is the Church during the time the Antichrist is tuning up his orchestra between when he makes the covenant, and the Church is "raptured" out. After he makes this league around the Feast of Tabernacles; then that next year in the Spring around Passover, or The Assention Day or Pentecost; the Church of the born again are resurrected up (Raptured); with the Antichrist explaining away the disappearance of the enemies of the world. He then confirms the covenant with Israel for one week: (Daniel 9:27); and the tribulation or time of Jacob's Trouble starts and the Antichrist becomes the Man of Sin. He then defiles the temple on Passover after 3 and ½ years proclaiming that he himself to be God; and he becomes the Son of Perdition. Another 3 and ½ years laps, and the Lord Returns and the stopwatch STOPS.

The Lord Jesus Christ reigns for a thousand years; and when it is over, Satan is loosed from his pit and unchained: Revelation 20:1-3, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on **the <u>dragon</u>**, that **old** <u>serpent</u>, <u>which is the Devil</u>, and <u>Satan</u>, and <u>bound him a thousand years</u>, And cast him into the <u>bottomless pit</u>, and <u>shut him up</u>, and <u>set a seal upon him</u>, that he should deceive the nations no more, <u>till</u> the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that <u>he must be loosed</u> <u>a little season</u>." When he is loosed for that "little season" the stopwatch begins again and ends with the making of the New Heavens and New Earth wherein dwelleth Righteousness. Thus ends the prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27. This is the 7 weeks of Daniel 9:25 and lasts for 49 years; and includes Satan's last stand, his vanquishing, the burning up of the first and second heavens and earth, the Great White Throne Judgment and the making of the New Heavens and new Earth.

2 Peter 3:13, "Nevertheless we, **according to his promise**, look for <u>new heavens</u> and <u>a new</u> <u>earth</u>, <u>wherein dwelleth righteousness</u>."

Revelation 21:1-2, "And I saw a <u>new heaven</u> and a <u>new earth</u>: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw **the holy city**, <u>new</u> <u>Jerusalem</u>, coming down from God <u>out of heaven</u>, prepared **as** a bride adorned for her husband." Isaiah 65:17, "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."

