

## Day-to-year principle

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day-year\\_principle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day-year_principle)

Here it mentions a number of instances. And a number of subscribers to the principle.

Looking for a rationale...

The best reason behind this principle is I guess is to suggest there are 'wilderness years', extenuating periods of hardship where God contends with his people because of their stubborn nature of sinning. The extended period is intended to put across the strain sin has on the relationship with God at a time when they ought to be walking in God's promises. In this period they will toil still because they know there is a reward, yet if they knew the love of the Father time would fly.

### Jacob's labour of love for Rachel

Jacob laboured Laban for his bride (though the deceiver was deceived).

Though it is not stated, maybe Jacob took the week and expanded it to 7 years. We don't know why he picked this length of time. However to Jacob this seemed like a few days:

*Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."*

*Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me. "So Jacob served **seven years** to get Rachel, but they seemed like **only a few days** to him because of his love for her.*

*Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."*

*So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. Genesis 29:19-22*

In this we get a snapshot of God's love for us.

### The Exodus - Wandering through the wilderness

The extended period is intended to put across the strain sin has on the relationship with God.

*For forty years--**one year for each of the forty days** you explored the land--you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.*

*Numbers 14:34*

God says two interesting things about the time in the wilderness:

- 1) Understanding of the time was not given until after it was complete
- 2) The reason "so that you might know that I am the Lord your God."

*Moses summoned all the Israelites and said to them: Your eyes have seen all that the Lord did in Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his officials and to all his land. With your own eyes you saw those great trials, those signs and great wonders. But to this day the Lord has not given you a mind that understands or eyes that see or ears that hear. Yet the Lord says, "During the forty years that I led you through the wilderness, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet. You ate no bread and drank no wine or other fermented drink. I did this so that you might know that I am the Lord your God."*

*Deuteronomy 29:2-6*

We may not be able to discern the reason for the trouble we go through until we are able to discern afterwards. So that we would truly understand the depths of God's love as he traveled with us through our trials.

## Ezekiel and the strain of sin

*"Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the people of Israel upon yourself. You are to bear their sin for the number of days you lie on your side. **I have assigned you the same number of days as the years of their sin.** So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the people of Israel. "After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the people of Judah. I have assigned you 40 days, a day for each year.*

*Ezekiel 4:4-6*

Not sure if or when the originating sin came from, for a period of 390/40 days, but I suspect we ought to look to the sin of David and the breakdown of his kingdom.

## Daniel 9 - 70 'sevens'/weeks

A widely known and interpreted period. But interestingly you would expect again an originating sin period of 490 days when the people are in the promised land. Maybe this only hinted at in Nehemiah that despite all their oaths of obedience in Nehemiah 9 they were quick to slip into disobedience by Nehemiah 13.

Then the word goes out where the 70 'sevens' talk of a period of toiling and building Jerusalem up until the anointed one comes (Daniel 9:25).

## Revelation 12?

My problem with usual interpretations comes between Revelation 12:5 where the child

(Jesus) is snatched up to heaven and Revelation 12:6 when woman ('Israel') flees into the desert.

*5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron sceptre." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. 6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. Revelation 12:5-6*

There is a tendency to attribute the 1260 days to a later Great Tribulation and presuming there to be a big period of time between the 2 verses. The problem can be resolved by the 'Day to Year Principle'. But there is no reason that both the 1260 years and 1260 days of the GT are meant (like the way that Jesus spoke of his death & resurrection and the destruction of the temple in the same sentence).

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Revelation-chapter-12.html>

No doubt there will be a Great Tribulation of a period of about 3 1/2 years/time,times and half a time/42 months/1260 days as there have been tribulations before. We would be mistaken to read that we are raptured to heaven before the Great Tribulation – wilderness does not sound a bit like heaven to me!

I Suppose we ought to look to the following passage of Revelation for more insight:

*I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth." Revelation 11:1-4*

I have an alternative interpretation for the two witnesses of being that of the Old and New Testament witnesses like the Churches with their lampstands at the start of the book of Revelation. It smacks of the book of Zechariah.

Again for 1260 days/years they are in 'sackcloth' – perhaps an analogy for dark times, even the Dark Ages. But then if only the witnesses would realise the authority they have, then they would perform greater things than Jesus. Anyone who opposes them will receive eternal damnation.

Like in Zechariah the temple is measured. The cost of opening up to the other nations meant that the city would be fought over and trampled on.

Note I presume that the reference of the beast coming out of the Abyss is referring to an earlier reference to Revelation 9 where there are locusts and plagues - the Destroyer v11:

*Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Revelation 11:7*

But that wasn't the second death because like Jesus they will be resurrected up to heaven in a cloud.

### 1000 years

This leads us nicely onto the time when Christ will reign on the earth. I will only mention it here briefly. Though calling it the 'Millennium' may not be helpful as it would fix in our mind a literal 1000 years. It probably it meant to represent the eternal.

<http://www.scripturerevealed.com/bible-studies/the-meaning-of-numbers-the-number-1000/>

The 1000 years bit is interesting because if the number one thousand (1000) symbolizes "immensity," "fullness of quantity" or "multitude."

It brings to mind Paul's words of when 'the full number of Gentiles have come in'. Those who are now counted as 'All Israel'.

And the 144,000 of 12 tribes of 12,000 (Rev 7) seem to precise to be actual numbers. But rather convey multitude and fullness.