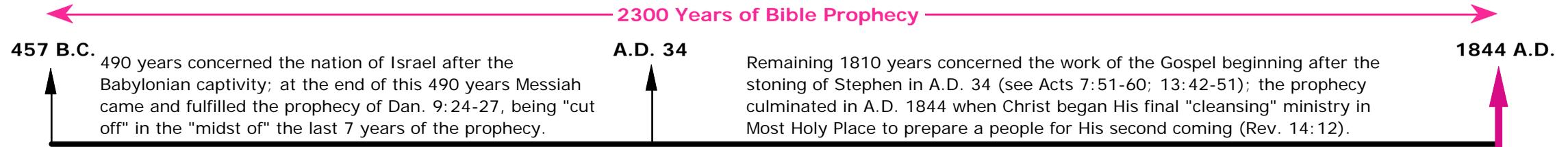


# Bible Prophecy Timelines Compared

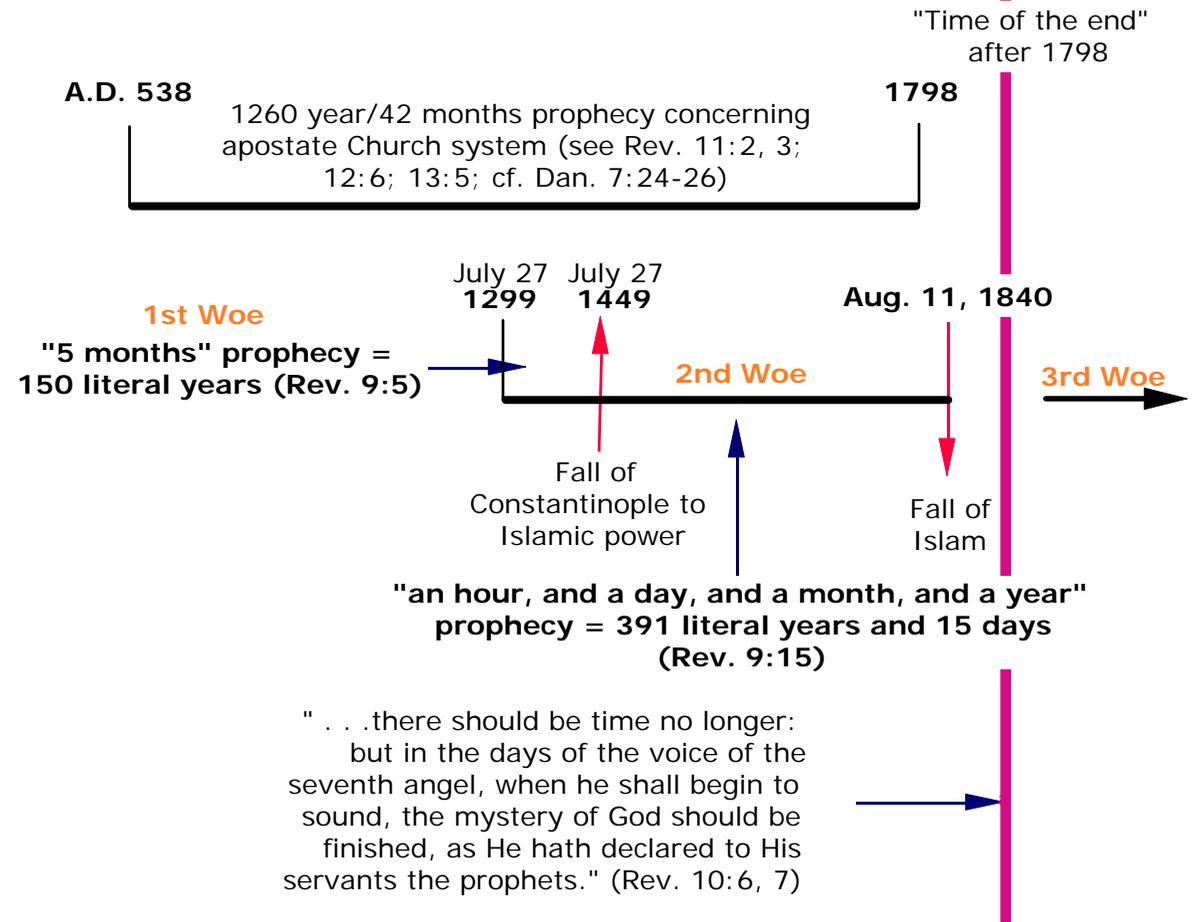
**Daniel 8:14** — "unto two thousand and three days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed"; cf. Daniel 9:24-27; Ezra 6:1-8; 7:11-28



The Bible contains four major time prophecies that have been fulfilled absolutely (in two instances, literally to the very day). The longest of these time prophecies spans 2300 years beginning from 457 B.C. with the re-establishment of the nation of Israel as a legal political entity (see Ezra 7: 11-28). During the first segment of the 2300 years the nation of Israel was to accomplish the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, and spread the message of the coming Messiah. Daniel 9:24-27 gives us the prophecy concerning the work of the Messiah in offering Himself for the sins of the world. At the beginning of the "seventieth week" He was "cut off" and began the earthly aspect of His ministry. Then "in the midst of the week" when He was crucified, bringing the Old Testament sanctuary service types to an end (cf. Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:8-15; Col. 2:14). Christ's earthly ministry lasted three and a half years, leaving three and a half years of that final "week" of the 490 year prophecy (Dan. 9:25-27). At the end of this "week" Israel sealed its doom by stubbornly rejecting the truth of Christ as their Saviour. Stephen was sent by God with one final plea to the leadership of the nation, and when he was stoned to death, all prophecies concerning Israel as a nation came to an end (A.D. 34; see Acts 8:51-60; Rom. 9:31-33; 10:21, 11:1-7; etc.).

The next longest time prophecy is found in Dan. 7:25; Rev. 11:2, 3; 12:6; and 13:5, and concerns the probation of the apostate Church. Its length is stated in three different but equivalent ways: "a time and times and the dividing of time" (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 12:14); "forty and two months" (Rev. 11:2; 13:5); and "a thousand threescore days" (Rev. 11:3; 12:6).

The remaining two time prophecies concern Islam as the 1st and 2nd "woes." These two prophecies were amazing in that they were literally fulfilled to the very day, which established the Biblical principle of a "day for a year" in prophetic interpretation (Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:6; see also Dan. 4:32). The 3rd "woe" does not have specific times for fulfillment because it begins after 1844; after the prophecy which stated that prophetic time would come to an end (Rev. 10:6). The 3rd "woe" begins just before the sounding of the 7th angel and continues to the second coming of Christ. The close of prophetic time did not bring chronological/world historical time to an end. The world's clock is still ticking, but with the fulfillment of the longest time prophecy (2300 years), prophetic time "should be no longer."



**"an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year" prophecy = 391 literal years and 15 days (Rev. 9:15)**

"...there should be time no longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets." (Rev. 10:6, 7)

This prophecy tells us that just before the full sounding of the seventh angel (Rev. 11:15), prophetic time would cease with the fulfillment of the 2300 year prophecy in 1844. However, chronological time (historical time) continued. All the prophecies recorded after 11:14 are not time-dependent; some were fulfilled during the 1260 year prophecy concerning probation for the apostate Church.