


# 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

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- 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 ½ days
- A Lunar “year” is  $12 \times 29 \frac{1}{2} = 354$  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

# CHIASM

- 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

A

S

MIRROR

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B

B

Real  
Image

Mirror  
Image

A

***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**

**B = 1260      days**

**C = 3 ½      days**

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**B = 1260      days**

**A = 42      months**

# 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?





**Pure  
Solar  
Lunar  
Calendar**

- 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

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

- Greek time = kairos
- Aramaic time = iddan
- Both terms mean time in a non-specific way
- Why not just say it in regular terms (3 ½ years)?
- Rev. 12:5, 6 & 13, 14
- Vss. 5 & 6 define vss. 13, 14 as 1260 days

**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

**Revelation 11:2** 42 months

**Revelation 11:3** 1260 days

**Revelation 12:6** 1260 days

**Time = 1 Year**  
**Times = 2 Years**  
**Half a time = ½ Year**  

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**3½ Years**  
**42 Months**  
**1260 Days**

# WORD DESCRIPTION VS. NUMBERS

- 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







**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 THIRD TEMPLE



- 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