

A summary of the time periods of Daniel and Revelation

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The following boxes incorporate the main time periods from Daniel and Revelation that relate to the time of the end and the years leading up to it. Suggested start and finish dates together with relevant events are shown. Each event prior to the twentieth century is referenced to the list at [the end of this section](#) to show where the date has been obtained. It should be noted that time periods can have more than one start and finish date. Dates are A.D. unless indicated.

Daniel 4:16 (see also vv. 23,25,32)			
"Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him".			
Time period:	1 'time' = 360 days; 7 × 360 = 2,520 days; 1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "seven times" signifies 2,520 years.		
General background:	Just as the stump of the tree is preserved by iron and brass (v. 15), so the Babylonian influence was seen in Rome and Greece and manifested itself in Roman and Greek Catholicism. Time period relates to this period of Gentile dominance.		
SUGGESTED FULFILMENTS			
Start date	Start event	Finish event	Finish date
603 B.C.	Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the image (a)	Turks driven from Palestine, and the Balfour Declaration	1917
539 B.C.	Babylon captured by Cyrus (b)	No specific event	1981

Daniel 8:14			
"And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days [Heb. evening mornings]; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed".			
Time period:	1 day (i.e. an evening and morning) signifies 1 year; therefore "two thousand and three hundred days" signifies 2,300 years.		
General background:	Israel "trodden under foot" (v. 13) by Gentiles.		
SUGGESTED FULFILMENT			
Start date	Start event	Finish event	Finish date
334/3 B.C.	Alexander the Great invades the Middle East (b)	Six-Day War; all Jerusalem in Jewish hands	1967

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".			
Time period:	1 'time' = 360 days; 'times' = $2 \times 360 = 720$ days; 'dividing of time' = $360 \div 2 = 180$ days; $360 + 720 + 180 = 1,260$ days; 1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "a time and times and the dividing of time" signifies 1,260 years.		
General background:	Roman Catholic Europe symbolised by the little horn persecutes its opponents.		
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Start date	Start event	Finish event	Finish date
533	Justinian proclaims pope as Universal Bishop (c)	Louis XVI, keen supporter of the Catholic Church, executed (b)	1793
539	Ravenna reconquered by Justinian (d)	Pope Pius VI dies while being held prisoner by the French (b)	1799
590	Gregory I becomes pope (one of only two to be called "Great") (d)	Pope Pius IX begins the year in exile. Returns to Rome but only with support of French troops (b)	1850

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".			
Time period:	1 'time' = 360 days; 'times' = $2 \times 360 = 720$ days; 'half' = $360 \div 2 = 180$ days; $360 + 720 + 180 = 1,260$ days; 1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "a time, times, and an half" signifies 1,260 years.		
General background:	Period during which Israel are scattered.		
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Start date	Start event	Finish event	Finish date
638	Arab conquest of Jerusalem (e)	Second Zionist Congress meeting (f)	1898
688	Al Aqsa mosque building begun 660 and Dome of the Rock completed 691 (e)	State of Israel established	1948

Daniel 12:11			
"And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days".			
Time period:	1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "a thousand two hundred and ninety days" signifies 1,290 years.		
General background:	Original abomination of desolation began with Roman armies in A.D. 70 (cp. Mt. 24:15 with Lk. 21:20). Roman Catholic Church develops into a full expression of abomination (Rev. 17:5) that desolates natural and spiritual Israel. Ottoman power also brings abomination to the Land.		
SUGGESTED FULFILMENTS			
Start date	Start event	Finish event	Finish date
607/8	Decree of Phocas helped to establish Roman Catholic Church (g)	First Jewish National Congress (f)	1897
622-30	Islamic era begins with Mohammed fleeing Mecca in 622 and returning in triumph in 630 (b)	During this period Ottoman Empire is dealt terminal blow by World War 1 (1914-18) and loses control of Palestine (1917)	1912-20

Daniel 12:12			
"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days".			
Time period:	1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days" signifies 1,335 years.		
General background:	This period ends deep into the time of the end, but no definite start is indicated in the prophecy. However, it may be that dates used for other time periods are to be used.		
SUGGESTED FULFILMENTS			
Start date	Start event	Finish event	Finish date
622	Islamic era begins with Mohammed fleeing Mecca (b)	Treaty of Rome signed forming the basis of the EEC.	1957
638	Arab conquest of Jerusalem (e)	Yom Kippur War	1973

Revelation 11:2			
"But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months".			
Time period:	1 month = 30 days; 42 × 30 = 1,260 days; 1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "forty and two months" signifies 1,260 years.		
General background:	Roman Catholic Europe, symbolised by the beast of the sea, persecutes the faithful.		
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533	Justinian proclaims pope as Universal Bishop (c)	Louis XVI, keen supporter of the Catholic Church, executed (b)	1793
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Revelation 11:3			
"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth".			
Time period:	1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "a thousand two hundred and threescore days" signifies 1,260 years.		
General background:	Roman Catholic Europe is witnessed against by its opponents, who resort to violence.		
SUGGESTED FULFILMENT			
Start date	Start event	Finish event	Finish date
312	Constantine comes to power (b)	St Bartholomew Massacre effectively ends religious opposition (b)	1572

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".			
Time period:	1 'time' = 360 days; 'times' = 2 × 360 = 720 days; 'half a time' = 360 ÷ 2 = 180 days; 360 + 720 + 180 = 1,260 days; 1 day signifies 1 year; therefore "a time, and times, and half a time" signifies 1,260 years.		
General background:	Protesters against the Roman Catholic religion are isolated in a religious wilderness.		
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Revelation 13:5			
"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months".			
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