

Reconsidering Daniel 12:6-7

Daniel chapter twelve contains the phrase, '**a time, times, and an half**', which has traditionally been taught to mean the three and a half-year period of time known as the Great Tribulation. This article proposes that this interpretation is incorrect for Daniel 12 and that scripture provides a more relevant explanation.

1. There are three passages in scripture where a variation of this phrase appears:

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.**'

Daniel 12:7 'And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for **a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.'

Revelation 12:14 'And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.'

While the same English word 'time' is used in all three passages, each one is derived from a different language and each conveys different meaning. According to Strong's Concordance:

'a time and times' in Daniel 7:25 is Aramaic - H5732

'a time, times' in Daniel 12:7 is Hebrew - H4150

'a time, and times' in Revelation 12:14 is Greek - G2540

H5732 is an Aramaic word that technically means 'year'. H8141 is the Hebrew word for 'year'. However, H4150 is a Hebrew word that has numerous other uses. In fact, the first use of H4150 is found in Genesis 1:14 'And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.'

Here, H4150 is rendered 'seasons' rather than 'times', and note that the H8141 is rendered 'years' just a few words away in the same verse. According to Strong's Concordance, H4150 is never translated as 'year'.

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The KJV translates Strong's H4150 in the following manner: congregation (150x), feast (23x), season (13x), appointed (12x), time (12x), assembly (4x), solemnity (4x), solemn (2x), days (1x), sign (1x), synagogues (1x).

See **Figure 1** at the end of the article.

2. As with any literary analysis, context is important. The phrase ‘a time, times, and an half;’ from Daniel 12:7, is part of an answer to a very important question. A question pertaining to a vision that began all the way back in Daniel chapter ten. You are highly encouraged to read the entire passage (Daniel 10-12) and have it nearby while reading this article. Also, please see the oration diagrams (**Figure 2** and **Figure 3**) at the end of the article.

2a. The question and the answer.

Daniel 12: 6 contains the question:

‘And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river,
How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?’

Daniel 12:7 contains the answer:

‘And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that **it shall be for a time, times, and an half;** and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.’

2b. The starting parameter(s).

Notice that the request was for a time-based answer and that it did not explicitly identify any particular event as the starting point. Therefore, the logical starting point would either progress from the time that the question was asked or from the first event mentioned.

If we return to Daniel chapter ten, the first verse tells us that the vision was revealed to Daniel ‘In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia’. And verse four tells us that it was ‘in the four and twentieth day of the first month’.

If we continue to Daniel chapter eleven, the second verse is where the oration begins.

‘And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, **there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia;** and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. And **a mighty king shall stand up,** that shall rule with great dominion, **and do according to his will.** And when he shall stand up, **his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven;** and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.’

So, the vision was revealed on **Nissan 24, in the third year of King Cyrus,** and the first event mentioned was **the coming of three Persian kings and then Alexander the Great.**

Neither the timing of the vision, nor the first event mentioned, have anything to do with the start of the Great Tribulation (ie: stopping of daily sacrifices and the desecration of the temple).

2c. The ending parameter

What about 'the **end** of these wonders?'

The last events (wonders) mentioned are found in Daniel 12:2-3.

'And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.'

Verse two tells us about two different resurrections that will happen after the second coming of Christ. These are the same two resurrections found in Revelation 20:4-6,

'And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.'

So, the resurrection in the first part of Daniel 12:2 and the 'First Resurrection' of Revelation 20:4 and 6 are the same resurrection, which occurs **after** the Second Coming of Christ, but **before** the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ.

The resurrection in the last part of Daniel 12:2 and in Revelation 20:5 are the same resurrection, which occurs **after** the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ. This is the resurrection of those who will go to the Great White Throne Judgement (Revelation 20:11-15).

It is interesting to note, that the Messianic Prophecy which began in Genesis 3:15, 'And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.' is not finished until Revelation 20:15, 'And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.' This will be the moment when the original Messianic Prophecy is completed.

Daniel 12:3, 'And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.' is an allusion to the eternal state of the redeemed, which will live forever in the new heaven, the new earth and the new Jerusalem (See Revelation 21).

So, 'the **end** of these wonders' cannot be a reference to the end of the Great Tribulation since there are other major events (wonders) that were mentioned afterwards.

According to the text, here are the parameters of the question asked in Daniel 12:6.

From: the third year of King Cyrus and/or the time of the three remaining kings of Persia.

To: the end of the Great White Throne Judgement.

The Tribulation portion of the passage is from Daniel 11:36-12:1. The Great Tribulation is neither the first subject nor the last subject (wonder) of the oration. Therefore, it cannot be the subject of the question ('How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?'). Since it was not the subject of question, we should not assume that it is the subject of the answer.

3. The answer given in Daniel 12:7 has two parts. This second part also helps us correctly identify the event(s) that are the 'end of these wonders'.

'And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; **and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.**'

Part 1, 'it shall be for a time, times, and an half;'

Part 2, 'and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.'

The second portion of the answer is traditionally taught to be a reference to the Great Tribulation; However, we will soon see that it is not. Rather, it is a reference to the end of the 'little season', which is **after** the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ when Satan will be loosed to deceive the nations (see Revelation 20:3, 7-8).

3a. Consider Part 2 of the passage above. If this is a reference to the Great Tribulation, then 'he' would be identified as the anti-Christ. However, if it is a reference to events that occur after the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ, then 'he' would be identified as Satan.

3b. There are two phrases in the passage that will help us determine if this is talking about the Great Tribulation or the end of the Little Season ('holy people' and 'scatter the power').

3b1. First, we must identify the 'holy people' relevant to Daniel 12:7. The term is only mentioned seven other times in all of Scripture; Five are found in the book of Deuteronomy (7:6, 14:2, 14:21, 26:19 and 28:9) where it is always a reference to the children of Israel.

Another mention is in Isaiah 62:12 'And they shall call them, The **holy people**, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.'

Since the whole chapter is about the Millennial Kingdom, 'The holy people' are a very clear reference to the Saints during the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ.

The last reference is found in Daniel 8:24 'And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the **holy people**.'

Here we have a very clear reference to the Jews in the time of Antiochus IV (Epiphanes).

So, if Part 2 of Daniel 12:7 'and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.' is a reference to the coming Great Tribulation, then the 'holy people' must either be the Jews or the gentile saints that are martyred during that time.

But if it's a reference to the Little Season when Satan is loosed to deceive the nations, then the 'holy people' would be identified as the Saints who ruled with Christ throughout his thousand-year reign.

3b2. Now let's move on to the second phrase 'scatter the power'.

Since it is well accepted that the stopping of daily sacrifices and desecration of the temple in Daniel 8 is an allusion to those same events happening again during the Great Tribulation, let's start by comparing the relevant events of Daniel 8 with their corresponding events during the Great Tribulation.

Daniel 8:20-25, 'The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. And **in the latter time of their kingdom**, when the transgressors are come to the full, **a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences**, shall stand up. And **his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people**. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and **by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.**'

Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) was very much an anti-Christ figure in his time and the attributes ascribed to him, and his rule, line up directly with the anti-Christ of the Tribulation to come.

Notice that it says he '**shall destroy** the mighty and **the holy people**'.

Consider also the very similar verbiage of Daniel 7:21-25, 'I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.** Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 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.**'

Notice that it says he, '**prevailed** against them' and that he, 'shall **wear out** the saints' and that they (the Saints), 'shall be **given into his hand** until a time and times and the dividing of time.' As you can see, verse 25 designates how long the anti-Christ will prevail against the Saints, and that 'time and times and the dividing of time' is well understood to be the three-and-a-half-years of the Great Tribulation.

Now consider the same Great Tribulation events found in Revelation 13:4-8, 'And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 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.** And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them:** and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.'

Notice again, that it says that the anti-Christ will, 'make war with the saints, and to **overcome them**'. It also says that he will 'continue forty and two months', which equates to the three-and-a-half-years of the Great Tribulation, from Daniel 7:25.

So, after reviewing three of the primary Great Tribulation passages, we see that the anti-Christ will 'destroy', 'prevail against', 'wear out' and 'overcome' the Saints throughout that three-and-a-half-year time period.

But, just to be sure, let's take a look at one more passage. Revelation 20:4, 'And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw **the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not**

worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.'

Indeed, the Saints will be martyred throughout the Great Tribulation, beheaded even.

Again, let's consider the two 'holy people' options that were identified for the Great Tribulation. The Jews and/or the gentile saints.

Revelation 12 contains an allegorical view of the Jew's disposition during the Great Tribulation. Verse 14 says, 'And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**'

Even the traditional teaching of this passage tells us that the remnant of the Jews is to be protected from the wrath of Satan throughout the three-and-a-half years of the Great Tribulation. Therefore, the Jews cannot be the 'holy people' of Daniel 12:7, since the power protecting them will not be scattered.

And as we have already seen, the gentile saints of the Great Tribulation cannot be the 'holy people' of Daniel 12:7 since they will never be given power to scatter.

3b3. Now let's consider the role of the Saints during the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ. From Revelation 20:4 we can see that the Tribulation martyrs are sitting upon 'thrones' and that 'judgement was given unto them.' And from Daniel 7:22, 'Until the Ancient of days came, and **judgment was given to the saints** of the most High; and the time came that **the saints possessed the kingdom.**'

During the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ, the Saints will 'possess the kingdom'; They will have a 'throne' and 'judgment'. This is the **power** that Satan will **scatter** during the 'little season', when he goes 'out to deceive the nations'.

There is a big difference between the fate of the Saints during the Great Tribulation and the fate of the Saints after the Millennial Kingdom. What **power** does a martyr have that can be **scattered**? None. The Saints are not given power during the Great Tribulation, instead, they are 'given into his hand (the anti-Christ)'. According to Daniel 8:24, it's the anti-Christ that has power during the Tribulation, not the 'holy people'.

However, the Saints of the Millennial Kingdom will have 'thrones', and their authority over the people will be scattered (or shattered) as Satan deceives the nations. The vast majority of corruptible humanity, if not all, will rebel against the Saints of the Most High.

Revelation 20:7-10, 'And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out **to deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: **the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and **compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.'

Daniel 12:7, 'when he shall have accomplished to **scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.**'

We can now clearly see that this a reference to the end of the 'little season' which occurs **after** the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ. Satan will again tempt and deceive the nations. And just as it was with one man and one woman in the Garden of Eden, the selfishness of man's heart will again turn the nations against the Word of God, even after spending a thousand years together with Him.

From Revelation 20:9-10 we also see that their end will not be prolonged any further. There is no battle, only judgement. The fire destroys the deceived, Satan is thrown into the Lake of Fire and the Great White Throne Judgement begins.

The Great White Throne Judgement after the Millennial Kingdom is '**the end of these wonders**'.

4. Daniel chapters 7 and 11-12 have a very similar scope (See **Figure 2** and **Figure 3**). The vision/dream revealed to Daniel in chapter 7 covers the same portion of human history as Daniel chapters 11 and 12; Although, the vision in chapter 7 is described symbolically in the form of four 'beasts'. According to the interpretation given in Daniel 7:15-27, the succession of beasts represent the kingdoms of the earth that would rule from the time of Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon until the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus the Christ. Similar to Daniel 11:36-12:1, Daniel 7:23-25 also describes the Great Tribulation; And just as Daniel 12:2-3 describe events that follow afterwards, Daniel 7:26-27 also continues through the Millennial Kingdom to eternity:

'But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, **whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.**'

In both cases, the beginning and ending points are the same, but the Great Tribulation is neither the first event, nor the last wonder mentioned. It is also interesting to note, that Daniel 7:28 finishes the vision with, 'Hitherto is the end of the matter'. So, the 'everlasting kingdom' that 'all dominions shall serve and obey' is '**the end of the matter**', not the Great Tribulation.

5. So, what is the meaning of 'a time, times, and an half' in the context of Daniel 12:7? From the books of Daniel and the Revelation we learn that there are three well known and contiguous prophecies that will span the remainder of human history. They are presented here in the order that they appear in Scripture.

5a. **An half**: The 70-Weeks prophecy from Daniel 9:24-27.

'Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 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 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. 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 70 'weeks' are traditionally interpreted to mean 70 x 7 years, or a total of **490** literal years. The first 483 years (69 'weeks') have already been fulfilled; From the time that Nehemiah returned from Persia to rebuild Jerusalem, until Jesus the Christ rode into Jerusalem on 'the foal of an ass' (Matthew 21:5) and was crucified later that week. Those were the 483 years. The final 70th 'week' is understood to be the soon coming seven-year Tribulation.

5b. **Times**: The 'After two days' prophecy from Hosea 5:15-6:2.

'I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. 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.'

The 'two days' are commonly interpreted to mean **2,000** literal years. These are the two-thousand years from the year of Christ's crucifixion, resurrection and ascension ('I will go and return to my place') until the year that the Tribulation begins (70th 'week' of Daniel's prophecy) which is 'after two days' when He will 'revive us'.

This two-thousand-year period is often called the 'Times of the Gentiles', the 'Age of Grace' or the 'Church Age'. There is also a veiled reference to it in Luke 21:24 where Jesus said, 'And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: **and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**'

5c. **Time:** The Thousand-Year Reign of Christ from Revelation 20:2-7.

‘And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him **a thousand years**, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till **the thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ **a thousand years**. But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him **a thousand years**. And when **the thousand years** are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison’

Although given last, both in the sequence of events to come and in their original revelation, these ‘thousand-years’ are the unit of measure for the answer given in Daniel 12:7.

One ‘time’ is equal to **1,000** literal years.

‘Times’ is therefore equal to one ‘time’ and another ‘time’, or 2,000 years.

And half is equal to ‘half’ of one ‘time’, or 500 years (490 years prophetically*).

*The remaining ten years can also be accounted for in scripture by including the 4 years from the Second Coming of Christ to the start of the Millennial Kingdom plus the 6 years of the ‘little season’ where Satan is loosed to deceive the nations. For more on these, please read the article and slideshow, ‘7000 years is not enough’ located at:

<https://7049biblicaltimelineresearch.org/articles.html>.

Thus, the meaning of ‘a time, times and an half’ is the collection of the three contiguous time-based prophecies that span the latter half of human history, when the messianic prophecy of Genesis 3:15 will be finished. Or, chronologically speaking, a time period of about 3,500 years.

This unit of measure is also referenced in Daniel 7:11-12, ‘I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: **yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.**’

In the passage, the beast that was slain is the anti-Christ, and the ‘rest of the beasts’ that ‘had their dominion taken away’ are **the nations** of people that survive the Great Tribulation and enter into the Millennial Kingdom. Notice that they are allowed to continue for ‘**a season and time**’. As we’ve already discussed, Revelation 20:2-7 tells us that Christ will reign for 1,000 years, or ‘a time’ as Daniel 12:7 puts it, and then Satan will be loosed for a ‘little season’.

Time = 1,000 years (Millennial Kingdom)

Season = 'little season' when Satan is loosed to deceive the nations

There is yet another reference in Daniel 7:22, 'Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and **the time** came that the saints possessed the kingdom'.

The 'time' when 'the saints possessed the kingdom' will be the 1,000-year reign of Christ, the Millennial Kingdom. Not just any time, '**the time**'. You may recall that Revelation 20:2-7 uses the term '**the thousand years**' on three occasions. 'A thousand years' is also used three times. In context, and in each case, 'A thousand years' delineates a length of the time, but 'the thousand years' identifies a specific event, an appointed time, the Millennial Kingdom. See **Figure 1** at the end of the article for the Strong's Concordance explanation of these terms (time, times, season) in each of their relevant occurrences.

6. New information is presented after the answer (Daniel 12:8-13).

After the man in linen gave his answer, verse eight tells us that Daniel did not understand the answer provided.

If the phrase 'a time, times and an half' actually carried the same meaning as the similar phrase from Daniel 7:25 (3.5 years of the Great Tribulation), then Daniel should not have been confused at all. That, along with the second part of the answer should have been readily understood since the Daniel 7 vision preceded the Daniel 10-12 vision by at least six years and was given with the interpretation (See **Figure 5**).

But Daniel did not understand; So he asked the question again, in a slightly different way, 'O my Lord, **what shall be the end of these things?**' but the man did not answer this question, instead he responded with, 'Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.' At this point, all links to the previous discourse are broken. That matter was 'closed up'.

But the man in linen continues to speak from verses 10-12 and then verse 13 is the end of the book. 'Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. **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. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.** But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.'

Many have attempted to make a connection between the information given in Daniel 12:11-12 (bolded portion) and the answer that was given in verse 7, but the narrative of verse nine clearly prevents it. The man in linen had already 'sealed' the previous part of their discussion.

Therefore, the following verses, 10-12, can only present new information that is not related to the previously sealed words. Otherwise, the man clothed in linen lied in verse nine.

Here is the new information from Daniel 12:11-12, '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. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.'

Notice that the text of Daniel 12:11 is different from the Q&A in Daniel 12:6-7, in that, the latter actually does come with explicit starting parameters.

Starting parameters: 'from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up'

The ending parameter is also specified as 1,290 days later, and a blessing is upon those that wait until the 1,335th day.

These parameters are in complete contrast to those of the question in Daniel 12:6.

The timeframe of the new information given in Daniel 12:11-12 does correspond to very similar information found in Daniel 7:25, 9:27, Revelation 12:6, 12:14 and 13:5. All of these correlate directly with the three-and-a-half-year timespan and events of the Great Tribulation. But the man in linen clearly separated this new information from the Q&A in Daniel 12:6-7.

Conclusion

The Great Tribulation is not the beginning or ending subject of the Daniel 11-12 oration and therefore cannot be the subject of the question, '**How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?**' (Daniel 12:6). Thus, it would be inconsistent to connect the Great Tribulation to either portion of the answer.

The first part of the answer given in Daniel 12:7, '**it shall be for a time, times, and an half;**' cannot share the same meaning as the similar phrases found in Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 12:14 (See **Figure 1**). However, it has been shown that there are three contiguous time-based prophecies that are fully compatible with that portion of the answer.

Time (1,000 years*) = The Thousand-Year Reign of Christ from Revelation 20:2-7

Times (2,000 years) = The 'After two days' prophecy from Hosea 5:15-6:2

An Half (490 years) = The 70-Weeks prophecy from Daniel 9:24-27

*The unit of measure

The second part of the answer given in Daniel 12:7, '**and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.**' is not a reference to the Jews or martyred Saints of the Great Tribulation, but has instead been shown to refer to the disposition of the Saints after the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ. This explanation is also relevant to the first part of the answer, and meaningful in the context of the question.

The new information presented after Daniel 12:9 cannot be applied to the oration given before since those words were '**closed up and sealed till the time of the end.**'

In the context of Daniel 12:6-7, the phrase 'a time, times, and an half' should not be taught as meaning the three-and-a-half-year Great Tribulation. It is now understood to be a very fitting description of the three primary time-based prophecies that encapsulate the latter half of human history. From the end of the Babylonian Exile to the Great White Throne Judgement.

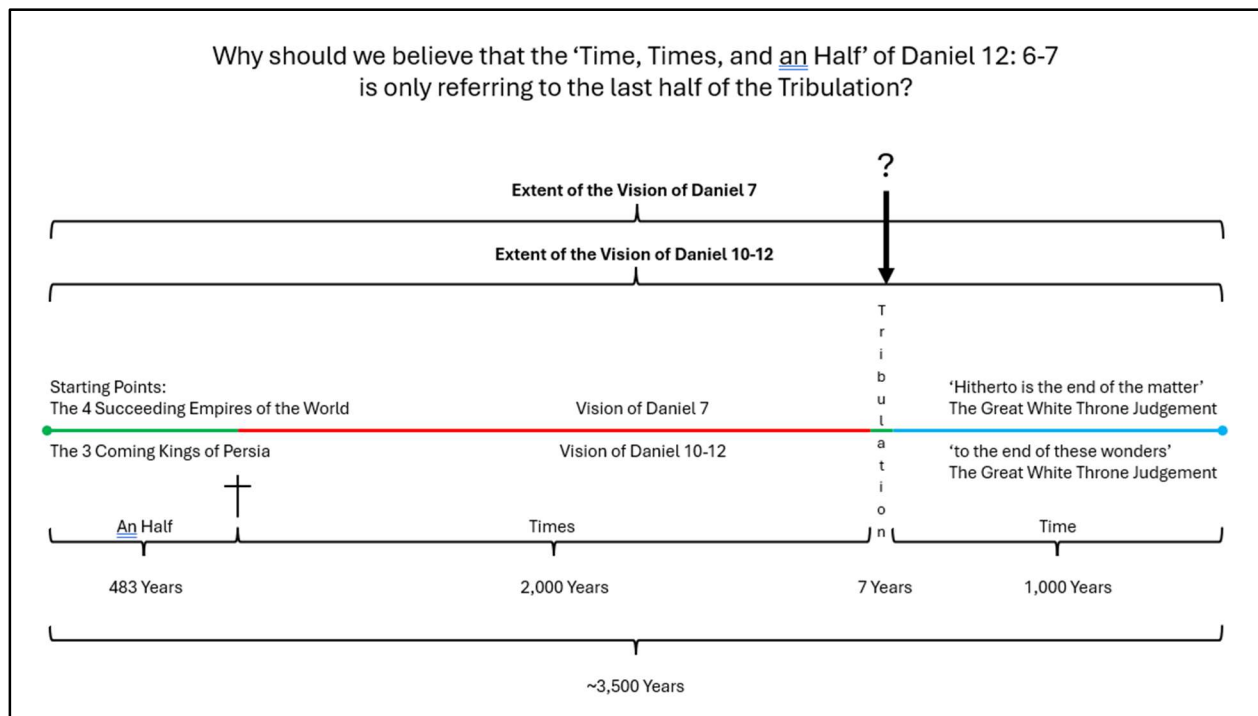


Figure 1 (Strong's Concordance Explanation of Relevant Terms)

Daniel 7:12 (season)H2166 (time) H5732

'As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a **season** and **time**.'

Daniel 7:22 (time) H2166

'Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the **time** came that the saints possessed the kingdom.'

Daniel 7:25 (times)H2166 (time) H5732 (times)H5732 (time)H5732

'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**.'

Daniel 12:7 (time) H4150 (times)H4150 (half)H2677

'And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a **time**, **times**, and an **half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.'

Revelation 12:14 (time) G2540 (times)G2540 (time)G2540

'And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a **time**, and **times**, and half a **time**, from the face of the serpent.'

H2166: 'zman zem-awn' (Aramaic) from 2165; the same as 2165:--season, time.

H5732: 'iddan id-dawn' (Aramaic) from a root corresponding to that of 5708; a set time; technically, a year:--time.

H4150: 'mow`ed mo-ade' or moled {mo-ade'}; or (feminine) mowedah (2Chronicles 8:13) {mo-aw-daw'}; from 3259; properly, an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; specifically, a festival; conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the congregation; by extension, the place of meeting; also a signal (as appointed beforehand):--appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn(-ity), synogogue, (set) time (appointed).

H2677: 'chetsiy khay-tsee' from 2673; the half or middle:--half, middle, mid(-night), midst, part, two parts.

G2540: 'kairos kahee-ros' of uncertain affinity; an occasion, i.e. set or proper time:--X always, opportunity, (convenient, due) season, (due, short, while) time, a while. Compare 5550.

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Figure 2 (Daniel 7 Oration Diagram)

	<p>Daniel 7</p> <p>1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.</p> <p>2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and,</p>
7:2-28 – The Full Oration	<p>behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.</p> <p>3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.</p>
7:3-4 – The Starting Parameter	<p>4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was <u>lifted up</u> from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a <u>man</u>, and a man's heart was given to it.</p>
7:5-14 Vision of the Succession of World Empires from Babylon to the End	<p>5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.</p> <p>6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.</p> <p>7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.</p> <p>8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: <u>and</u>, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.</p> <p>9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.</p> <p>10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.</p> <p>11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn <u>spake</u>: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.</p> <p>12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.</p> <p>13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.</p> <p>14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.</p>
7:15-28 Interpretation of the Vision	<p>15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit <u>in the midst of my body</u>, and the visions of my head troubled me.</p> <p>16 I came near unto one of them that stood <u>by</u>, and asked him the truth of all this: <u>So</u> he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.</p> <p>17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.</p> <p>18 But the saints of the <u>most High</u> shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.</p> <p>19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;</p> <p>20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that <u>spake</u> very great things, whose look was <u>more stout</u> than his fellows.</p> <p>21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;</p> <p>22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the <u>most High</u>; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.</p> <p>23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.</p> <p>24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.</p> <p>25 And he shall speak great words against the <u>most High</u>, and shall wear out the saints of the <u>most High</u>, 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.</p> <p>26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.</p>
7:27 – The Ending Parameter	<p>27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the <u>most High</u>, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.</p>
7:28 – End of the Oration	<p>28 Hitherto is the end of the matter.</p>
	<p>As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.</p>

Figure 3 (Daniel 11-12 Oration Diagram)

11:1-12:4 – The Full Oration

11:2 – The Starting Parameter

11:3-35

Text Associated with The Intertestamental Period

11:31

Daily Sacrifices Stopped and Temple Desolated by Antiochus IV (Epiphanes)

11:36-12:1

Text Associated with The Tribulation

12:2-3 – The Ending Parameter

12:4 – End of the Oration

12:6 – The Question

12:7 – The Answer

12:9 – The Words already Sealed

12:10-12 – New Information

Daniel 11

1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

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.

24 He shall enter 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.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will, and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

Daniel 12

1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

4 And thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

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.

12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Daniel 12

Verse 6 (Question) ...how long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

Verse 7 (Answer) ...it shall be for a time, times, and an half;

Figure 4 (Three Time-Based Contiguous Prophecies)

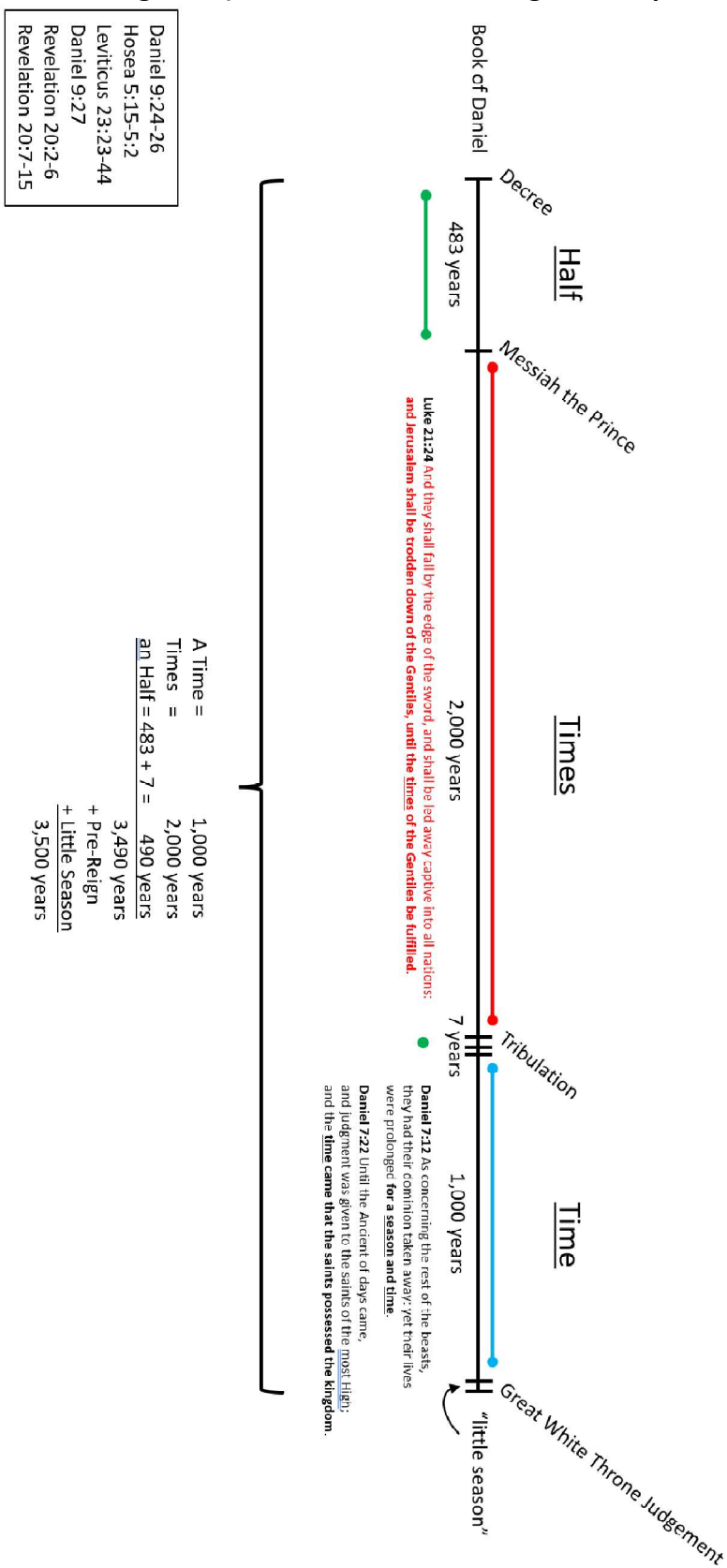


Figure 5 (Progression of the Kings as Mentioned in the Book of Daniel)

Jehoiakim (King of Judah)

Year of Reign: 3 Daniel 1

Nebuchadnezzar

Year of Reign: 2 Daniel 2

Year of Reign: Unknown Daniel 3, 4

Evilmerodach (Not mentioned in Daniel)

Belshazar

Year of Reign: 1 Daniel 7

Year of Reign: 3 Daniel 8

Year of Reign: Last Daniel 5

Cyrus

Year of Reign: 3 Daniel 10 - 12

Ahasuerus (Not mentioned in Daniel)

Darius (Son of Ahasuerus)

Year of Reign: 1 Daniel 9, Daniel 11-12

Year of Reign: Unknown Daniel 6

Artaxerxes (Not mentioned in Daniel)

Figure 6 (Time, Times, and an Half Comparison)

Daniel 12:6-7 ‘And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.’

The following table lists all of the reasonable time-based increments for the meaning of the phrase, ‘time, times and an half’.

Unit of Measure*	Time*	Times	An Half	Time-Based Meaning
Day	1 day	2 days	1/2 day	3.5 days
Week	7 days	14 days	3.5 days	24.5 days
Month	1 month	2 months	1/2 month	3.5 months
Year	1 year	2 years	1/2 year	3.5 years
Decade	10 years	20 years	5 years	35 years
Century	100 years	200 years	50 years	350 years
Millennium	1,000 years	2,000 years	500 years	3,500 years
10-Millennia	10,000 years	20,000 years	5,000 years	35,000 years

The only option that is supported by the parameters of the ‘angels’ oration is **3,500 years**.

Parameters: Daniel 11:2 - 12:2-3

From the three kings of Persia that were to come, to the great white throne judgement.

All of the smaller options have long since passed.

The largest option (10-Millennia) has no scriptural support at all.

The ‘Millennium’ option not only fits the parameters of the passage, but scripture also contains time-based prophetic events that match each of its components.

Time*	The Millennial Reign of Christ	1,000 years	Revelation 20:2-7
Times	The ‘After two days’ Prophecy	2,000 years	Hosea 5:15-6:2
An Half	The 70 Weeks Prophecy	490 years	Daniel 9:24-27