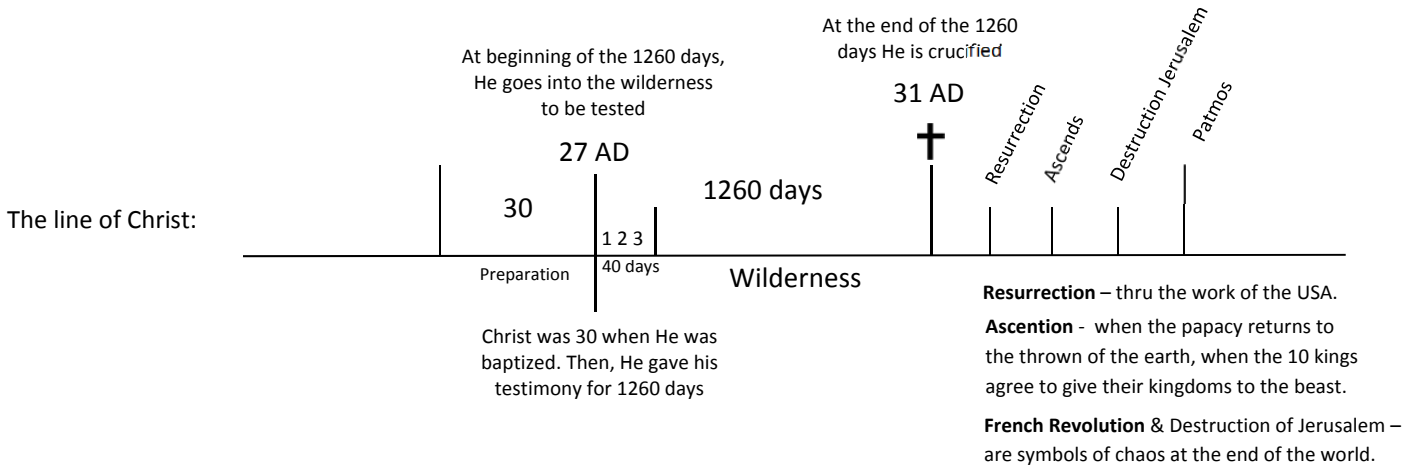


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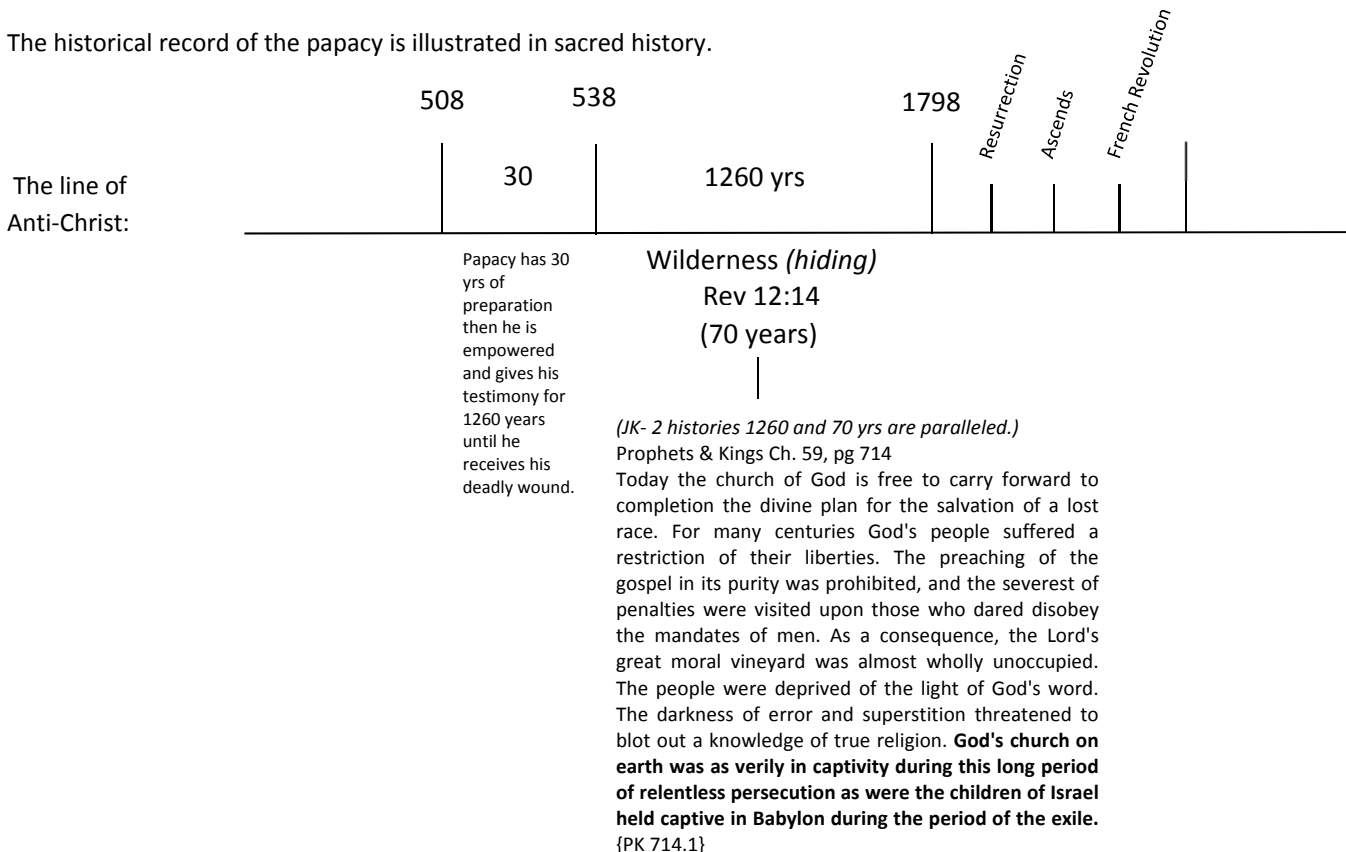
We will start with the conclusion and then follow with supporting information and examples.

The term “wilderness” is used as a symbol. According to Miller’s Rule 10 we know symbols have more than one meaning. The context determines the meaning. The characteristics of the symbol allow you to apply it where it fits on a line. The wilderness can represent a time of preparation, hiding, or persecution. All wildernesses end with a binding off, which is a process where two classes of worshippers are manifested with the foolish falling away at the beginning, and the wise perfected throughout.

Below are two separate histories that serve as two witnesses of time being a symbol of the wilderness.



The historical record of the papacy is illustrated in sacred history.



Binding Off Periods

Matt 24:22, EZ 8,
Rev 12:6, GC pg 306



Papal Persecution

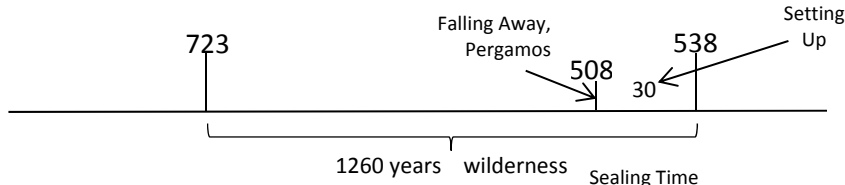
Rev 11:8-9
R&H 12/20/1881

Martyrdom is a symbol for seed.



French Revolution

Judas cast 30 pieces of silver to the Sanhedrin. 30 pieces silver = 30 days = 1 month = 30 yrs.



Matt 27:3-5
3 steps - Baker & Butler

Pagan Persecution

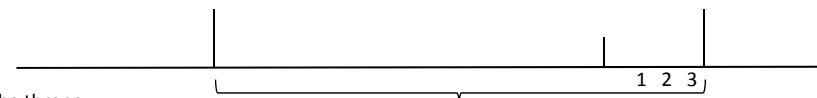
All the rebels have died in the wilderness so there is a group being circumcised (which is a symbol of covenant). This group is bound for the Promise Land.



Josh 5:2-8

Wandering in Wilderness

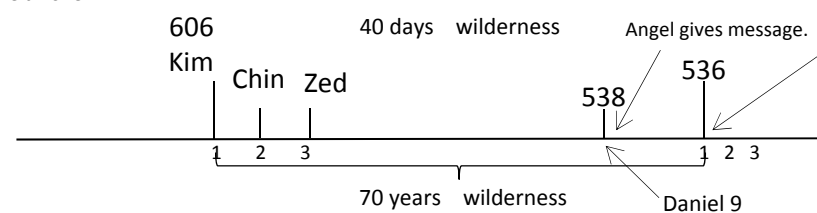
There is a testing in the wilderness at the end of 40 days.



Matt 4:1-11

Christ

536 - Cyrus ascends to the throne and gives 1st decree. 538 - Fall of Babylon. Belshazza is slain.



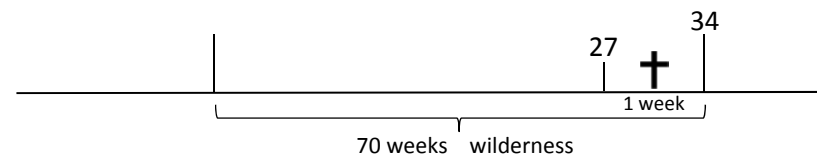
A kingdom is removed, nat'l sovereignty is lost.

Dan 9:1-2 Jer 25:12

Babylonian Captivity

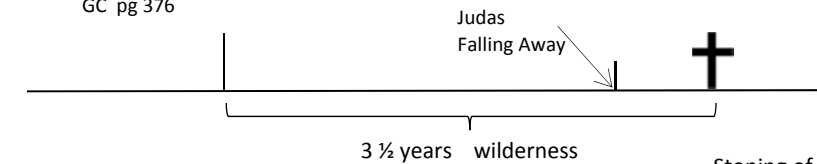
70 yrs are days of one king.

This line is about Midway.



Daniel 9:24-27

GC pg 376



Christ Baptism & Crucifixion

Dan 9:27 midst of week

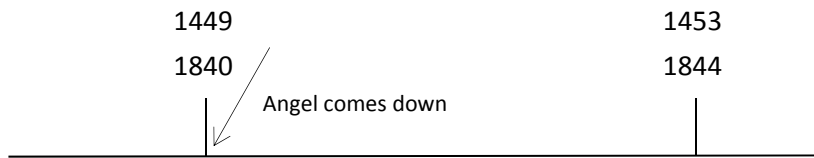
Acts



Christ Crucifixion & Stephen's Stoning

Glorious Manifestation of God takes place in the binding off period

All of the previously listed wildernesses are speaking to this period.



- 4 winds of Islam released/restrained
- National sovereignty given to 4 European powers
- Prediction confirmed
- Kingdom falls – protestant horn
- Lord enters into covenant
- There are more than one, three fold tests
- Persecution from the beast and dragon
- Dispensation changes from Protestantism to Millerite Adventism / from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place
- Falling away – church suffers a moral fall 1844