

THE DECREE OF CYRUS

& DANIEL'S PROPHECY

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Timelines are become a pastime for me with no pun intended. It seems there are so many timelines in the Bible that if you ignore them then your Bible education is incomplete. Here in this timeline I am dealing with the prophecy of Daniel and in particular 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.” And so this prophecy starts as it would seem from the “...going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem...” and end with the advent of “...Messiah the Prince...” and the time allotment in the verse is split into two times that when added together we have the beginning to end timeline. Or maybe not!

The timeline is going to be a bit drawn out and boring to some. But please bear with me in this because if you go by this timeline above you have to fudge on the dates or alter the text of the Bible to make it come out right.

Two things to consider: first is the phrase “...Messiah the Prince...” This seems to mean that He is going to be crowned as King; and this is a sort of coronation event. And secondly the next verse where the Messiah is cut off SHORT of His time. With there being no mention of the 7 weeks; but only the 62 weeks; thus because of this would it be possible that the time of the 7 weeks was altered to a different time? We will see that when we count the time from the start of the silent years that the calculations come out exactly on the money with this idea of only the 62 weeks of years.

7	Weeks of Years	=	49	Years				
62	Weeks of Years	=	434	Years				
69	Weeks of Years	=	483	Years				
			49	Years				
400	BC	Silent Years	of	434	Years	=	34	Years
1	BC	and	1	AD	are the same year	1	35	AD

Daniel 9:26, “And **after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince

that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

Here are some of the calculations for this and then we will get into the timeline. The events above are:

The more obvious thing about this is that of the correlation between this prophecy and the rejection of the prophets after their return which culminated in the silent years starting with the end of the Old Testament and the prophet Malachi. Who prophesied of the first and second coming: Malachi 4:1-6, “For, behold, **the day cometh**, that shall **burn as an oven**; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and **the day that cometh shall burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that **it shall leave them neither root nor branch**. But **unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And **ye shall tread down the wicked**; for **they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this**, saith the LORD of hosts. Remember ye the law of **Moses** my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD**: And **he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse**.” This is a twofold prophecy because of what the Lord said about John the Baptist:

Matthew 11:11-15, “Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women **there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist**: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And **from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force**. For **all the prophets and the law prophesied until John**. And **if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come**. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.” But they did NOT receive it! So Matthew 17:10-12, “And his disciples asked him, saying, **Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come**? And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elias truly shall first come**, and restore all things. But I say unto you, **That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed**. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.”

It is because of the murder of John the Baptist that the time elements altered. The rejection of the Jews of the forerunner and then of the Lord Jesus Christ altered the timeline from Daniels prophecy. (See also: Mark 9:12-13)

At the Mount of Transfiguration there Appeared Moses & Elijah:

Matthew 17:3-4, “And, behold, **there appeared unto them Moses and Elias** talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here **three tabernacles**; one for thee, and one for **Moses**, and one for **Elias**.”

Mark 9:4, “And **there appeared unto them Elias with Moses**: and they were talking with Jesus.”

Luke 9:30, “And, behold, **there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias**.”

So we have a threefold witness that Moses and Elijah came already at the Mount of Transfiguration which was a foreshadowing of the Second Coming of the Lord when Moses and Elijah are here before the Lord returns and fulfills the prophecy of Malachi 4:6, “And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, **lest I come and smite the earth with a curse**.”

These events would skew the prophetic timeline causing it to be offset by these events. The rejection of the Old Testament prophets caused the adjustment of the start of this prophecy in Daniel as it also altered the ending because of the murder of the Messiah.

Our timeline will be based on these dates; and perhaps you have found different dates. If you have please send me an email with sources so that I can check them out to see authenticities and for verification; and if found to be more accurate than what I have I will alter this study and give you the credits for this alteration. My email is david@av1611kjb.org and if there is anything else that is inaccurate please let me know of the source for correction. I do recognize the possibility that the dates are not right to begin with. However, there is a huge difference between the prophecy and Cyrus' time as king. His decree would have been at the very beginning of his reign as the timeline will show.

We start our timeline with Cyrus and Zerubbabel: 2 Chronicles 36:22-23, “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the


BC	496	495	494	493	492	491	490	489	488	487	486	485	484	483
	Darius I													
	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
								What happened here?						


BC	482	481	480	479	478	477	476	475	474	473	472	471	470	469
	Xerxes I													
	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70


BC	468	467	466	465	464	463	462	461	460	459	458	457	456	455
	Xerxes I					Artaxerxes I								
	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
												Ezra		


BC	454	453	452	451	450	449	448	447	446	445	444	443	442	441
	Artaxerxes I													
	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98
											Nehemiah			



BC	440	439	438	437	436	435	434	433	432	431	430	429	428	427
	Artaxerxes I													
	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112

BC	426	425	424	423	422	421	420	419	418	417	416	415	414	413
														
	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126

BC	412	411	410	409	408	407	406	405	404	403	402	401	400	399
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										Artaxerxes II				
	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140
	The Start of The Silent Years													

BC	398	397	396	395	394	393	392	391	390	389	388	387	386	385	
Silent	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
															
					Artaxerxes II										
	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	

BC	384	383	382	381	380	379	378	377	376	375	374	373	372	371	
Silent	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
															
					Artaxerxes II										
	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	

BC	370	369	368	367	366	365	364	363	362	361	360	359	358	357	
Silent	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	
	 														
					Artaxerxes II										
	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	

BC	356	355	354	353	352	351	350	349	348	347	346	345	344	343
Silent	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
						Artaxerxes III								
	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196

BC	342	341	340	339	338	337	336	335	334	333	332	331	330	329
Silent	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
			Artaxerxes III											
	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210

BC	328	327	326	325	324	323	322	321	320	319	318	317	316	315
Silent	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86
	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224

BC	314	313	312	311	310	309	308	307	306	305	304	303	302	301
Silent	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238

BC	300	299	298	297	296	295	294	293	292	291	290	289	288	287
Silent	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114
	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252

BC	286	285	284	283	282	281	280	279	278	277	276	275	274	273
Silent	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128
	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266

BC	272	271	270	269	268	267	266	265	264	263	262	261	260	259
Silent	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142
	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280

BC	258	257	256	255	254	253	252	251	250	249	248	247	246	245
Silent	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156
	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294

BC	244	243	242	241	240	239	238	237	236	235	234	233	232	231
Silent	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308

BC	230	229	228	227	226	225	224	223	222	221	220	219	218	217
Silent	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184
	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322

BC	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206	205	204	203
Silent	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198
	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336

BC	202	201	200	199	198	197	196	195	194	193	192	191	190	189
Silent	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212
	337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350

BC	188	187	186	185	184	183	182	181	180	179	178	177	176	175
Silent	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226
	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362	363	364

BC	174	173	172	171	170	169	168	167	166	165	164	163	162	161
Silent	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378

BC	160	159	158	157	156	155	154	153	152	151	150	149	148	147
Silent	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254
	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392

BC	146	145	144	143	142	141	140	139	138	137	136	135	134	133
Silent	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268
	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406

BC	132	131	130	129	128	127	126	125	124	123	122	121	120	119
Silent	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282
	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420

BC	118	117	116	115	114	113	112	111	110	109	108	107	106	105
Silent	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296
	421	422	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434

BC	104	103	102	101	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91
Silent	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310
	435	436	437	438	439	440	441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448

BC	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77
Silent	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324
	449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460	461	462

BC	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63
Silent	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338
	463	464	465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472	473	474	475	476

BC	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	
Silent	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352	
								If figuring from							
								the Decree of Cyrus							
	477	478	479	480	481	482	483	484	485	486	487	488	489	490	
								The End of Daniel's Prophecy							


BC	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35
Silent	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362	363	364	365	366
	491	492	493	494	495	496	497	498	499	500	501	502	503	504

BC	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
Silent	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380
	505	506	507	508	509	510	511	512	513	514	515	516	517	518

BC	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
Silent	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394
	519	520	521	522	523	524	525	526	527	528	529	530	531	532

BC	6	5	4	3	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Silent	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408
							Silence has Ended							
							Hebrews 1:1-4							
	533	534	535	536	537	538	539	540	541	542	543	544	545	546
	BC / AD													

AD	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420	421	422
	547	548	549	550	551	552	553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560

AD	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434		
														
	561	562	563	564	565	566	567	568	569	570	571	572	573	574
	See Timeline - The Last Passover & Jesus Christ													

From 56 BC to 35 AD is 90 years. That is a lot to be off by!

56	BC	to	35	AD	is	90	Years
	56	+	35	-	1	=	90
	BC		AD	Same Year			

The prophecy is still accurate in that the timeline is still there and even though the times are skewed because of Israel's rejection of their prophets; the subsequent rejection

and murder of John the Baptist and rejecting him as Elijah; and the rejection and murder of their Messiah would have altered the timeline to bring this very different outcome in place.

Hebrews 1:1-4, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners **spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, **when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high**; Being

made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

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This dates exactly the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ and pushes the rest of the timeline forward to different events. The Lord has set prophecy to go in

more than one direction and had Israel receive their Messiah things would have been different. However, God knew they would ultimately reject Him and so God making provision shows His mercy; but allowing them to murder His Son also shows that God’s grace outweighs His judgment and justice.

Something else to notice is that the silent years start during Artaxerxes II reign and we read in the Bible that the time this was going on God was finished dealing with Israel because they had not returned their hearts to God. And so the end of Ezra we read Ezra 10:44, “All **these had taken strange wives**: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.” And at the end of Nehemiah we read Nehemiah 13:23-25, “In those days also saw I **Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab**: And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. And **I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them**, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, **Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.**”

They may have returned but not in heart: Nehemiah 13:28-31, “And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. Remember them, O my God, **because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites**. Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and **appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites**, every one in his business; And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. **Remember me, O my God, for good.**”

Then in Hosea we have a direct reference to the rapture of the Church and the inclusive Israel if they return to the Lord: Hosea 6:1-2, “Come, and **let us return unto the LORD**: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. **After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.**” However they did not return: Hosea 7:14-16, “And

they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and **they rebel against me**. Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, **yet do they imagine mischief against me**. **They return, but not to the most High**: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword **for the rage of their tongue**: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.” Israel would not return and became the fool and madness because of their iniquity and great hatred for the Lord their God. Hosea 9:7, “**The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come**; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, **for the multitude of thine iniquity**, and the great hatred.”

Hosea 13:6-9, “According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and **their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me**. Therefore **I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way** will I observe them: I will meet them **as a bear** that is bereaved of her whelps, and **will rend the caul of their heart**, and **there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them**. O Israel, **thou hast destroyed thyself**; but in me is thine help.” This looks like the beast of Revelation 13. And it could be as it says that God is AS these things and allows that Antichrist to deceive them during this time and become the man of sin and eventually in Revelation 13 the beast is the son of perdition.

But in the Lord is their help as it continues: Hosea 13:14, “**I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction**: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.” Which is a direct reference to 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, “So when this **corruptible** shall have put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal** shall have put on **immortality**, then shall be brought to pass **the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?**” and at the last in Hosea the last chapter they are given still more admonition to return: Hosea 14:1, “O Israel, **return unto the LORD thy God**; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.” Then there is the prophet Haggai 2:17, “I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; **yet ye turned not to me**, saith the LORD.” Then there is the prophet Zechariah who foretold of the time when Israel will return to the Lord and it is at the second coming. See Zechariah 14. So by the time of Malachi they still have not returned to God even though they returned from Babylon. Malachi 2:1-2, “And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. **If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart**, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, **I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings**: yea, **I have cursed them**

already, because ye do not lay it to heart.” And Malachi 2:8-9, “But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.” And then the end comes and the Old Testament closes with dead silence and no more prophets until John the Baptist. Malachi 3:1, “Behold, **I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:** and the Lord, whom ye seek, **shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant,** whom ye delight in: behold, **he shall come,** saith the LORD of hosts.” But they killed him and the Lord Jesus Christ. This is why their house is left desolate: Matthew 23:37-39, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee,** how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and **ye would not!** Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate.** For I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me henceforth,** till ye shall say, **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**” And again in Luke 13:34-35, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee;** how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and **ye would not!** Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate:** and verily I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**”

THE END

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APPENDIX

The Hebrew Months of the Year Calendar

#	Hebrew	Tiberian	Academy	Common /	Length	Babylonian Analog
				Other		
1	נִיסָן	Nīsān	Nisan	Nissan	30 days	<i>Nisanu</i>
2	אֵיָר / אֵייר	'Iyyār	Iyyar	Iyar	29 days	<i>Ayaru</i>
3	סִיּוֹן / סיוון	Sīwān	Sivan	Siwan	30 days	<i>Simanu</i>
4	תַּמּוּז	Tammūz	Tammuz	Tamuz	29 days	<i>Dumuzu</i>
5	אָב	'Āb	Av	Ab	30 days	<i>Abu</i>
6	אֵלוּל	'Ēlūl	Elul		29 days	<i>Ululu</i>
7	תִּשְׁרִי	Tiṣrī	Tishri	Tishrei	30 days	<i>Tashritu</i>
8	מַרְחֶשְׁוֹן / מרחשוון	Marḥešwān	Marḥeshvan	Marcheshvan	29 or 30 days	<i>Arakhsamma</i>
				Cheshvan		
				Marḥeshwan		
9	כֶּסֶלֶו / כסליו	Kislēw	Kislev	Kislev	29 or 30 days	<i>Kislimu</i>
				Chisleu		
				Chislev		
10	טֵבֵת	Tēbēt	Tevet	Tebeth	29 days	<i>Tebetu</i>
11	שֶׁבַט	Šəbāt	Shvat	Shevat	30 days	<i>Shabatu</i>
				Shebat		
				Sebat		
12L*	אָדָר א'		Adar I *		30 days	
12	אָדָר ב' / אָדָר *	'Ādār	Adar / Adar II *		29 days	<i>Adaru</i>
* Only in Leap years.						