

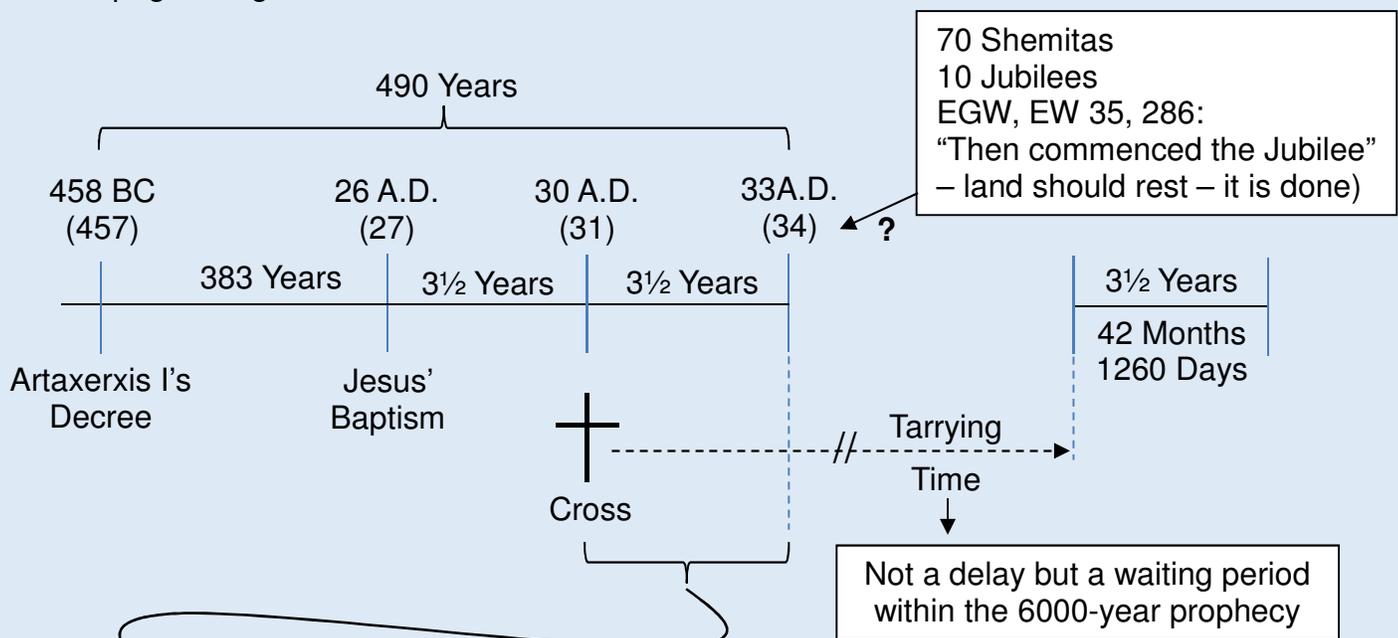
The 490-Year Prophecy Begins the “End.” Has it been completed?

Daniel 9 **begins** the timing prophecies that forward messages linking to the **end of time**.

- Daniel warns his people (really all of God’s people) that they had 70 “weeks of years” to give up sin – that is, 490 years (i.e., 70 x 7) (Daniel 9:24).
- That time period would begin: “*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*” (Daniel 9:25).

Most expositors believe that the rebuilding of Jerusalem was the “rebuilding” of the literal or physical city – but the whole chapter is in the context of spiritual restoration. When this decree was given, the city was already built 520 B.C. (Haggai 1:4) (515 B.C. → Temple).

- Artaxerxes I made that decree in 458 B.C. (457 according to some).
- It is given word for word in Ezra 7:11-26. It relates to the temple and reestablishing the Hebrew theocracy – not the city of Jerusalem. It is a spiritual directive from a pagan king!



This part is now in question. At the end of 490 years (1) everlasting righteousness would be brought in, (2) Satan’s work would be ended (“sealed up”) and (3) the heavenly sanctuary would be cleansed (Daniel 9:24). **These things have not yet occurred!**

This is why there are so many 3½-year prophecies yet to be fulfilled. We are “waiting” in a “**tarrying time**” (Habakkuk 2:2-3, Hebrews 10:36-37) for that last period to finish the 490-year period!