

Introduction:

Remembering that this part of the study the Second Advent is:
At What Time will Christ Appear

Remember Daniel had knowledge of the seventy years captivity in Jer. 25: 11, 12;

He was inspired to pray for and into the prophecy, praying according to the will of God, with great humility.

The anointing was upon him. God answered him with an amazing visitation from heaven.

Gabriel brought with him a revelation from God – revealing to him not only the answer to his immediate prayers, but what was to happen in future days

Taking him centuries beyond his immediate situation yet, linked to the concerns of his fellow people.

Yes there would be a return of the Jews from their present exile back to Jerusalem, but this would not in itself bring to a complete end of transgression and tribulation.

God had still other things planned for His promised race.
Something that would bring a final climax when there would be a complete end of sin and transgression. When the messiah, after His *cutting off* (Dan. 9. 26) would return and *put all enemies under His feet* (1 Cor. 25, 27;)

So far we have looked at the time frame of a total 490 yrs of Dan 9. 24, - 27;

We have calculated the divisions of the different periods of -

049 yrs

334 yrs

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The questions we have to ask now are:

1. Q. 'When do these periods begin?' Or 'when does the *Time – Frame/s* start?'

A. Clearly we see from Dan. 9. 25; *'from the issuing of the decree.'* Clearly from the *'beginning of the decree.'*

2. The second question is: 'Which Decree?'

This question is because there are four of them

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Questions asked:

Q 1. when does this time-frame begin?

A. Dan. 9 clearly states, '... from the issuing of the decree...' (v25)

The next question is:

Q 2. Which Decree?

Four possibilities: because there are four decrees, all set in a different time-frame:

1 Decree of Cyrus: 538. B.C. 2. Chronicles 36. 20. – 23; ... (22) *In the first year of Cyrus King of Persia, in order to fulfil the word of the Lord, spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus King of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and put it in writing: (23) 'This is what Cyrus King of Persia says: The Lord the God of heaven has given me all the Kingdoms of the earth and has appointed me to build a Temple for Him at Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of His people among you – may God be with him and let him go up.'* See also Ezra. 1. 1. – 4; Ezra. 6. 1 – 5;

2 Decree of Darius: 520. B.C. Ezra. 6. 1 – 5; confirming the decree of Cyrus to build the Temple. Although they started in 538. B.C. because of opposition, caused by self appointed bureaucrats the work halted for 15yrs. Darius looked out the decree of Cyrus and reissued it. (v3;) '.....*let the Temple be rebuilt...*'

3 Decree of *Artaxerxes 457. B.C. Ezra. 7. 11 – 26; is mostly to do with furnishings for the Temple. Note v13; *Now I decree...* (Scholars say Ezra and Nehemiah were one book – Ezra as Part i. Nehemiah part Part ii) (*Artaxerxes)

4 Decree of Artaxerxes to Nehemiah 445. B.C. Neh. 2. 1 – 8; This Decree of Artaxerxes to Nehemiah included the city walls - had not been mentioned only in the decree to Daniel (the others had mainly to do with the Temple). Neh. 2. (v3) *I answered the King, if it please the King, and if your servant has found favour in his sight, let him send me to the City in Judah, where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it (6) Then the King, with the Queen sitting beside him, asked me 'how long will your journey take, and when will you get back?' It pleased the King to send me; so I set a time. (7) I also said to him, 'If it please the King, may I have letters to Governors of Trans – Euphrates, so that they can provide me with safe conduct until I arrive in Judah?' (8) And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the King's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the Citadel by the Temple and for the City wall...*'

In order to answer this we have to deduce which time-frame, of which Decree fits into the order of the 490
*Literal, Symbolic or Biblical years. *(360 lunar days of the prophetic year, as opposed to the normal 365)

Research - suggests that the time- frame most suited is the one in Nehemiah by King Artaxerxes 445. B.C. If all decrees are read carefully we find that the previous ones have only to do with the rebuilding of the Alter and Temple. There is no mention of the rebuilding of Jerusalem only in Dan. 9. 25; '...*to restore and rebuild Jerusalem...with the streets and a trench (moate)...*'

The above dates have been the cause of much debate in calculation by trying to work out the 490 weeks of years. Only one works to the precise timing of the cutting off of the Anointed One. The 445. B.C. time frame of the decree to Nehemiah by Artaxerxes. Neh. 2. 1 – 9; A considerable number of Theologians and Historians agree.

Especially:-

***Sir Robert Anderson (1841 – 1918)** in his book 'The Coming Prince' has carefully worked out the chronology of the period, in support of the decree given to Nehemiah by Artaxerxes, to rebuild Jerusalem. (Neh. 2. 1 – 8;) the date of which was 445. B.C.

(*Investigator for Scotland Yard. Used his investigative skills for the book of Daniel. Provided apologetic evidence for the genuineness of the book.)

Period One Seven weeks/sevens of years = 049 yrs. *The streets shall be built and the wall, Dan 9. 25;*

Period Two Sixty two weeks/sevens * = 434 yrs. *To the coming and cutting off of messiah. 9. 26;*
49yrs + 434yrs = 483yrs x 360 days per year = 173,880 days arrives at Christ's triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and the cross 32. A.D.

Indefinite period of time

Period three One week/seven of antichrist = 007 yrs. *Period of Antichrist and Broken covenant. 9. 27*
 total 490 yrs.

v.27; is period of the Antichrist. See v26; this is during the seventieth hebdomad which is the seven of the broken covenant of Antichrist v27; (007 weeks of yrs).

i The period of the last seven years must be future, for '*the prince (antichrist) that shall come*' 9.26; (u2 has not yet appeared.)

No seven year covenant has been made with the Jews, then broken half way through, followed by a period of unprecedented persecution of the Jews in the Holy Land. vv 9. 27; (see also Ch. 12. V 7;)
He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven (the last seven of time) in the middle of the seven he will put an end to the sacrifice. And on the wing of the Temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation (See Mtt. 24. 15;) until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

ii. There has been no prohibition of the Sacrifices and Offerings – as there is no Temple in Jerusalem. It was destroyed in 70 A.D.

Note: 2. Thes. 2. 1 – 4; Mtt. 24. 15;

iii. Then the one who broke the covenant (Antichrist) destroyed by a divine visitation.

I see no alternative but to accept the fact that the *last Seven* as the final seven years of this age. The one that will end with coming of Christ to set up His Kingdom.

As to how and exactly when, will have to be left. Even Daniel was not told. 12. 7, - 9;

Conclusion:**(iii). Daniel's Time, Times and a half Time:**

Daniel makes one further enquiry in the 12th chapter concerning the time of the end vv6b; 7b; *"How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?" Daniel is told, "it will be for time (one year) times (two years) and half a time (six months) when the power of the Holy People has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."*

He makes still further enquiry. But then he is told, 12. v9; *"Go your way, Daniel because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end."*

Daniel is given a final sign: (See also Rev. 12. v14; then read the whole chapter and Mtt. 24. 15;) Dan. 12 v11; *"From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up there will be 1,290 days (approx 3 ½ yrs +1 month) Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the 1,335 days. (Could usher in the Millennium)*

Going back to Dan. 12. vv6, 7; The time, times and half a time refers to the final 3 ½ years.

To take this view is totally reasonable. It most likely refers to the three and one half years when the seven year covenant made by Antichrist is broken in the middle of the seven year period – the last seven years of time. (9. 27;)

This will begin the *'abomination of desolation'* Consequently bringing with it the tribulation spoken of in the New Testament by Jesus in **Mtt. 24. 15, - 22**; Jesus also assures of those days of tribulation being shortened. See **Dan 12. 11**;

Daniel's 1,290 days and 1,335 days (12.11.)
1,290 days represents 3 ½ years (+ 1 month). 1,335 days represents 6 wks: During which time Christ will be reigning in full glory.