

The Book of Daniel

God's Prophet and Statesman

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- a. God's Prophetic Messenger Reappears (9:20-23)

²⁰ Now while I was speaking and **praying**,
and **confessing my sin** and the **sin of my people Israel**,
and presenting **my supplication** before
the **LORD my God** in behalf of the **holy mountain of my God**,

²¹ while I was **still speaking** in **prayer**, then the **man Gabriel**,
whom I had seen in the **vision previously**, came to me
in **my extreme weariness** about the time of the **evening offering**.

²² **He** gave **me instruction** and talked with me and said,
"**O Daniel**, I have now **come forth** to give you **insight** with **understanding**."

²³ At the **beginning** of your **supplications** the **command** was issued,
and I have come to **tell you**, for you are **highly esteemed**;
so give **heed** to the **message** and **gain understanding** of the **vision**.

- b. God's Program for Israel *Revealed* (9:24-27)

²⁴ "**Seventy weeks** have been **decreed** for **your people** and **your holy city**,

to **finish the transgression**,
to make an **end of sin**,
to make **atonement** for iniquity,
to bring in **everlasting righteousness**,
to **seal up vision** and **prophecy**,
and to **anoint** the **most holy place**.

²⁵ So you are to **know** and **discern** *that* from the issuing of a **decree**
to **restore** and **rebuild Jerusalem**, until **Messiah the Prince**,
there will be **seven weeks** and **sixty-two weeks**;

it will be **built again**, *with plaza and moat*, even in **times of distress**.

²⁶ Then **after** the **sixty-two weeks**,
the **Messiah** will be **cut off** and **have nothing**,

and the **people** of the **prince** who **is to come**
will **destroy** the **city** and the **sanctuary**.

{ **decree** → 7 sevens (49) + 62 sevens (434) == 483 years }

And **its end** *will come* with **a flood**; even to the **end** there will be **war**;
desolations are **determined**.

²⁷ And **he** (the **prince to come**) will make a **firm covenant**
with the **many** (Israel) for **one week**,

but in the **middle** of the **week** he will put **a stop** to **sacrifice**
and **grain offering**; and on the **wing of abominations**
will come **one** who **makes desolate**, until a **complete destruction**,
one that is **decreed**, is **poured out** on the **one** who **makes desolate**.”

Daniel's Seventy Weeks Prophecy— A Summary

{ DANIEL 9:24 } → “**Seventy sevens**” (490 years) have been
determined for Israel and Jerusalem;”

“to **finish** the **transgression**”

“to make an **end of sin**”

“to make **atonement** for iniquity”

“to bring in **everlasting righteousness**”

“to **seal up** **vision** and **prophecy**”

“to **anoint** the **most holy place**”

{ DANIEL 9:25-26 } → a **starting point** is given and **69 weeks**
are explained

1) A **decree** is to be issued concerning the **restoration** and **rebuilding**
of **Jerusalem** (**7 weeks**) {49 years}

- 2) From the issue of **this decree** until the coming of “**Messiah the prince**” will be **7 weeks and 62 weeks**→69 weeks/sevens (483 years)
- 3) **After** the 69th week the **Messiah** will be “**cut off**” (killed) and “**have nothing**”
- 4) The **people** (**Romans**) of a **prince** “**who is to come (7:24-25)**” will **destroy** the city and the **sanctuary**—war and **desolations** are determined

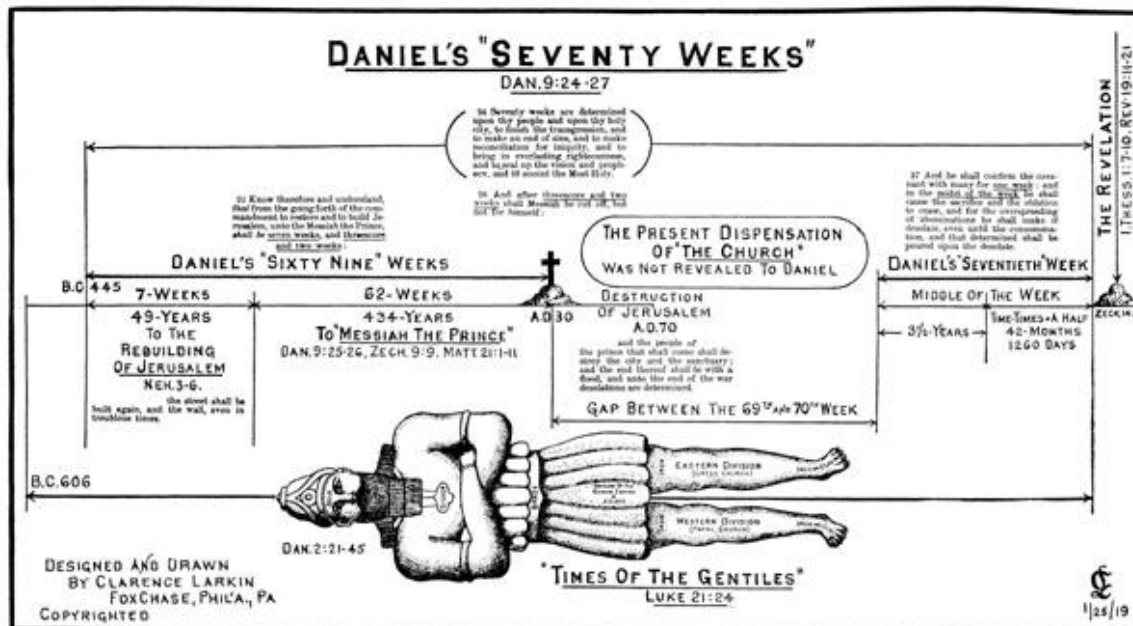
{**DANIEL 9:27**}—the 70th week of Daniel’s prophecy

- 1) The **prince** “**who is to come**”, will make a **firm covenant** with Israel for one week
- 2) In the **middle** of the week (**3 1/2 years**) **he** will **break this covenant**, and put a **stop** to **sacrifice and grain offerings**—Also at this time, there will come **one** who carries out **abominations** and brings **desolation** (i.e. the “**abomination of desolation**”)
- 3) After this, **another desolation**, one that is **complete** and **decreed**, will be **poured out** on the “**abomination of desolation**”

“Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through **Daniel the prophet**, **standing** in the **holy place** (let the reader understand), then those who are in **Judea** must **flee** to the **mountains**...

For **then** there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the **beginning** of the world until now, nor ever will.”
(Matthew 24:15-16, 21)

Daniel’s Seventy Weeks Prophecy Chart



Explaining the “delay” or “gap” between the 69th and 70th weeks of Daniel’s prophecy

Although there is disagreement, many Bible scholars believe that the decree to “**restore and rebuild Jerusalem**” (the **starting point** of the **70 weeks**) was issued in **445 B.C.** by the Persian king **Artaxerxes Longimanus**.

If we count **sixty-nine weeks (483 years)** from that **point**, we come to the time period of “**Messiah the Prince**,” the **life and ministry** of **Jesus the Messiah**.

After **the Messiah** was **rejected** and “**cut off**”, **He resurrected 3 days later**, having **accomplished** that which was required for the **spiritual restoration** of **Israel** (Dan. 9:24).

For **seventy weeks** have been **decreed** for your **people**... →

- To “**finish the transgression**”- to bring to a **completion** Israel’s course of **apostasy, sin, and wandering** (Luke 2:29-32)
- To “make an **end of sin**”- to “**seal up**,” to **finish sin** (I Peter 3:18)
- To “make **atonement** for **iniquity**”- to “**cover**” and bring about a **final propitiation** for **iniquity**, and for **purification** from **sins** (I John 2:1-2) (Titus 2:11-14)
- To bring in “**everlasting righteousness**”- to pave the way for the **kingdom of righteousness** to come (Isaiah 9:6-7) (Matthew 4:17)

However, **Israel’s national rejection** of her **Messiah**, having both **rejected His ministry**, and having delivered **Him** up to be **crucified** (“**cut off**”), has thus brought about a “**postponement**” in both her **spiritual** and **national restoration** (the **kingdom**). (Matthew 21:42-43) (Acts 1:6-8, 13:46)

The result of this **postponement** is a “**gap**” in **time** between the **sixty-ninth week** and the **seventieth week**.

Further **revelation** in the **New Testament** has revealed this “**gap**” to be a “**mystery**” **age** in which **God** is spreading the “**good news**” of **Messiah’s redemptive work**, and the **gift of eternal life** to both **Jews** and **Gentiles**. (Acts 13:46-47)

“..if indeed you have heard of the **stewardship** of **God’s grace** which was given to **me (Paul)** for you; that by **revelation** there was made known to me the **mystery**, as I wrote before in brief...

which in other generations was **not made known** to the sons of men,
as it has now been **revealed** to **His holy apostles** and **prophets**
in the **Spirit**,⁶ *to be specific*, that the **Gentiles**
are **fellow heirs** and **fellow members** of the **body**, and
fellow partakers of the **promise** in **Messiah Jesus** through the **gospel**,”
(Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6)

When this “**mystery**” called the **church** is **complete**,
the **timetable** of **Israel’s complete restoration** will resume, and a
final 7 year time period (the **70th week**) will be **fulfilled**. (Romans 11:25-26)

Closing Comments