

42 months, 1,260 days, and Time, Times, & Half a Time

- A. There are eight scriptures and four phrases that describe the final 3½ years before Jesus returns. One reason that different terminology is used is so that the meaning is clear and that no one would be able to dismiss this significant time frame as being symbolic. By comparing these passages, we see that different terminology is used to describe the same time frame of 3½ years.
1. ***Persecution***: The persecution of Israel and the Church lasts 42 months (Rev. 11:2; 13:5), which is also described as time, times, and half a time (Dan. 7:25; 12:7).
 2. ***Prophecy***: The two witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days (Rev. 11:3).
 3. ***Protection***: Israel will be protected in the wilderness for 1260 days (Rev. 12:6), which is also described as time, times, and half a time (Rev. 12:14).
- B. This time period is referred to twice as ***1260 days*** (Rev. 11:3; 12:6); twice as ***42 months*** (Rev. 11:2; 13:5); three times as ***“time, times, and half a time”*** (Rev. 12:14; Dan. 7:25; 12:7); and once as ***“middle of the week”*** (Dan. 9:27; a Hebrew week was a 7-year period).
- C. ***“Time”*** refers to 1 year, ***“Times”*** to 2 years, and ***“half a time”*** to ½ a year, equaling 3½ years.
- D. 42 months (Rev. 11:2; 13:5)
²***But leave out the court which is outside the temple...for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. (Rev. 11:2)***
⁵***And he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. (Rev. 13:5)***
- E. 1260 days (Rev. 11:3; 12:6)
³***My two witnesses...will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days... (Rev. 11:3)***
⁶***The woman fled into the wilderness...one thousand two hundred and sixty days. (Rev. 12:6)***
- F. Time, times, and half a time (Rev. 12:14; Dan. 7:25; 12:7)
¹⁴***The woman...into the wilderness...she is nourished for a time and times and half a time... (Rev. 12: 14)***
²⁵***The saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time. (Dan. 7:25)***
⁷***The man [angel]...swore...that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished. (Dan. 12:7)***
- G. Middle of the week (Dan. 9:27)—a Hebrew week was a 7-year period
²⁷***Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. (Dan. 9:27)***