

Historical time periods of 430 years mentioned in the Bible:

430 years of the Israelites’ sojourn – Ex.12:40 (These were the years from Abraham’ entrance into Canaan, to the Exodus.)

430 years of the temple’s iniquity – Ez. 4:4-6 (These were the years from David’s census-sin, to Ezekiel’s 430 days of lying down. David’s census-sin marked the temple’s location [II Sam.24:18, II Chr.3:1]. In Ezekiel 4, the period of 430 *days* represented a literal history of 430 *years*.)

Symbolism of “430 days” is foundational for Daniel 12:11-12:

* The “1,290 days” in Daniel 12:11 come from three sets of 430 days.
(3 x 430 = 1,290)

* Three sets of 430 days (1,290) is *symbolic language* for three eras of history. Just as there were 430 years from Abraham to Moses, there would be a similar type of time-period; yet multiplied by three. As the Israelites sojourned for 430 years before an exodus-event, even so Daniel is saying that his people would experience another “3-fold sojourn” until another type of Exodus is to come.

* Add and extra “45 days” and we get a total of “1,335 days” mentioned in Daniel 12:12. After Moses’ Exodus the Israelites failed to enter the Promised Land. It took another 45 years to complete the wilderness tribulations and for Joshua to conquer the Promised Land. Likewise, Daniel 12:12 adds another “45 days” representing a time of tribulation before the time of “rest” would fully come.

(Go to www.thomsonmemorial.com to see chronology charts on Moses’ Exodus)

1st set-time	430 days	Antiochus Epiphanes period (175BC – 165BC)
2nd set-time	430 days	Hasmonean priestly period (165BC – 37BC)
3rd set-time	430 days	Herodian (Little Horn) period (37BC – 64BC)
half a set-time	45 days	Great Tribulation period (64 AD – 70AD)
	↓	This ended when the old temple was finally destroyed. Jesus’ resurrection was the new Exodus. The destruction of old Jerusalem publicly affirmed the establishment of the New Covenant.

total of **1335** days mentioned in Daniel 12:12

At the end of that time period, God told Daniel that he would “rest” and “arise to his inheritance” (Dan.12:13). Well, the destruction of Jerusalem was foretold in Rev. 17-19, after which, the saints (including Daniel) arose to the highest of heavens to sit on the thrones with Christ (20:4). Ever since then, when God’s people die, they are promoted beyond the altar (Rev.6:7), beyond the glassy sea (Rev.15:2), and upon the ruling throne-room with King Jesus (Rev.20:4; see John 14:3).

The highest of angels once sat on those thrones, but they vacated that position when Christ ascended (Rev.4-5). Now the souls of the saints ascend to be with Jesus, awaiting their bodily resurrection, even exercising their kingship over angels. (I Cor. 6:3)