

- Cut Short -

* **Matthew 24:22** If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

It is from this verse, along with so many others like it, that show the timeline of the tribulation that many hold to may very well be wrong. Many have missed this crucial element to understanding the 1,260 days of the Anti-christ's reign. Those days had been declared to be shortened by Yeshua long ago. So because they were shortened, they would not start when expected.

They will be shortened at the start and not at the end. Meaning they are to be delayed from starting which still causes them to be shortened.

This information can apply to whenever the end times are to begin simply because it is talking about how the days are to be shortened. The judgement time will be delayed for the sake of the elect. That which Yeshua said would take place.

Please read the verse that mentions the days being cut short with the surrounding text.

* **Matthew 24:15-22** So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel — let the reader understand — 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equaled again. 22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

So Yeshua said its the days of the Abomination of Desolation, as spoken by Daniel, that gets shortened. And it **COULD** be shortened by being delayed at the beginning. Thus, everything regarding this event would be delayed as well. The armies surrounding Jerusalem - delayed. The revealing of the

antichrist - delayed. The antichrist declaring himself as God - delayed. The fleeing from Jerusalem - delayed. And we must remember that it's for the sake of the elect that these days are cut short. He doesn't say it is for any other reason. It's not a result from repentance, fasting or prayer. But only for the sake of the elect. That's it.

IF the times that are given in the scriptures are to be shortened, there must be scriptures ***prophesying*** they are to be shortened. Evidence that scripturally shows the birth pains and the 1,260 days are in fact to be delayed and cut short before they ever come close to their appointed time. It seems that if it wasn't prophesied before, then Yeshua wouldn't have said it.

Some would say "How could the time of judgement be cut short when it was prophesied to be for a certain amount of time?" We struggled with this too until we looked at the time of judgement that was given to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. They were given a certain time that they were to be banished. 390 years to be exact.

* **Ezekiel 4:1-5** Now, son of man, take a clay tablet, put it in front of you and draw the city of Jerusalem on it. 2 Then lay siege to it: Erect siege works against it, build a ramp up to it, set up camps against it and put battering rams around it. 3 Then take an iron pan, place it as an iron wall between you and the city and turn your face toward it. It will be under siege, and you shall besiege it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel. 4 Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel upon yourself. You are to bear their sin for the number of days you lie on your side. 5 I have assigned you the same number of days as the years of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the house of Israel.

So, according to this Scripture in Ezekiel, the northern kingdom of Israel should have begun being restored after 390 years. This would take us to approximately 331 BC since the banishment began approximately in 721 BC. However, history proves that never happened. So was Ezekiel a false prophet? Hardly.

What else do the Scriptures give us that can shed light on this? The book of Leviticus also covers the penalty of disobedience to God's law as a whole as well...

- * **Leviticus 26:14-16** But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, 15 and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, 16 then I will do this to you...

While speaking what would happen to them, He then says...

- * **Leviticus 26:18** If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over.

Then again, three verses later to make sure it was understood, he says again...

- * **Leviticus 26:21** If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve.

So the punishment that would be declared would actually end up being 7 fold the given amount. The given punishment was 390 years as mentioned in Ezekiel. If we follow the scriptures as given in Leviticus and multiply that amount by 7, we end up with 2,730 years. When considering a thousand years is a day and a day is a thousand years, this would be after 2 days (two thousand years) and in the 3rd of the punishment (within the next 1000 years). 2,730 years. Which brings to light Hosea 6:1,2.

- * **Hosea 6:1** Come, let us return to YHWH. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

So the total number is 2,730 years for their punishment. To figure out where this timing takes us, we first must subtract 721 years because the punishment started in 721 BC. There is no year "0", so we take the remaining years to see when the Father started bringing the prophecy of Hosea 6:1 and 2 into fullness. This takes us to the year 2009. We find it interesting that it was

between the years of 2008 and 2010 that the truth of Torah, YHWH's law, started gaining understanding all over the world at an exponential rate.

But the point to all of this is to notice that the warning for the multiplication of their judgement was given **BEFORE** the judgement was ever given. That warning came in the book of Leviticus. It came LONG before the judgement itself was ever declared by YHWH through Ezekiel. Showing what? That YHWH knew the given judgement through Ezekiel wasn't going to be **ALL** of the judgement from the beginning. YHWH knew that the total judgement would be much more than what was given through Ezekiel.

Now, the question is this. Why wouldn't he just say the total amount of the judgement since He knew what it was going to be? Why give a certain number of years for the judgement but say that this number would be multiplied by seven... hundreds of years **BEFORE** the proclamation of that judgement? Why give an amount but that amount not be the correct number? Why would it have to be combined with verses from hundreds of years before to know the total amount? Could it be because...

* **Proverbs 25:2** It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

And that leads us to today. Why would He give us a certain number of years for judgement in the end but then say that amount of time will be **shortened**? Why not just say what the total amount of time is from the beginning? Why say anything is going to be shortened at all? Doesn't that only go against what was prophesied? Wouldn't it then **PROVE** that which was prophesied to happen.... to be false? Why not give the correct amount of time in the prophecy to begin with? I'm sure that this is what Ezekiel could have thought as well. Though Ezekiel wasn't around to see the end of those 390 years that he prophesied, I'm sure that many assumed Ezekiel was a false prophet when nothing happened. Or at the very least, thought he was just a little crazy. Simply because what he said didn't come to pass.

So what's the difference between the judgment given to the Northern kingdom from the judgement of the end times? The difference is that we know that the given judgement for the northern kingdom was declared to be

multiplied by seven in the Torah. We do not know how the end times are shortened or the amount they are to be shortened by.

So if one does not include the factor from the Torah, when looking at Ezekiel's prophecy, one could consider Ezekiel a false prophet. But where does that leave us regarding the 1,260 days being shortened? Yeshua himself said that they would be shortened. It's in Matt. 24:22 and Mark 13:20 where He makes this statement and this statement is made immediately after discussing the days of the Abomination of Desolation. The problem is that it seems there are no other scriptures that indicates these days to be shortened. In fact, we have multiple accounts of these days being firm in their length. We have nothing to show that they will be shortened or delayed at all. Or do we?

It is here that there may be something that needs to be considered. It's something that we have all read but because the meaning had been sealed, no one has truly considered how it may play a role in the end. However, it is plausible that it may hold the key to understanding the 1,260 days being shortened.

* **Revelation 10:1** Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. 2 He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, 3 and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. 4 And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."

There has been little speculation as to what the seven thunders said. This is simply because there seems to be no indication to their topic. No surrounding clues to help determine what the subject could have been about. But consider what takes place immediately after these verses.

* **Revelation 10:5** Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. 6 And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them,

the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay! 7 But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

Notice that the angel says there will be no **MORE** delay. The question then becomes "What has been delayed?" If he is saying that there will be no **MORE** delay, there must have been some kind of delay somewhere thus far. Yet, up to this point, we have seen everything in Revelation flow with no indication of anything being hindered or delayed. Though we confess that Revelation appears to not be written in a complete sequential order, we could find no verses giving any kind of evidence that something was on hold up to this point. John was simply writing everything he saw and it seems as if everything was flowing rather smoothly.

Some could point to the 5th seal in saying that there was a delay there. It reads.

* **Revelation 6:9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. 10 They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” 11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

It is true that the believers here were told to wait, however, this does not indicate something is delayed. It simply says that these believers are to wait for the appointed time of the end. To wait for the final judgment where their blood is avenged. This is the battle of Armageddon and not the tribulation. In fact, when we look at the reason they were told to wait, we see that they were to wait for their fellow believers who were to be killed as they had been was completed. Their fellow servants are killed **IN** the tribulation. When is this time completed? It's when that authority is taken from the anti-christ at Armageddon. We know that he is given this authority to conquer the saints in Rev. 13...

* **Revelation 13:5** The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. 6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. 7 He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

So these people are told to wait a little longer for the COMPLETION of the days of the antichrist. It is this day, the end, that stays the same. So regardless of when the days of the antichrist would start, these under the altar are waiting for his days to end. Thus, this verse shows no delay in what was given through John. Just showing that they have to wait till the end, the battle of Armageddon.

So, even though Revelation appears to not be written in sequential order, why would the Angel say there will be no **MORE** delay? Could this be an indicator explaining what the seven thunders had just said in the previous verse? Could they have described how everything up to that point would have started on a delayed time frame? Could the very topic of what the seven thunders said had been the explanation of what Yeshua gave regarding the days being shortened?

Yeshua never gave the length of time by which the days would be shortened. Nor did he say **HOW** they would be shortened. Yet all of us have just glazed over His few, but potentially critical, words of the days being shortened. We have truly payed little heed to the possible ramifications of those words that He spoke. We have given little attention to what impact they really could have on our understanding of the end times. Just as many could have misunderstood Ezekiel's 390-year prophecy by not multiplying them by seven, have we misunderstood the 1,260 by not properly shortening them as Yeshua said they would be?

It must be understood that it was the time frame which Daniel gave that Yeshua said would be shortened.

***Matthew 24:15** “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel — let the reader understand —

Let's face it, most all end time discussions include the 1,260 days or the 42 months that are given to us in Revelation. We never think to shorten them. Yet, Yeshua said they would be cut short.

When we think of something being shortened, we normally think of it being shortened or cut off at the end. Meaning it starts as normal but it is then shortened or cut off before the conclusion is to happen. Could that be how some have understood Yeshua's words regarding the days being shortened? They believe that the days will somehow be cut off and shortened at the end of the tribulation.

But regarding the tribulation, if we look at Revelation 10:7, it shows that the end stays the same.

* **Revelation 10: 6,7** And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay! **7** But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

Showing that the time being cut off is at the beginning and not the end. The exact opposite of what we normally think of.

Notice how verse 7 says...

"the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

So where in the prophets do we see a delay with the fulfillment still to come to pass?

* **Habakkuk 2:3** For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. *Though it linger, wait for it*; it will certainly come and will not delay.

* **Daniel 11:33** Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. **34**

When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. **35** Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will *still come* at the *appointed time*.

Also...

* **Isaiah 48: 9** For my own name's sake *I delay my wrath*; for the sake of my praise *I hold it back from you*, so as not to destroy you completely.

So we can definitely see this announced by the prophets. Even Paul interprets Isaiah Chapter 10:22,23 in like manner.

* **Romans 9:27 NKJV** Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel:
“Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea,
The remnant will be saved.
28 For He will finish the work *and cut it short* in righteousness,
Because the LORD *will make a short work* upon the earth.”

This also goes with what the Angel said in that it was delayed in starting. Verses 6 and 7 in Rev. 10 are showing us that it doesn't start as prophesied but it will conclude as it was prophesied. This is also confirmed in what is said in Rev. 9:15 regarding the 2nd of the three woes of the tribulation....

***Rev. 9:15** And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.

So this very hour, day, month and year of the second woe is not changed. This event is believed by many to be near the end. Again, implying the beginning of the tribulation could be what is cut off, not the end.

But we are still left with the question of what amount of time is to be cut off from the given 1,260 days? Could we be seeing the exact opposite of what was given to the northern kingdom? The judgement that was declared to the northern kingdom was only one seventh of the total that they would suffer. Only one seventh.

So again, only a fraction of their total judgement was revealed to the House of Israel through Ezekiel. And they had to multiply it with verses from Leviticus to get the total. Could the reverse be what is taking place for the end times? Have we been given the total number of days of the final Judgement? And just like with the northern kingdom, we have to do some figuring out as well? Could this really be a Proverbs 25:2 situation?

* **Proverbs 25:2** It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

Yeshua said these days would be shortened. Yet by how much are they shortened? Do we now have to divide them to figure the true total number of days just as the northern kingdom had to multiply theirs? If so, what are these days to be divided by? Would it be the same number of 7?

If so, that would cut the days of the antichrist down from 1,260 days down to only 180 days. **Only** 180 days. Crazy, right? So the Antichrist would glory over his kingdom for **only** 180 days if this is correct. This is similar to what we find in the book of Esther regarding Xerxes.

* **Esther 1:1** This is what happened during the time of Xerxes, the Xerxes who ruled over 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush: 2 At that time King Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, 3 and in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. The military leaders of Persia and Media, the princes, and the nobles of the provinces were present. 4 For a full 180 days he displayed the vast wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and glory of his majesty.

We find the timing interesting as to when these 180 days begin here in Esther. Verse 3 says that it was in the third year of the king's reign that he holds this six-month banquet. Interestingly enough, the six month / 180-day reign of the anti-christ would be just after the third year of the total time of the 1,260 days. The end staying the same.

Dividing the days of the Antichrist by 7 would take us from 42 months down to only 6 months. 6. The number of man. For six thousand years the general populace has chosen to reject the ways of the creator and follow man's ways.

Now they will be given over to their desires and forced to follow the ways of man.

Trust me when I say, we know this sounds well, just wrong. If you're thinking like us, you're probably thinking that surely the days would not be cut down to just **ONE SEVENTH** of what was given. It just seems like an obscured amount for them to be cut down to. And we agree. All we can say is that we **DO** see a parallel regarding the one seventh for the northern kingdom and the parallel in Esther. So it's not like it's out of the realm of scriptural interpretation.

Many might also say "But wouldn't this still show all the prophecies regarding the length of time for the tribulation to be proven false?" Actually no. That which is given regarding the tribulation is proclaiming a judgement that is deserved. It does not necessarily have to be carried out. This is what is **ALLOWED** through what was prophesied. He can be merciful and not give the full amount. Meaning the 1,260 is what man deserves but because of YHWH's mercy, He cuts the time down.

Plus, if we think about it, if the days are cut short by only one day or by 36 months, does it matter? If they are cut short by **ANY** amount, wouldn't that make the prophecies about that days of the antichrist "false"? We know that the Antichrist is overthrown at the return of Yeshua. And we know that the days attributed to his rule is 1,260. Yet, Yeshua said...

* **Mark 13:20** If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them.

So whether one day or 36 months, His grace and mercy allows him to not give the full sentence of the tribulation.

So this does not make these false prophecies. It just shows that YHWH is truly merciful. His grace and mercy allows him to delay the punishment. He has delayed punishment before. Many times He sent His prophets to warn His people to repent. Did He have to do this? No. The Torah proclaimed what would happen if His people disobeyed. He could have left it at that.

But He constantly reached out to His people hoping to be able to completely remove the deserved judgement that was hanging over their heads.

- * **Amos 4:6** “I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 7 “I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. 8 People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 9 “Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, I struck them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 10 “I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses. I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 11 “I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 12 “Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.”

Five times YHWH said “**yet you have not returned to me**”. Even though these were **hard times** that He sent to get them to repent, they were nothing compared to His wrath that would come. He could have sent His judgement from the moment they rebelled. Yet, He is merciful as the scriptures declare.

- * **Exodus 34:6** And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,
- * **Psalms 86:15** But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- * **Joel 2:13** Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

- * **Jonah 4:2** He prayed to the LORD, “O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.
- * **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Even here in 2 Peter we see that He delays in order to give people time to come to repentance. In hopes that during that time of delay they will return before it is too late. And it's because of His mercy that we see the words of Yeshua...

- * **Matthew 24:22** If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

No one would survive if the days are not shortened. It's all about his mercy. And so the days have been shortened. Yeshua declared it 2,000 years ago that they were to be shortened. So we shouldn't be surprised. Yet, we have all just breezed over these words of His and hardly ever took them to heart. At least not enough to pursue their true meaning.

It is His desire that all will come to repentance and not perish. And so the days will be shortened. And just as there was a process to figure out the Northern kingdoms banishment, it's up to us to seek understanding on just how long the 1,260 days will be shortened since Yeshua said they would be. However long they are to be shortened, it does seem that it is something we need to seek understanding on.

We know that history repeats. As the scriptures declare...

- * **Ecclesiastes 1:9** What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

So that being said, no one should be surprised at the possibility of something that was said to one generation actually being applicable to another as well. Consider what was given to Ezekiel.

- * **Ezekiel 12:21** The word of YHWH came to me: 22 “Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: ‘The days go by and every vision comes to nothing’? 23 Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign YHWH says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.’ Say to them, ‘The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled. 24 For there will be no more false visions or flattering divinations among the people of Israel. 25 But I YHWH will speak what I will, and it shall be fulfilled without delay. For in your days, you rebellious house, I will fulfill whatever I say, declares the Sovereign YHWH.’”
- * **Ezekiel 12:26** The word of YHWH came to me: 27 “Son of man, the house of Israel is saying, ‘The vision he sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies about the distant future.’
- * **Ezekiel 12:28** “Therefore say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign YHWH says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign YHWH.’”

So what was the prophecy that the people declared was regarding the distant future? What is verse 26 and 27 referring to? It was regarding the immediate judgment to the people. Please read verses 1 through 20 and see for yourself.

So could this be something that is applicable to the current day we live in? Could this be applicable to the topic we are discussing? Could history repeat again regarding the judgement of his people? Has He delayed that judgement out of His mercy only to have that delay soon end? Could this at least be something we need to consider for reference on how things could play out?

Whether history will repeat in this circumstance or not is yet to be seen. However, we find it very interesting that things had been delayed before as verse 28 shows. And it’s interesting to see how much of what is said by the people here in Ezekiel’s time mirrors much of what we see today.

But again, seeing YHWH delay his wrath is something that is not that uncommon in the scriptures as we have already shown. The mere fact that He sent His prophets to bring His people back shows His mercy in not sending the judgement right away.

The question that can be brought up now is just how will this impact the days of the two witnesses? There are several different perspectives on just who the two witnesses are. And there are good reasons supporting each perspective. From them being the two houses of Israel, to being two separate individuals. But, whoever they may be, the days of the two witnesses seem to be directly impacted by the shortened days of the antichrist. According to Rev. 11 their days of witnessing is the same length as the rule of the antichrist.

* **Rev. 11: 3** And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

It seems as if these days of the two witnesses will somehow closely correlate with that of the antichrist as he overpowers the two witnesses and at the end of their ministry. Exactly how that would all work together is yet to be seen.

There are some who believe that when everything begins it will be the time when the kings, generals and **SO** many others hide themselves underground. That would be the time of the 6th seal.

* **Revelation 6:12** I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, 13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. 14 The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

* **Revelation 6:15** Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

Many assume the 6th seal is the return of Yeshua because the people say “... hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!” But this is not the return of Yeshua. Some of those who are hiding themselves here are the very ones who fight Yeshua at His return in the battle of Armageddon.

* **Revelation 16:14** They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

And verse 16

* **Revelation 16:16** Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

So they can't be hiding themselves when they are supposed to be fighting Yeshua at His return.

This 6th seal could be the event that causes the first four trumpets which may all take place in one day. Then the fifth trumpet will be immediately following. At the beginning of the trumpets we see an angel throwing a censor down to earth. Whether this is something physical or only spiritual, either way, it's what sets off the events for the trumpets.

* **Revelation 8:5** Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

There are two views as to when the 6th seal could happen. Some believe it could be what triggers the birth pains. Others believe it could be the event that triggers the start of the Antichrist rule. Believing his rule would start on a Passover.

There are many that might say “But this can't be the time since there is no temple made yet. And there **HAS** to be a temple for the antichrist.” But this does not have to be a stone made temple. It could easily be a tent like the tent of meeting as made under Moses' leadership.

At first it was a struggle in considering that the birth pains and the tribulation could only last a year. However, we began seeing some interesting similarities. One is the possible understanding that Yeshua's ministry was only a little over a year long. This parallels with how the Passover lamb was to be one-year-old. And likewise, Yeshua the lamb of YHWH, was only one year into His ministry. There are multiple reasons as to why some consider this view and while the jury is still out for many on that subject, we do find it very interesting. The belief is that His ministry would have started some time before the spring Holy days and then concluded on the following spring Holy days a year later. So, basically from Passover to Passover.

Another view is that it could all start in the Spring as it did when YHWH delivered His people from Egypt. Then they entered into a marriage covenant on Shavuot. For one year they experienced no war. This is in accordance to Deuteronomy 24:5.

* **Deuteronomy 24:5** If a man has recently married, he must not be sent to war or have any other duty laid on him. For one year he is to be free to stay at home and bring happiness to the wife he has married.

Then after that year was up they sent the spies out to start prepping for war. The same could happen in the end as well.

So could Yeshua come and take the church of Philadelphia to the place prepared and be with them for the year of Deuteronomy 24:5. Then send out his spies/witnesses to start preparing for battle? Let us not forget that Joshua only sent out two spies as well.

This event that occurs for the church of Philadelphia would not be the resurrection. It would simply be a translation from one place to another. The resurrection takes place for ALL believers just before the Battle of Armageddon. This would only be the Church of Philadelphia taken to the place that is prepared.

The other churches would be going through a time of purification.

- * **Daniel 11:31** “His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. 32 With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.
- * **Daniel 11:33** “Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. 34 When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. 35 Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.
- * **Daniel 12:10** Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

There is another parallel that we found regarding the understanding of the end times only lasting a total of one year.

- * **Isaiah 34:8** For YHWH has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion’s cause.

“A year of retribution”. How many times we have we all read this verse in Isaiah 34 trying to figure how it fits when we know that the end is to be 3 and a half years long. Yet when we consider that those days are cut short, this verse in Isaiah begins to make a little more sense. The word for retribution here is only found here in Isaiah. However, it’s root is also found in Hosea.

- * **Hosea 9:7** The days of punishment are coming, the days of *reckoning* are at hand. Let Israel know this. Because your sins are so many and your hostility so great, the prophet is considered a fool, the inspired man a maniac. 8 The prophet, along with my God, is the watchman over Ephraim, yet snares await him on all his paths, and hostility in the house of his God.

Could all of this we are looking at be tied together as the year of retribution?
The days of Reckoning?

But we also see Isaiah referencing a year time frame in two other places.

Isaiah 61:2 to proclaim the year of the YHWH's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

Isaiah 63:4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redemption has come.

Something that could parallel with that is the 6th seal of Rev. 6.

Revelation 6:12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole(~~o~~h) moon turned blood red,

The “whole” moon. This could easily imply the full moon in the middle of the Hebraic month. Which happens to be the first day of Sukkot or the first day of Unleavened Bread.

This could be what Yeshua was discussing when He said the following.

Matthew 24:37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

The word for “coming” here is “Parousia” in the Greek. Though it definitely means “coming”, it also carries the meaning of all that includes a “coming”. The starting of the Year of Retribution could be the sign that announces His coming. Proclaiming His return one year in advance. It only seems to make sense that people would be marrying and giving in marriage at the start, the

announcement of His coming, and not on the day of the Battle of Armageddon at the end.

We've already seen large earthquakes effect the rotation of the earth in the past. Could an event like Isaiah 24 thrust us back to a perfect 360-day calendar? The ramifications of an event like this could definitely be on a Biblical scale. And that's what we're talking about. A Biblical event.

This would make the 180 days of the Antichrist a perfect 6 months. Just like it would have made the 1,260 days a perfect 42 months if the time wasn't shortened.

There are some who believe the event that takes place on a Passover in Isaiah 26 is the event we see in Revelation chapter 12.

*** Revelation 12:9** The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation (at time of Passover) and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

Please take note of the reason that he is filled with fury. It's because his time is **short**. It has been shortened just as Yeshua said it would be and was declared by the prophets.

Yet, it is from this verse on in Revelation where we see the protection of YHWH's people and the rule of the Antichrist begin. So this scenario does seem to make sense.

There are lots of questions and theories that surround an earthquake taking place and the ramifications it would bring. But it is something we can only wait and see. However, we think that this is actually rather interesting

because it *could* put all of YHWH's people on the same calendar. And equally interesting, it seems to explain how the apocalyptic verses given regarding specific times in prophecy can all add up perfectly together. Meaning, how the 1,260 days can be a perfect 42 months. And how these both make up a perfect 3 1/2 years.

This view of the antichrist's rule starting on a Passover would then change the obvious end date as well. If you go a perfect 6 months from Passover, which could be the first day of the antichrist rule, it would take you to the first day of Sukkoth to being his last day to rule. This is obviously different from the believed Day of Trumpets. Again, the 6 months is the shortened 42 months.

Along with all of this, there is one more element that needs to be considered. It's the 70 "weeks" in Daniel chapter 9. There have been several ways these "weeks" have been interpreted. It is believed that several of these interpretations could be correct at the same time. Simply showing multiple layers of fulfillment.

Yet one understanding that seems to be overlooked is how the Hebrew word for "weeks" in Daniel 9 is reflected in the following verses for the Feast of Weeks.

- * **Numbers 28:26** “On the day of firstfruits, when you present to the LORD an offering of new grain during the Feast of Weeks, hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.
- * **Deuteronomy 16:16** Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed:
- * **Deuteronomy 16:9** Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. 10 Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the LORD your God has given you.

- * **Exodus 34:22** “Celebrate the Feast of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

So this shows us that Daniel could have been informed that it was to be the Feasts of Weeks that are to be counted from the decree. A Feast that begins every year not long after Passover. Daniel 9:24 says that there are seventy of them in total.

- * **Daniel. 9:24** Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy.

Verse 25 tells us that the Anointed ruler will come after the 69th “week”.

- * **Daniel 9:25** “Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

Decree in 1947

“Anointed One” the ruler comes in 2016

69 Feast of Weeks then the “Anointed One, the ruler” comes.

The decree for Israel to be re-established in the land and recognized as a nation went forward in November of 1947. The 69th “week” from that decree in 1947 comes in the year of 2016. So after the 69th Feast of Weeks the Anointed one will come.

Then verse 26 says "After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing." However, we just saw that the Anointed Ruler doesn't come until after the 69th “seven”. So how can He be "cut off"

at the 62nd “seven”? There are only 8 Hebrew words for this section of the verse.

וְאַחֲרֵי הַשְּׁבַעִים שְׁשִׁים וּשְׁנַיִם יִכָּרֵת
 מִשִּׁיחַ וְאִין לוֹ²⁶

The direct translation is ... - After - weeks - six - two - to cut off - Anointed - is not - to

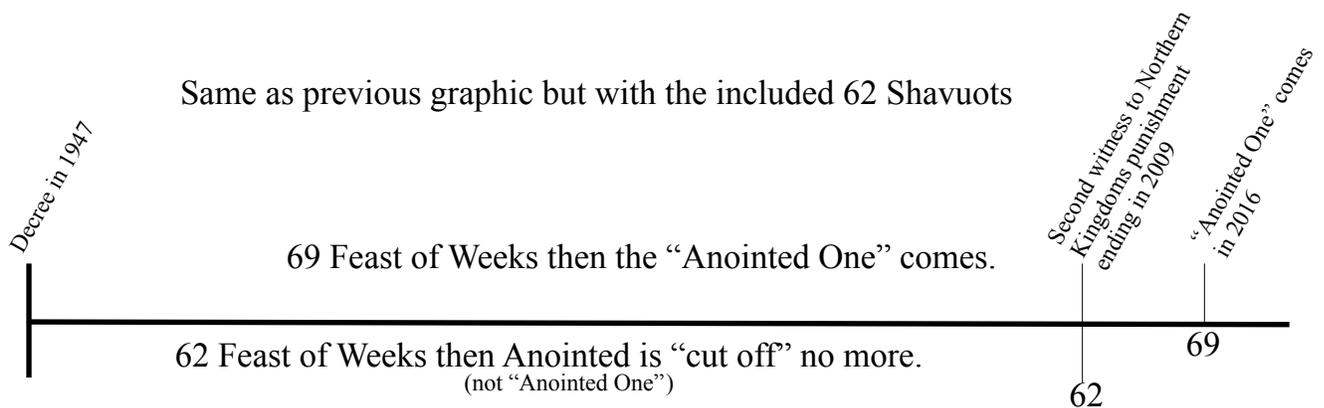
We must take note that while verse 25 speaks of the "Anointed Ruler", verse 26 speaks only of an “anointed”. What “anointed” is this speaking of? It obviously can’t be the “Anointed Ruler” since He doesn’t come until after the 69th “seven”. We can’t forget that YHWH’s people are also considered the anointed.

* **1Chronicles 16:22** “Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.”

* **Psalms 105:15** “Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.”

So could verse 26 be better understood that it's talking about the Children of Israel who will no longer be cut off? Namely the northern Kingdom? Thereby having the veil of Lamentations removed at this time?

* **Lamentations 3:65** Put a veil over their hearts, and may your curse be on them!



So what is to happen to this “anointed” after the 62 “sevens”? If we go the 62 “sevens” from the decree in 1947 as the verse implies, we come to 2009. The exact same year that the prophecy of the Northern Kingdom's banishment comes to an end. Could this truly be speaking of the veil that had covered their eyes all those years being lifted? Making the northern kingdom no longer “cut off”? Marking off the time to the precise corresponding year of Ezekiel’s prophecy?

This would be the second witness to the prophecy of Ezekiel regarding the 390 years being multiplied by 7 as it concludes at that same year. Showing the second witness to the northern kingdoms banishment coming to a close.

Also, the “seven” mentioned in verse 27 is assumed to be the last of the seventy. But it says that He will confirm, or strengthen, the covenant for one “seven”. It then says *in* this seven that He put an end to sacrifice and offering. Why would he do this if He is confirming the covenant? It's because He is trying to bring His people back to Him by way of hard times as he did before. As mentioned, Amos shows what YHWH did in effort to bring His people back in covenant with Him.

* **Amos 4:6** “I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 7 “I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. 8 People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 9 “Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, I struck them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 10 “I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses. I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 11 “I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, **yet you have not returned to me,**” declares the LORD. 12 “Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.”

It was ***HARD TIMES*** that He gave them in hopes to bring them back into covenant with Him. Likewise, He does the same in the end times by bringing the Antichrist. The next part of the verse in Daniel even says...

- "...and upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate."

The days of the Antichrist may begin at Passover. But the time when he begins his harsh persecution on YHWH's people will be in the midst of a Feast of Weeks. It could very possibly be the 70th Feast of Weeks that he begins this. Then is overcome in the Fall thus sealing up all prophecy.

Here are the verses all together.

* **Dan. 9:24** Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy. 25 Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the anointed one, the prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troublous times. 26 And after the threescore and two weeks shall the anointed one be cut off, and shall have nothing: 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 even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined. 27 And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate.

We found an interesting parallel regarding the days of the Antichrist starting during the Feast of Weeks. It was how the flood of Noah also came during this Feast.

- * **Genesis 7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month — on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

The 17th day of the second month is in the midst of the Feast of Weeks.

And then they come out of the ark during the Feast of Weeks one year later.

- * **Genesis 8:13** By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. 14 By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry. 15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 17 Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you — the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground — so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it."

The 27th day of the second month is in the midst of the Feast of Weeks. So just as the rain fell in the days of Noah in the Feast of Weeks, we see how Daniel is told that the Feast of Weeks is a marker for the end as well.

So in review.....

- The 1,260 days could have been shortened by being delayed at the start.
- The final judgement could parallel the 1/7 as given through Ezekiel
- YHWH conceals matters for us to search out.
- YHWH's mercy allows him to delay judgement.
- The Prophets declared the days are to be shortened.
- The end times are to purify the Bride of Messiah.
- The Antichrist could begin ruling at Passover.
- The "Weeks" of Daniel matching the Feast of Weeks.
- The "Weeks" of Daniel precisely matching 2016 *and* 2009.
- The antichrist begins pursuing the church in a Feast of Weeks.
- The 70th "Week" ushers in the millennium just as Noah exited the ark.

In conclusion,

Many might say “If all of this works out to be true, what should we do?”
Simply stated.... Pray. Spiritual preparation is truly the best preparation.

You are either under the protection of the Father or you aren't. The end times are going to impact everyone everywhere. They are going to effect the whole world. No one should think they can run from them.

No matter what we go through in life, spiritual preparation is the best. You can have every physical preparation in place and you can lose it all in a moment. But if you are spiritually prepared, then you are truly prepared. Please remember that.

If anything, this should bring up the question of just how *ARE* we to account for Yeshua's words of the days being shortened? Even IF these are not the days for them to be applied, we should still seek understanding in how the days are to be truly shortened.

One thing is for sure, we have definitely been challenged in how to understand the shortening of the days. We pray you have been as well.

To all of Yah's people, Shalom!!!