

THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL

A. Background

-Dan. 2 and 7 give a prophetic overview of Gentile world history from the time of Babylon on.

-Dan. 9 gives a prophetic overview of Jewish history and God's special dealings with the Jews.

-Dan. 9:24-27 is called "*The Greatest Prophecy Ever Given*".

Outline of Daniel 9

Dan. 9:1-19 – Confession and Prayer

Dan. 9:20-27 – Prophecy: The 70 Weeks of Daniel

B. Breakdown of the Seventy Weeks of Daniel

a. Dan. 9:24 – A Summary Overview of the 70 Weeks

The objectives to be accomplished:

1. To finish the transgression.
2. To make an end of sins.
3. To make reconciliation of iniquity.
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness.
5. To seal up vision and prophecy.
6. Anoint the Most Holy.

b. Dan. 9:25 – 69 Weeks (483 years) culminating in the Triumphal Entry

From the command to rebuild Jerusalem, given in Neh. 2:1-8, UNTIL the Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (cf. Lk. 19:28-44) would be exactly 69 Weeks/483 years/173,880 days. On that very last day of the 69th week (March 30, AD 33), Christ formally presented Himself as Israel's anointed ruler (cf. Ps. 118:26; Zech. 9:9).

c. Dan. 9:26 – INTERLUDE

Between the 69th Week and the 70th Week, there would be a GAP PERIOD of an unspecified amount of time. Three things would take place during this time:

1. After the 69th week, Messiah will be cut off.

2. The city of Jerusalem and the temple will be destroyed.
 3. To the end, there would be war and desolations.
- * The Church Age also takes place during this Gap Period.

d. ***Dan. 9:27 – 70th Week (7-Year Tribulation Period)***

What commences the start of the 70th Week is the Antichrist confirming a 7-year covenant relationship with Israel. In the middle of the Week, the Antichrist will BREAK this covenant with Israel and commit the HEIGHT of abomination by entering into the rebuilt temple and declaring himself to be God (cf. 2 Thess. 2:4). But he will be brought to his end by the Second Coming of Christ, as DETERMINED by God (cf. Dan. 9:24, 26, 27; 2 Thess. 2:8).

Note that THREE times in Daniel 9:24-27 these things are said to be DETERMINED by God! God is sovereign over all these things, and therefore, they will come to pass exactly as prophesied. Just as sure as the 69 weeks were fulfilled to the letter, just as sure as the events of the “interlude period” have been and are being fulfilled, just as sure will those of the 70th week yet be fulfilled. It is DETERMINED by God!