

CITY OF THE LIVING GOD

DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS

20

SERIES

In dedication to all the soul-winners that need a Bible study on the apocalyptic literature in reference to the 70 weeks of the Prophet Daniel.

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The Book of Daniel provides some outstanding examples of prophecy that predicts very detailed events that have to do with the study of end time events. One of them that stands out is the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, the arrival of the antichrist, and the time of the Great Tribulation. The Scriptures are very clear and detailed in their description of when much of this would take place. It's found in the ninth chapter of the book of Daniel.

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy” (Daniel 9:24).

The Decree to Restore Jerusalem

The time in which this was written was about 539 BC while Judah was in Babylonian captivity. The Prophet Daniel addresses the people in exile with a very specific time when the coming of the Messiah would arrive. He says starting with the commandment from the Persian king to rebuild Jerusalem, there will be 69 weeks (7 weeks and three score and two weeks). The Hebrew word for weeks does not specifically mean weeks of days. The Hebrew word for weeks is “shavuim” and literally means “sevens.” It could be sevens of whatever it is referring to whether it is days or years. In this case it is obvious it refers to years. So, 69 “sevens” would come to 483 years ($69 \times 7 = 483$).

Daniel 9:25

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”

Such a decree was later made by the Persian king Artaxerxes on March 5, 444 BC. He sent Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem (Neh. 2:1-8). The Temple of God had already been restored by that time, completed in 516 BC under a man named Zerubbabel (Ezra 6:14-15). But they needed the walls and the city of Jerusalem to be restored, so that is why this commandment from the king was established.

It’s important to notice that from the date of the issuing of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah, there is a specific time frame. This means that once the decree commenced in 444 BC, the countdown to the Messiah would begin.

THE MESSIAH

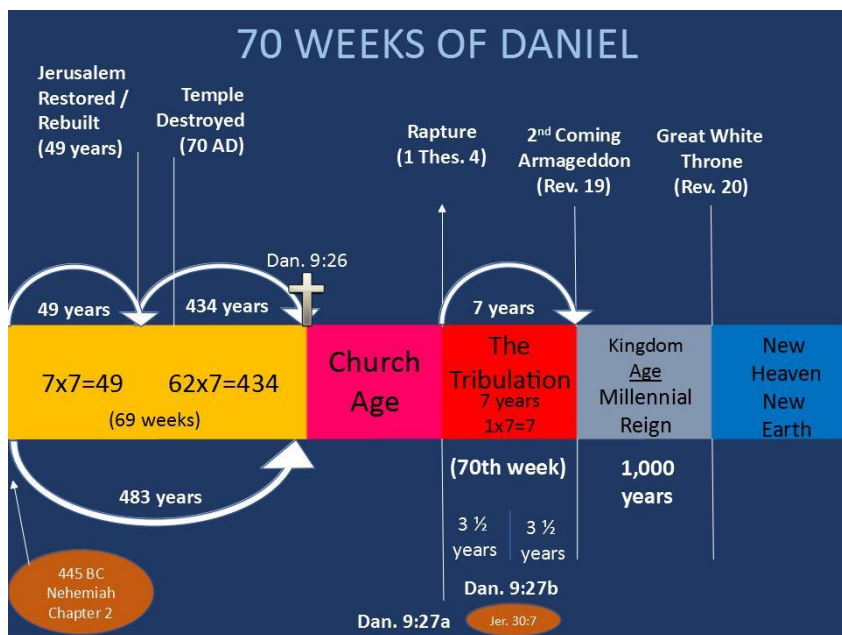
The Messiah was predicted to be cut off at the 69th week after the commandment. When using the Jewish calendar of 360 days per year, it would bring us to Monday March 30, AD 33. This is the day Christ made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:1-11), His Passion week, four days before His crucifixion. This was the day while they were receiving him as the anointed one in the streets, He was already rejected by the Jewish leaders and the following Friday was his crucifixion.

Matt. 21:42-46

“Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.”

Daniel 9:26

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”



The Last Week

After the 69th week, there is a parenthetical time that the Bible calls the “fullness of the Gentiles.” After the Jews rejected the Messiah, the Church Age began. The scriptures state that “blindness” has happened to Israel during this parenthetical time, but that there will be a day when they will not have blindness. It is that day when the fullness of the Gentiles ends which is the same time as the rapture of the Church. The Jewish people will accept the Messiah during the tribulation time.

Romans 11:25

*“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the **fulfulness of the Gentiles** be come in.”*

So, there is a space of time between the 69th and 70th week of the prophecy. The last of the 70 weeks of Daniel is the same seven-year period of the Great Tribulation time.

Daniel 9:27

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

It is during the tribulation time, that the “prince” which is the antichrist will make a “covenant” of peace with the Jews and the world bringing in a brief period of peace.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

It is during this time that the Jewish people will recognize the antichrist as being a counterfeit messiah and they will turn to Jesus as the true Messiah.

Zechariah 12:10-11

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How apparent is it to you that we are living in the end times? Are you prepared for the rapture?

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