

## The 70 Weeks Prophecy

9:1 In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom- 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years (Jer 25:8-11). 3 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. 4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:

"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, 5 **we** have sinned and done wrong. **We** have been wicked and have rebelled; **we** have turned away from your commands and laws. 6 **We** have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to **our** kings, **our** princes and **our** fathers, and to all the people of the land. (*Acknowledgement of past sins*)

7 "Lord, you are righteous, but this day **we** are covered with shame-the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered **us** because of **our** unfaithfulness to you. 8 O LORD, **we** and **our** kings, **our** princes and **our** fathers are covered with shame because **we** have sinned against you. 9 The Lord **our** God is merciful and forgiving, even though **we** have rebelled against him; 10 **we** have not obeyed the LORD **our** God or kept the laws he gave **us** through his servants the prophets. 11 All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. (*Confession of present sins*)

"Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses (Lev. 26 Dt. 28), the servant of God, have been poured out on **us**, because **we** have sinned against you. 12 You have fulfilled the words spoken against **us** and against **our** rulers by bringing upon **us** great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. 13 Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon **us**, yet **we** have not sought the favor of the LORD **our** God by turning from **our** sins and giving attention to your truth. 14 The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster upon **us**, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet **we** have not obeyed him. (*God is true to His nature and word*)

15 "Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, **we** have sinned, **we** have done wrong. 16 O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. **Our** sins and the iniquities of **our** fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around **us**. (*Pray in God's name and nature*)

17 "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. 18 Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. **We** do not make requests of you because **we** are righteous, but because of your great mercy. 19 O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name." (*Pray in God's will*)

20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill- 21 while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. 23 As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision:

24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

25 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench (*wall*), but in times of trouble. 26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler (AntiChrist) who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. 27 He (AntiChrist) will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing (*Jesus: holy place Mt 24:15*) he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

## Prophecy of 70 Years

Jer 25:8-11

8 Therefore the LORD Almighty says this: "Because you have not listened to my words, 9 I will summon all the peoples of the north and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon," declares the LORD, "and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy them and make them *an object of horror and scorn*, and an everlasting ruin. 10 I will banish from them the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, the sound of millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 *This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*

Jer 29:10-14

*10 This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.* 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

## Warnings from Moses

Deut 28:36-37

36 The LORD will drive you and the king you set over you to a nation unknown to you or your fathers. There you will worship other gods, gods of wood and stone. 37 You will become *a thing of horror and an object of scorn* and ridicule to all the nations where the LORD will drive you.

Deut 28:49-52

49 The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, *like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand*, 50 a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young. 51 They will devour the young of your livestock and the crops of your land until you are destroyed. They will leave you no grain, new wine or oil, nor any calves of your herds or lambs of your flocks until you are ruined. 52 They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall down. They will besiege all the cities throughout the land the LORD your God is giving you.

## God's Plan for Israel- 70 Weeks

Dan 9:24

Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

1. To finish (hold back, restrain) the transgression (rebellion), 2 Thes 2:1-12
2. To put an end to sin (and its penalty), Col 2:13-14
3. To atone for wickedness (evil, sin), Heb 9:15
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness (justice), Heb 10:19
5. To seal up (stop, make and end to) vision and prophecy, 1 Cor 13:9
6. To anoint (consecrate) the Most Holy (Holy of Holies). Heb 9:11-12, 23-28

Transgression: *pesha`* (peh'-shah); a revolt (national, moral or religious): KJV - rebellion, sin, transgression, trespass.

Finish- *kala'* (kaw-law'); a primitive root; to restrict, by act (hold back or in) or word (prohibit): KJV - finish, forbid, keep (back), refrain, restrain, retain, shut up, be stayed, withhold.

Righteousness- *tsedeq* (tseh'-dek); the right (natural, moral or legal); also (abstractly) equity or (figuratively) prosperity: KJV - even, just (-ice), right (-eous) (cause, -ly, -ness).

# The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

*As Understood by Sir Robert Anderson in The Coming Prince*

Daniel 9:24-25 says that from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah there will be 483 years.

$7 + 62$  "weeks" = 69 groups of seven years.  $7 \times 69 = 483$  years

Anderson sees a prophetic year as 360 days. This is based both on ancient history and on Revelation 11:2, 13:5, 11:3, and 12:6 which indicate that 42 months  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  years are equal to 1,260 days.

Therefore, 483 years  $\times$  360 days = 173,880 days.

Artaxerxes started his reign in 465 B.C. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given on the first day of Nisan, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. In our calendar system (the Julian calendar) that date is March 14, 445 B.C. (Nehemiah 2:1)

Jesus started His ministry in the 15th year of Tiberius (see Luke 3:1). Tiberius started his reign in 14 A.D., so Jesus' ministry started in 29 A.D. Anderson believes that Jesus celebrated four Passovers during His ministry, one each in 29, 30, 31 and His final Passover in 32. With the help of lunar charts, we can calculate the exact date of ancient Passovers, so it is possible to calculate the exact day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as April 6, 32 A.D.

From 445 B.C. to 32 A.D. there are 476 years on the Julian calendar (not 477 years, because there is no year zero).

$476$  years  $\times$  365 days = 173,740 days.

Adjusting for the difference between March 14 and April 6 adds 24 days.

Adjusting for leap years over a period of 476 years adds 116 days.

The total number of days from March 14, 445 B.C. to April 6, 32 A.D.

$173,740 + 24 + 116 = 173,880$  days

According to his calendar, Daniel told us there would be 173,880 days between the decree and the arrival of Messiah the Prince.

Jesus said to the Jews of this day: If you had known, even you, especially IN THIS YOUR DAY, the things that make for your peace! (Luke 19:42)