

# 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL

CONSEQUENCE OF DISOBEDIENCE		PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS		PRESENTATION OF MESSIAH		REJECTION OF MESSIAH	
606 B.C.	DANIEL 9:1-23	536 B.C.	DANIEL 9:24	445 B.C.	DANIEL 9:25	32 A.D.	DANIEL 9:26
<p>Judah's <b>70</b> year captivity in Babylon was a direct consequence of her disobedience to the LORD'S command in regard to the resting of the land. Under the Law of Moses, the children of Israel were instructed to observe a <b>Sabbath day</b> of rest every single week. (Exodus 20:8-11) But they were also given a similar charge to work the land that the LORD had given them for only six years consecutively. Then every seventh year they were to observe an entire <b>Sabbath year</b> of rest! (Leviticus 25:1-5) And anyone who had previously purchased a fellow Hebrew servant was to let him go free as well. (Exodus 21:1-11) Israel's failure to comply with these laws was carefully marked by God. And after <b>490</b> years had come and gone, the nation had disregarded <b>70</b> of these Sabbath years. Then as promised in Leviticus 26:32-35, the LORD gave the land its well deserved rest for <b>70</b> consecutive years while Judah remained in Babylon. Daniel had been given full understanding from God's Word as to why he and his people found themselves in this particular situation. (Jeremiah 25:9-12; 34:12-17) And the prophet's humble response to this revelation was exactly what the LORD was looking for! (Leviticus 26:40-45)</p>		<p>Having confessed his sins and the sins of his fathers, Daniel himself received an incredible revelation concerning the future <b>490</b> years (<b>70</b> weeks of years) of God's people. (Remember a <b>week</b> in this context is a <b>seven-year</b> period of time.) God told Daniel that He was not only going to judge his people for their transgressions, but that He was also going to forgive them <b>70x7</b> times as well! (Matthew 18:21-22) And since Judah's captivity was a direct consequence of <b>70</b> previous <b>Sabbath years</b> of disobedience, it only made sense that her future forgiveness would revolve around the same 70 Sabbath year system as well. Now this prophecy was intended to be <b>understood</b> by all who would read it. (Daniel 9:25; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:5-6) But in order for us to do so today, we must first reconcile some minor differences between the Jewish and Gentile calendars. An Old Testament year was based upon a 360-day lunar calendar. (If we carefully read Genesis 7:11 and 8:1-4 together, we can easily see that five months equals 150 days.) Therefore, the prophetic 490-year period must be first studied out in this fashion. Then since we are living in the <b>times of the Gentiles</b> (Luke 21:24), the years need to be adjusted in order to line up with our Gregorian calendar.</p>		<p>The first portion of this prophecy dealt with Israel's immediate future, which would culminate with the coming of <b>Messiah the Prince</b>. The <b>69</b> weeks (7 weeks and <b>62</b> weeks) were going to cover a total period of <b>483</b> Jewish years (173,880 days), and would begin with the commandment to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. And as the Bible records, this is exactly what eventually happened! In the days of Nehemiah, many Jews had returned to Jerusalem after the Babylonian Captivity, only to find it still in ruins. (Nehemiah 1:1-3) Then after humbling himself before the LORD (Nehemiah 1:4-11), the man of God made his request to the most powerful Gentile king of the day for permission to return as well. (Nehemiah 2:1-8) And in the month of Nisan, during the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Artaxerxes' reign (March 15, 445 B.C.) the commandment was given to rebuild Judah's capital city. In spite of incredible opposition (Nehemiah 4:6-18), Jerusalem indeed was restored within the allotted <b>49-year</b> (7-week) period of time. And exactly <b>434</b> years later (62 weeks) on April 6, 32 A.D., the Lord Jesus Christ presented Himself as the long awaited Messiah to His people. (Genesis 49:8-12; Psalm 118:20-26; Zechariah 9:9; Luke 19:41-44)</p>		<p>Daniel was further instructed by the angel that after the Messiah's official presentation to Israel (which would end the first 69 weeks of this prophecy) two major events were to occur. The Messiah would be rejected and <b>cut off</b>, and the city of Jerusalem and the sanctuary would be <b>destroyed</b>. Once again, the Word of God and history both confirm that these two prophecies have literally been fulfilled. Four days after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, He was rejected by His people and turned over to the Roman authorities in order to be crucified. (Matthew 21:33-39, 42) And just as Daniel recorded, the Lord was not cut off for <b>Himself</b>. But on the contrary, He died <b>for</b> and <b>because of</b> other men's sins! (Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 2:24) Then 38 years later in 70 A.D., both the city of Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by Rome. (Luke 19:43) And precisely as the Lord Jesus said, not one stone of the temple was left upon another! (Matthew 24:1-2) With these two events having now already taken place, there remains but one week of the prophecy which has yet to be fulfilled. And the very day this predetermined seven-year period of history does come to an end, the resurrected Messiah will return!</p>	
70 SABBATH YEARS		70 WEEKS OF YEARS		483 YEARS		UNKNOWN SPAN OF YEARS	

## RETURN OF MESSIAH~DANIEL 9:27

COVENANT CONFIRMED

SECOND COMING

2012+  
A.D.

According to Daniel's revelation, the final **week of years** will begin with another key leader's actions in relation to God's people. And just as King Artaxerxes ruled over the most powerful nation of his day, so shall it be with this **prince** who is still to come. The Apostle John said that there shall arise one day a king and kingdom the likes of which the world has never seen. In fact, they will be so much more powerful than any one of their day, nobody in their right mind will dare to make war with them. (Revelation 13:4) And although the prince will be known as a mighty man of war, he shall also have the reputation as being a **smooth-talking** advocate of **peace**. (Daniel 11:21-24) The angel told Daniel that this man will confirm a covenant (or peace treaty) which shall involve many people, including the nation of Israel. And when this agreement is signed, the world will believe for a few short years that peace in the Middle East has finally been achieved. (Note that as the world stands today, there is only one man and country that has what it takes to broker a deal between Israel and her foes which would allow Muslims to have access to more control over the West Bank, while giving the Jews the ability to reconstruct their temple-the President of the United States!)

1/2 WEEK OF YEARS

2019+  
A.D.

Then precisely halfway through this week, the **Antichrist** will be revealed for who he is, as he causes all sacrifices to cease in the newly constructed temple and proclaims himself to be God! (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) This will begin what the Bible refers to as the time of **Great Tribulation** which shall last for exactly **3 ½ years**, or 1,260 days. (Matthew 24:15-21) And as Jerusalem is being trodden under foot by the Gentiles, the very Devil himself will be persecuting the children of Israel who have fled for their lives into the wilderness. (Revelation 11:2; 12:13-14) But this is all according to the LORD'S divine plan to redeem His people back unto Himself. (Ezekiel 20:33-38; Joel 2:28-32; Romans 9:27-28; Revelation 12:6) As this **70<sup>th</sup>** week comes to an end, the Antichrist and his army will utterly be destroyed by the Lord Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 63:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 19:11-21) The **remnant** of Israel will finally receive from their Messiah the complete forgiveness of their sins. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 11:25-27; Hebrews 8:10-12) And the most **Holy** One of Israel will rightfully be anointed, and reign as King for ever and ever! (Zechariah 14:4-9; Revelation 11:15)

3 1/2 YEARS...42 MONTHS...1260 DAYS

## 7 YEARS