

# The Prophetic Countdown:

From Artaxerxes' Decree to the Crucifixion of Jesus



## THE FOUNDATION: GOD'S CALENDAR

### The Jewish Calendar System

Based on Genesis 1:14, days run from sunset to sunset, months are lunar (determined by the first sliver of the new moon), and years are solar.

### Aligning Lunar and Solar Cycles

Because 12 lunar months are 11 days shorter than a solar year, a leap month is added 7 times every 19 years to keep religious observances in their correct seasons.



## 457 B.C. – THE STARTING COMMAND

### The Decree of Artaxerxes I

In the 7th year of his reign (457 B.C.), King Artaxerxes I (also known as Cyrus in Persian and Ahasuerus in Esther) gave the command to Ezra to restore and build Jerusalem.

### Determining the 7th Year

The Regnal Year Calculation Purpose: To retrace how the 7th year of 457 B.C. using the Tishri-to-Tishri regnal year system.



### The Clock Begins: 1st Av 457 B.C.

Daniel's prophetic time clock officially began in late summer/autumn of 457 B.C. when the "word" reached Yarnssiam via Ezre.



Regnal Year	Ending Date (Sep/Dot)
1st Year	463 B.C.
2nd Year	462 B.C.
3rd Year	461 B.C.
4th Year	460 B.C.
5th Year	459 B.C.
6th Year	458 B.C.
7th Year	457 B.C.

## THE 69 WEEKS: ARRIVAL OF THE MESSIAH

# 483 Years to the Prince

Daniel 9:25 specifies "seven weeks and eighty two weeks" (69 shabus), which totals 483 years from the decree until the appearance of Messiah the Prince.



### Crossing the B.C./A.D. Threshold

Calculating 163 years forward from 457 B.C. leads to 46 A.D. but an extra year must be added because there is no "Year 0," meaning in Autumn 37 A.D.

### 27 A.D.: The Public Ministry Begins

This date marks the arrival of Jesus as the Messiah and the commencement of the public ministry.

## THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK: THE CRUCIFIXION

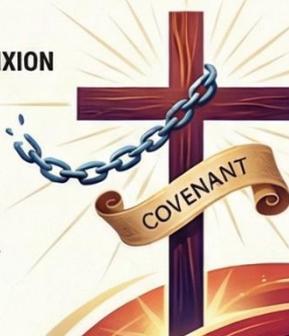
### In the Midst of the Week

Daniel 9:27 states the Messiah would "confirm the covenant" for one week but cause sacrifices to cease in the midst of that week (3.5 years into the 70th week).

### Historical Corroboration of 31 A.D.



The Talmud (Yoma 3b and Shabbat 15a) and Josephus record the breaking of the Temple lintel and the Sanhedrin's forced relocation specifically in 31 A.D.



### 14th Nisan, 31 A.D.

Exactly 3.5 years after the autumn of 27 A.D., Jesus was crucified on the Day of Preparation in the spring of 31 A.D.



### Confirming the Covenant

The crucifixion did not just "make" a covenant but "confirmed" or ratified the New Covenant, fulfilling the prophecy of the 70th week.

# THE COMMAND TO RESTORE AND BUILD JERUSALEM TO THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Daniel 9:24-27 (Authenticates Jesus Christ as the Messiah and Saviour)

ALL DATES AND DAYS IN THE BIBLE ARE BASED ON THE JEWISH CALENDAR (God's Calendar Genesis 1:14)

Days are from Sunset to Sunset

Months Are Lunar (12)

Years are Solar

Since the sum of 12 lunar months is about 11 days shorter than a solar year, a leap month is added every 2 to 3 years, or 7 times in a 19-year cycle. Leap months keep the calendar in step with the astronomical seasons and make sure that the religious observances occur at the correct time of year, as mentioned in the Torah. The 1<sup>st</sup> of each month is determined by the observation of the first sliver of the new moon: the Crescent Moon

464/5 BC

## ARTAXERXES I

Also known as Cyrus (Persian name) ascended the Persian throne in late December 465 BC or as late as early February 464 BC. According to Flavius Josephus a Jewish historian and eyewitness to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. wrote in "The Antiquities of the Jews" book XI and chapter 6 the following

- Artaxerxes was the Greek name and Cyrus the Persian name,
- Artaxerxes is king Ahasuerus in the book of Esther and married Esther explaining his favor toward the Jewish people.

457 BC

## DANIEL'S TIME CLOCK BEGINS 1<sup>ST</sup> AV 457 BC

Artaxerxes gives the command to "*restore and build Jerusalem*" in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of his reign (Ezra 7:6-28).

- Jews counted the "regnal" years of foreign kings from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishri (7<sup>th</sup> month of Sacred Calendar and 1<sup>st</sup> month of Civil Calendar). His 1<sup>st</sup> regnal year ended 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishri 463 BC (Sep/Oct) - *The Talmud*

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Sep/Oct 463 BC	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	Sep/Oct 460 BC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Sep/Oct 462 BC	5 <sup>th</sup> Year	Sep/Oct 459 BC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Sep/Oct 461 BC	6 <sup>th</sup> Year	Sep/Oct 458 BC
		7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Sep/Oct 457 BC
Proving the command was made in the 7 <sup>th</sup> year of his reign			

Daniel 9:25 original text says: "Know, then, and understand that **from the going out of a word** to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem".

- There was no mobile phone or email, so the word was brought to Jerusalem by Ezra "in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king" (Ezra 7:8-9)
- **Daniel's time clock begins in the late summer/autumn of the 1<sup>st</sup> Av (Ab) 457 BC**

27 A.D.

## TO MESSIAH THE PRINCE – 69 WEEKS

Daniel 9:25 (LITV) says: "Know, then, and understand that from the going out of a word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem, to Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks."

- 69 "shabua" (483 years) to Messiah Prince revealed and the public ministry of Jesus.
- We go forward 483 years from 457 BC.

**483-457=26 AD**

There is "0" year between 1 BC and 1 AD so we must add an extra year.

The Autumn of **27 AD**

31 A.D.

## THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS 14<sup>TH</sup> NISAN 31 AD

Daniel 9:25 says: "And **after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...**"

- After the 69<sup>th</sup> week and during the 70<sup>th</sup> week. (Protestant sects and denominations including Pentecostals deny the crucifixion of the true Messiah as they deny the 70<sup>th</sup> has been fulfilled teaching a "gap" between the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> weeks)

Daniel 9:27 says: "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..."

- Not "make" a covenant but "**CONFIRM**" or ratify a covenant. The New Covenant "*in the midst*" of the 70<sup>th</sup> week. Read Luke 22:20; Hebrews 7:22; 9:1-17; Jeremiah 31:31-34
- We go forward from the autumn of 27 AD three years and 6 months.

**31 AD - 14<sup>th</sup> Nisan - The day of Preparation** (Spring)

Further Proofs confirming 31 AD and 14<sup>th</sup> Nisan:

- The Talmud in Yoma 3b describes the 30-ton stone lintel breaking and the veil rent in 31 A.D.
- The Talmud in Shabbat 15a the Sanhedrin forced to move in 31 AD and confirmed by Josephus (War of the Jews V 4,2)

See Next  
Chart for  
"The Sign"

# THE SIGN THAT AUTHENTICATES THE MESSIAH AND TRUE CHRIST

**Matthew 12:38-40**

Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: **For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

## THE TRUE CRUCIFIXION & RESURRECTION TIMELINE - 31 AD

### GOD'S CALENDAR

**Gen 1:3-14:** And the evening and the morning were the third day. 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:

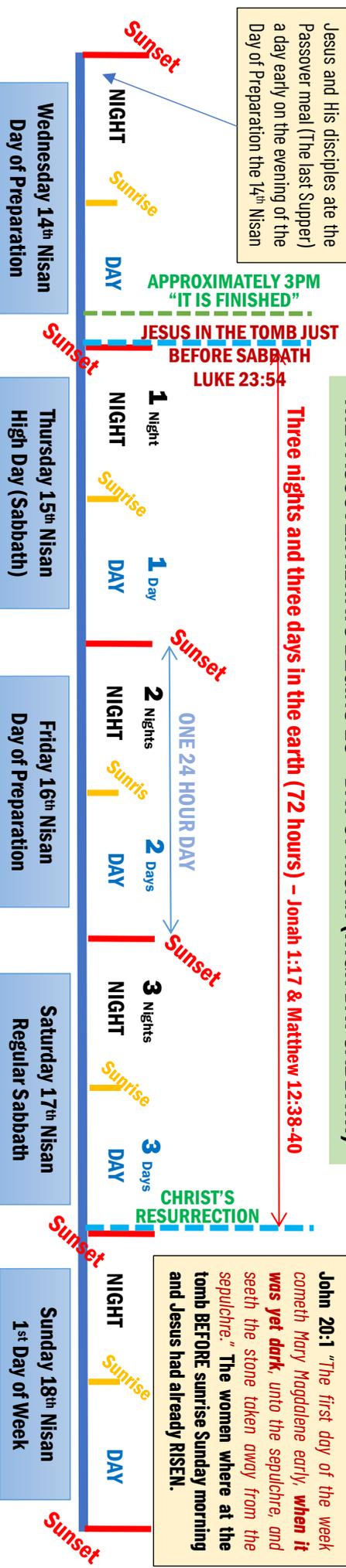
**Note:** All days in the Bible are from Sunset to Sunset. (Our days using the Gregorian calendar are from Midnight to Midnight)

### THE PASSOVER ALWAYS BEGINS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NISAN (HIGH DAY SABBATH)

**Three nights and three days in the earth (72 hours) – Jonah 1:17 & Matthew 12:38-40**

Jesus and His disciples ate the Passover meal (The last Supper) a day early on the evening of the Day of Preparation the 14<sup>th</sup> Nisan

**John 20:1** "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." The women where at the tomb BEFORE sunrise Sunday morning and Jesus had already RISEN.



### Day of Crucifixion

**John 19:14,18-19** And it was the preparation of the passover,....Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one.....

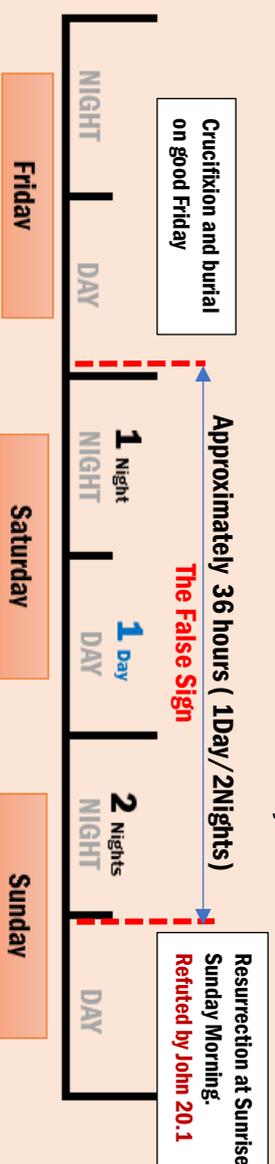
Jesus was crucified at approximately 12 noon and died 3pm and the exact same time the Passover lambs were slaughtered for the evening Passover meal on the 15<sup>th</sup> Nisan

Joseph laid Jesus in a sepulchre (in the earth) on the Day of Preparation (14<sup>th</sup> Nisan) as the Sabbath (15<sup>th</sup> Nisan) drew near.

**Luke 23:50-54; Mark 15:42-47**

### THE FALSE CHRIST (BAL) AND FALSE SIGN

The false rebirth of Nimrod deified as the Sun-god



### Day of Resurrection

Calculating three nights and three days in the earth from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan Jesus rose just before Sunset 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Worshippers of the Sun-god

Roman Catholics, Protestants including Baptists and Pentecostals **refuse the true sign that authenticates Jesus Christ as the Messiah and Saviour.** They defend the false christ whom they follow. Many show their true belief on Easter Sunday by worshipping the rising sun in the name of Christ when in fact the true Christ had risen Saturday sunset.