### **UNFOLDING GOD'S WORD**



- Numbers in Revelation are important because they go beyond generalities and give us concrete information
- God's prophetic Word reveals information step by step; and only so far as the season we are in will allow
- Patience is needed to discover the intent of the numbers in Revelation

#### 29-DAY MONTH



#### **30-DAY MONTH**



> 42 months, 3 ½ years, and 1260 days should be seen as more or less an equal amount of time

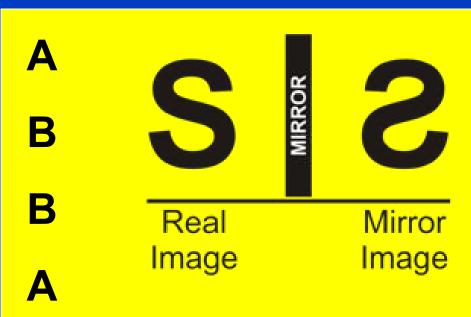
> A Lunar month is 29 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> days

> A Lunar "year" is 12 X 29 1/2 = 354 days (not 360 days)

Lunar calendar had to be adjusted to account for the Solar year in order for seasons to stay aligned with calendar dates

- The way 42 months, 3 ½ days and 1260 days is presented forms a chiasm
- Chiasm is when a sequence of ideas is presented and then is repeated in reverse order
- Chiasm in the Bible can be difficult to spot due to the insertion of Chapter marks and divisions
- Our minds tells us that Chapters are self-contained units
- Chapter marks and separations interrupts the flow of thought

### CHIASM



The going gets tough, the tough get going

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail

- This is NOT a "Bible Code" !!
- It is something John's Jewish readers would have recognized
- Chiasm helps with memorization
- Both the numbers and the time periods (months, days) are presented in chiasm
- No doubt this is not random or coincidental

	A = 42	Rev.11:2
	B = 1260	Rev.11:3
	C = 3 ½	Rev. 11:9
	C = 3 ½	Rev. 11:11
	B = 1260	Rev. 12:6
	A = 42	Rev. 13:5
	A = 42	months
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### PRECISE OR ROUND NUMBERS?

- We should not get overly precise about the numbers 42, 3 ½, and 1260
- Were Jews exiled in Babylon for 70 years to the day and hour? According to which calendar?
- When precisely can we count WWII as beginning and ending?



- How does God define certain periods? When do they begin and end in His eyes?
- Some events are actual calendar dates, and so are relatively precise
- Many Revelation events have no dates, just the extent of the event expressed in days, months, years

We should probably take these as "round" numbers

- Greek time = kairos
- Aramaic time =iddan
- Both terms mean time in a nonspecific way
- Why not just say it in regular terms (3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years)?

> Rev.12:5, 6 & 13, 14

Vss. 5 & 6 define vss. 13, 14 as 1260 days

### WHAT IS A TIME, TIMES AND HALF A TIME?

Daniel 7:25 A time and times and half a time Daniel 12:7 A time, times and half a time Revelation 12:14 A time and times and half a time Revelation 13:5 42 months Time = 1 Year Revelation 11:2 42 months Times = 2 Years Half a time = ½ Year Revelation 11:3 1260 days 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Years Revelation 12:6 1260 days Months 42 1260 Days

- 3 ½ is one-half of the ideal, divine 7
- 3 ½ symbolizes something imperfect, not whole
- Time, times, and half a time does NOT have to symbolize something imperfect since it is not expressed with a number
- In Rev. 12 when the woman (Israel) goes into the desert and is protected, it is not "imperfect", but it is for 3 ½ years

# WORD DESCRIPTION vs. NUMBERS



#### Court of the Gentiles

#### HEROD'S TEMPLE

 The Temple John is measuring is NOT Ezekiel's Temple nor is it Herod's Temple, it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple
 Herod added a place for gentiles to come to the Temple so they could applaud him and be awed



The 2 witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days
Deut. 19:15
Zech. 4:1 - 13



# ELIJAH

- The 2 witnesses are protected by God
- Jews and gentiles will be the targets of their message
- > Allusion is to Elijah
- ➢ 2Kings 2:5 − 12
- 2 witnesses can stop the rain, also alludes to Elijah
   1Kings 17:1
- > 2 witnesses can turn water to blood and strike the earth with plagues
- > Alludes to Moses