

Servitude of the Nation, Desolations of Jerusalem

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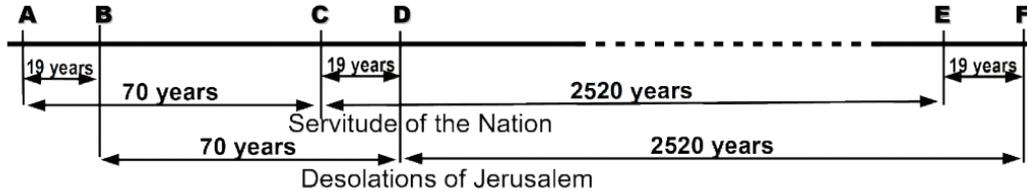
“This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.” [Jeremiah 25:11](#) The *Servitude of the Nation* began when King Nebuchadnezzar first conquered Jerusalem and exiled the Jews to Babylon. About 19 years later the *Desolations of Jerusalem* began when he destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple.

While the prophet Ezekiel was living in captivity in Babylon, we find a strange assignment and prophecy: “For I have assigned you a number of days corresponding to the years of their iniquity, three hundred and ninety days; thus you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for each year.” [Ezekiel 4:5-6](#) So the total days of this prophecy are 390 plus 40, giving 430 years.

It appears that at creation, the year was exactly 360 days with twelve 30-day months,¹ so this is the Biblical year. After the 70 years, there remained 360 years, which does not seem to fit any part of Jewish history.

- A 606 BC First Babylonian Siege: Jewish Nation Conquered
- B 587 BC Third Babylonian Siege: Destruction of Jerusalem
- C 537 BC Decree of Cyrus: End of Captivity of the Jews
- D 518 BC Decree of Artaxerxes: Rebuild and Restore Jerusalem
- E May 14, 1948: Restoration of the Nation
- F June 7, 1967: Restoration of Jerusalem

**Ezekiel's
430 years**



But: “If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you **seven times more for your sins.**” [Leviticus 26:18](#), and repeated three more times in the same chapter. So, 7 times 360 gives 2520 years, fitting roughly the time between C and E, and D and F in the diagram. But multiplying 2520 Biblical years times 360 days per year, gives 907,200 days, which fits almost exactly, only with an uncertainty of a few days because of the difficulty of establishing the ancient dates. In the diagram I show only the number of years, but fulfillment to exact days would be even more amazing. Notice also that there are 19 years between A and B, C and D, and E and F, and 70 years between A and C and B and D.²

So, the *Servitude of the Nation* ended May 14, 1948 when Israel became a sovereign nation again, and the *Desolations of Jerusalem* ended June 7, 1967 when Israel conquered

all of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

Clearly God acts in exact time frames, demonstrating that He is God and is in control of history. The Israelites were in Egypt 430 years to the day³ and each “week” of Daniel’s prophecy of the 70 weeks is 2520 days.⁴ I expect the coming 7-year Tribulation to be exactly 7 times 360 days, or 2520 days. Therefore, I have no doubt that the 907,200 days were fulfilled to the day.

All this is a powerful statement that the Jews are God’s chosen people today and are still key in God’s plans. This should lay to rest any idea that the Church has replaced Israel in God’s plans.⁵

This, plus other strong evidence, shows that the Bible is God’s word. Most important of all, the salvation of your eternal soul, is a personal matter between you and God and does not depend on rites, clerics, traditions,

human effort, or belonging to any church, religion or organization: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works...”* [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) No matter what kind of person you are or what you have done: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* [1 John 1:9](#) Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”* [John 3:16](#) Then study the Bible to live pleasing to God: *“...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”* [Corinthians 5:17](#)

1 [360dayyear.com](#)

2 The odds for this symmetry is about 1 in $19 \times 19 \times 19 \times 70 \times 70 \times 2520 \times 2520$, or 1 in 10^{14} , or if to the day, 1 in 10^{23} . (There are about 10^{80} atoms in the universe.)

3 [Exodus 12:41](#)

4 [Daniel 9:24](#)

5 For a more detailed study, see “Ezekiel’s 430₁₇₁₀

Days” at [khouse.org/articles/2000/276/](#)