

Evidence that the Book of Revelation has been fulfilled

Part 2

In Part 2 of our study on evidence that the Book of Revelation has already been fulfilled, we will begin by taking a closer look at the expression **“forty-two months”**.

Let's begin at **Revelation 11:1-2**. Here, John is told to measure the temple which proves that the temple was still standing. This is important because this is one of the proofs that the Book of Revelation was written prior to AD 70.

The forty-two months mentioned in **Revelation 11:2** was in their future not ours. **Daniel 12:7** states that time times and a half a time or forty-two months or $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years ended with the complete destruction of the power of the Holy people. (**time=1 year, times=2 years, $\frac{1}{2}$ time= $\frac{1}{2}$ year which equals $1 + 2 + \frac{1}{2} = 3 \frac{1}{2}$**)

This was a reference to physical national Israel being destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

In **Revelation 20**, it is usually assumed that this fire destroys the invading Gog and Magog army. A closer look at the grammar in **Daniel 12:7** reveals that the end of eschatology is defined as the scattering of the power of the holy people or **"hagios"**.

It is clear that the fire coming down from heaven is against the **"hagios"** and the city which is exactly what happened in the desolation of Jerusalem in AD 70.

Further proof of this judgment coming against Jerusalem can be seen in **Daniel 12:1** which refers to a time of trouble.

Matthew 24:21 says *".... tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world nor ever shall be...."* (**Luke 21:23**)

At the judgment of God after 3 1/2 years (AD 70) described in the Book of Revelation, John portrays the tribes of Israel as still intact and in their land.

In the Book of **Revelation 7:2-4, 14**, and in **James 1:1,18** we read about the long suffering of God being extended to the Jews to obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ before the storm of war, pestilence, and famine swept across Israel.

God seals the 144,000 before destroying the nation of Israel as God's people for all time. At the writing of Revelation, Jerusalem and the temple were still standing.

In **Revelation 11:1-2**, John is told to measure the temple. The 3 1/2-year siege of Jerusalem by the Romans is described in **Revelation 11:2**.

Only in the books of Daniel and Revelation do we find the expression **"time, times and half a time"** used. (**Daniel 7:25, 12:14, Revelation 12:14**)

John used all three of these expressions: **Revelation 12:6 - 1,260 days, Revelation 11:2 - 42 months, Revelation 12:14 - time, times and half a time.**

In **Matthew 24:2, 34**, Jesus told the Apostles that **their generation** would see all things fulfilled that He spoke to them about. This limits the events of **Matthew 24** and **Revelation 11** to the forty-year period from the ascension to AD 70 when the temple and city were destroyed.

Another fact that proves that all these things were to happen within a forty-year period is found in **Revelation 17:10-12**. John says that the sixth emperor is still on the throne. The names of the emperors of the Roman Empire and when they ruled are as follows:

King/Emperor	Year from	Year to
1st - Julius Caesar	49 BC	44 BC
2nd – Augustus	27 BC	AD 14
3rd – Tiberius	AD 14	AD 37
4th – Caligula	AD 37	AD 41
5th – Claudius	AD 41	AD 54
6th - Nero	AD 54	AD 68
7th – Galba	AD 68	AD 69
8th – Otho	AD 69	AD 69
9th – Vitellius	AD 69	AD 69
10th – Vespasian	AD 69	AD 79

From these historical facts, Nero is clearly the sixth emperor and was still on the throne when the great tribulation started. Nero was still alive and reigning while the temple in Jerusalem was still standing.

Nero's persecution was prominent against first century Christianity and more. Nero's footprints are all over the Book of Revelation which is further proof that the events of the Book of Revelation happened back in AD 66 - AD 70.

Zechariah also prophesied about the destruction of Jerusalem. (**Zechariah 14:2**) Peter warned the Jews to repent in **Acts 2:40**. **Revelation 17:16** depicts the gathering of nations against Jerusalem.

Isaiah 1:21 calls Jerusalem the "**whore**". In **Revelation 20:1-2**, the angel or messenger of the Covenant (Jesus Christ) had the key (authority).

At the close of that generation, with this key He bound up the devil and brought judgment upon National Israel, Jerusalem, and the Temple in AD 70.

The Book of Revelation is about the consummation of the ages and the bringing to fruition God's plan of redemption. By closing out the National Kingdom of apostate Judaism, He brought in the New Heavenly Jerusalem, the Bride, which is the Church of Jesus Christ.

All events depicted in the Book of Revelation belong to the generation to whom the book was addressed, the seven churches of Asia.

These events include:

- **The 1,000 years of Revelation chapter 20,**
- **Armageddon,**
- **the Mark of the Beast,**
- **the destruction of the devil,**
- **the White Throne Judgment,**
- **the 144,000,**
- **Gog and Magog,**
- **the New Jerusalem,**
- **the Bride of Christ,**
- **the Return of Jesus, and**
- **the resurrection.**

Compare **Revelation 6:15-17** with **Luke 23:30-31**. Both of these Scriptures discuss God's judgment.

Revelation 6:15-17	Luke 23:30-31
¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and 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 His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”	³⁰ Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

The times of the Gentiles is described in **Revelation 11:1-2** which was 42 months or 3 1/2 years between AD 66 - AD 70.

Revelation 11:18 tells us about the time of the dead and of Judgment and rewards. The time of the dead refers to the resurrection that Jesus spoke about in **John 5:25, 28-29**.

Notice Jesus said in **verse 25** that the time **now is**, the time of the resurrection. This time of the dead including judgment and rewards accompanies the return of Jesus.

This is the same wrath, judgment, and rewards spoken of by Jesus on the Mt. of Olives in **Matthew 24** and also discussed in **Daniel 12:1-2**. Jesus also discussed rewards in **Matthew 16:27-28**.

Jesus said in **Luke 21:22** that the Days of Vengeance and destruction of Jerusalem would fulfill all things written. Therefore, if Daniel is fulfilled, then the Book of Revelation is fulfilled.

Revelation 19:1-2 says that His judgments are true; He hath avenged.

There is **"no more sea"**; the times of the Gentiles has been fulfilled.
(**Luke 21:24, Isaiah 60:1-5**)

All eschatological predictions were fulfilled in the 1st century. The Old Testament was the source for every eschatological promise of the New Testament.

For example, Paul said his Gospel was based on what Moses and the prophets said. (**Acts 24:14-15**) What Peter said came from his belief based on **Acts 3:21,24**. John also spoke of the prophets in **Revelation 10:7**.

Remember, eschatology is the study of the last things of the Old Covenant which includes:

- **the last days,**
- **the resurrection,**
- **the Return of Jesus,**
- **the Judgment Day.**

There is no eschatology of the New Covenant. The New Covenant is eternal. It is everlasting; it has no end!

The following Scriptures declare this: Eziekiel 37:26,28, Isaiah 55:3, Isaiah 61:8, 10, Jeremiah 32:39-40, Hebrews 13:20, Ephesians 3:21, Revelation 14:6, Revelation 21:27, Revelation 22:15.

Those last two verses (**Revelation 21:27, 22:15**) help to substantiate the idea that the world continues on after the tribulation experienced in Revelation.

It shows a continuance of time and a continuance of people who practice abomination and lying.

This shows that the Kingdom has been established and that His people still live among sinners.

Conclusion

We have presented evidence based on audience relevance and historical facts that prove that the Book of Revelation has been completely fulfilled.

The Book of Revelation was written in Apocalyptic language and was **NEVER** intended to be taken literally.

The Book of Revelation is not about any future prophecy unrelated to what had been spoken by previous prophets, but it is the complete unveiling of what Moses, Daniel, and all the prophets had predicted in regards to the consummation of redemption.

Another important note: notice in **Daniel 12:9**, Daniel was told that the words of his prophecy were sealed till the time of the end. Daniel prophesied during the Babylonian exile which was around 539 BC.

From 539 BC until AD 70 covered 609 years which was considered a long time.

This is why Daniel was told to seal up the words until the time of the end.

In **Revelation 22:10**, John was told **NOT** to seal the sayings of the prophecy because the time was at hand.

“At hand” means very soon. If 609 years was considered a long time in the eyes of God, certainly 2,000 years would be considered even a longer time.

Yet, John was told **NOT to seal up the sayings of the prophecy of the Book of Revelation**; for the **TIME WAS AT HAND**.

This is undeniable evidence that both the prophecy of Daniel and the Book of Revelation have been completely fulfilled.

The Book of Revelation is the story of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple not our planet.

Jesus came a second time in the first century as a culmination of His sacrifice and to establish His Kingdom. This New Everlasting Kingdom is a spiritual Kingdom just as Jesus taught. **(Luke 17: 20-21)**

Born again believers now live in that Kingdom. Both **Revelation 22:12** and **Matthew 16:27-28** are speaking about the same coming and judgment.

Matthew 16:27-28 occurred in the lifetime of some of the first centuries believers; therefore, of necessity, **Revelation 22:12** occurred in the lifetime of some of those first century believers. Both fall under the **"this generation"** of **Matthew 24:34, Mark 13:30, Luke 21:32.**

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