

Prayer:

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Theme: God is Sovereign over History

Outline:

- A. The personal history of the prophet Daniel – Chapter 1
- B. The prophetic history of the Gentiles – Chapters 2-7
- C. *The prophetic history of Israel – Chapters 8-12***

Daniel is a very unique individual in the annals of prophetic history in that Daniel 1:17 says God gave him “understanding in all visions and dreams.” Daniel specialized in understanding inspired visions and dreams.

In Daniel 7 and 8 Daniel was given two major prophetic visions. In Daniel 7 Daniel was given an overview the times of Gentiles in which the Gentiles would be dominate over the Jews. This period of time is from Babylon until the Second Coming of Christ (cf. Lk. 21:24). Of special interest to Daniel was the last empire (Rome) out of which comes a little horn that becomes dominant.

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Daniel 7:19–20 (NKJV)

19 “Then I wished to know the truth about the **fourth beast**, which was **different** from all the others, **exceedingly dreadful**, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;

20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and **the other horn** which came up, before which three fell, namely, that **horn** which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

In chapter 8 Daniel was given a prophecy that builds to a type of Antichrist as found in the historical Antiochus Epiphanes. This man is described in very austere terms, and Daniel is specifically told that this vision “refers to the time of the end” (Dan. 8:17). As a result of this vision, Daniel was faint and sick for days (cf. Dan. 8:27).

Fast forward 13 years in Daniel 9, and Daniel, through his study of Jeremiah, saw that God had appointed 70 years of captivity for his people in Babylon (cf. Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10-14). Realizing they were getting close to the 70 years timeframe, Daniel went to prayer, confessing the sin of his people and pleading to God for deliverance (Dan. 9:1-19).

Remember at the end of Daniel 8 it says “no one understood” Daniel’s vision indicating that even Daniel didn’t totally get it (Dan. 8:27). Now in Daniel 9 (13 years later) it seems that Daniel is still struggling to understand.

He knew the prophetic Scriptures said that after 70 years they would be freed from the bondage of Babylon, but then how did that fit with the vision in chapter 8 which indicated that at the end this person with a fierce countenance would be allowed to destroy “the holy people” which refers to the Jews who are God’s set apart people (Dan. 8:24).

So after 13 years of struggling with this perplexing revelation, God now gave Daniel more insight to His plan for His people Israel as seen in Daniel 9:24-27.

What God showed Daniel in this text is considered to be the greatest prophecy ever given. It gives precise dating markers related to both the true Messiah and the false Messiah called Antichrist. It gives precise markers in relation to both Christ’s first coming, as well as His second coming. This prophecy is therefore called “***The Mold of Prophecy***”, “***The Backbone of Bible Prophecy***”, and “***God’s Prophetic Time Clock***.”

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Daniel’s 70 “weeks” prophecy is unsurpassed in majesty, unparalleled in detail, and unrivaled in the prophets. It takes us from the depths of the Babylonian captivity to the grandeur of the Messianic kingdom, providing us with a road map of future events found nowhere else in Scripture. – **Mark Robinson** with Jewish Awareness Ministry

This prophecy shows us that Israel is God’s prophetic time clock. The time markers we have concerning prophecy are given here. God gave Daniel the outline time markers, and these are the guardrails when it comes to properly understanding time markers in relation to prophecy. Get outside these markers and you will surely be in error!

Slide # 4**Outline of Daniel 9**

vv. 1-2 Daniel's Study of Prophecy

vv. 3-19 Daniel's Prayer for Fulfillment of Prophecy

vv. 20-27 God's Answer to Daniel's Prayer

Daniel 9:20–27 (NKJV)

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

Daniel's prayer as represented in Daniel 9:1-19 focused on intense confession of sin and petition that God restore temple worship in Jerusalem for His own sake. Thus, while Daniel was praying...

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

As Daniel was intensely in prayer, suddenly the angel Gabriel appeared. This is the same Gabriel he had seen 13 years earlier in the vision of Daniel 8 (cf. Dan. 8:16). It's almost like he appears saying, "As I was saying..."

Even though the temple had been destroyed many years before, yet Daniel still thought in time terms in relation to temple offerings. Two daily sacrifices were commanded by the Law to be implemented at the temple, one in the morning and one in the evening (cf. Ex. 19:38-39; Num. 28:3-4). The evening offering took place between 3 and 4 PM.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

Gabriel explained the purpose of his coming was to give Daniel further understanding regarding God's plan for His people Israel. Daniel had long pondered and struggled with this and now Gabriel was here to help him.

What confused Daniel was this: if the Babylonian captivity of the Jews was to last for seventy years, and if those seventy years were near their end, then why in the vision of chapter eight had God pictured a further chastening of Israel for many years into the future? It would appear that the vision had caused Daniel to fear that God might delay the end of the captivity. – **Renald Showers**

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Daniel 9:19 (NKJV)

19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! **Do not delay** for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

Gabriel is about to show Daniel that although the Babylonian Captivity was about to come to an end, yet the course of history would still hold 490 years of special disciplinary dealings with His people, Israel.

The express reason he has come is to help Daniel **understand God's program** for Israel and what that involves.

God, through Daniel, has told us what is coming in a basic outline fashion. He gave us the high points, but when one of those high points happened in Jesus' ministry, the people completely missed it.

When God speaks, people should listen carefully. When He speaks prophetically, He does so with a purpose.

God's pattern is to show His servants, the prophets, what is going to happen, and then they warn the people.

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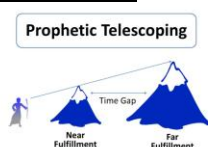
Amos 3:7 (NKJV)

7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

And we have noted that the nature of prophecy is to give a near partial prophecy, and then when it is fulfilled, it provides evidence that God will also fulfill prophecy that is yet distant.

Fulfilled near/partial prophecy shows that the distant complete will likewise yet be fulfilled.

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In the prophecy of the 70 weeks of Daniel we have prophecy related to Jesus first coming fulfilled to the letter showing that likewise that which pertains to the Second Coming will just as surely likewise be fulfilled.

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

Angels do God's bidding. Daniel was praying, and immediately the command went out from the Lord, dispatching Gabriel to go to Daniel. Notice that Gabriel in effect says, "I am here because of your prayers."

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Hebrews 1:14 (NKJV)

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

James 5:16 (NKJV)

16 ...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

The phrase "greatly beloved" literally means "precious". It refers to something that is deeply cherished (Gen. 27:15).

In all the Bible, Daniel is the only person referred to as "greatly beloved" (cf. 10:11, 19). Daniel lived an uncompromising life and was precious to God.

Gabriel said to Daniel, "***therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.***"

Gabriel exhorted Daniel to give close attention to the revelation, because it would give him understanding of the vision in chapter eight. – ***Renald Showers***

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Outline of Daniel 9:24-27

- v. 24 The Entire Scope of the Prophecy
- v. 25 The First 69 Weeks
- v. 26 A Parenthesis in Time
- v. 27 The Final 70th Week

24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

Seventy weeks are determined! God has it all mapped out! Daniel is being shown that in addition to the 70 years of discipline they as a people have undergone at Babylon, on top of that, there are another 70 weeks of years of special disciplinary dealings that Israel will have to go through before arriving in the kingdom.

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Psalm 33:10–11 (NKJV)

10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

11 The **counsel of the LORD** stands forever, The **plans of His heart** to all generations.

God is sovereign over history. History is truly HIS STORY! Nothing happens by accident! And Israel is the centerpiece nation of history. Prophetic history revolves around Israel. Don't miss that point!

In Hebrew, the word “week” (Shabua) simply means “a set of seven”. Now a week can be a set of seven days as we commonly use the word. But it can also refer to a set of seven years which is what we have here in Daniel 9. So the word week can mean a week of 7 days or it can mean a week of 7 years. In view here are 70 units of 7 years which makes for a total of 490 years.

Context makes it clear whether Daniel was speaking in terms of “weeks of days” or “weeks of years”. For example, in Daniel 10, 2 Daniel says he was “mourning for three full weeks.” Clearly, “weeks of days” are in view; otherwise, he would have been mourning for 21 years. Clearly, that was not the case.

Seventy sets of seven years are in view. As Daniel pondered the 70-year captivity in Babylon, he was thinking in terms of years. The reason Israel was in captivity for specifically 70 years was because they had failed to keep the sabbatical rest of the land 70 times (or for 490 years).

In other words, every 7th year, according to the Mosaic Law (Lev. 26:34-35, 43), they were to let the land be idle and give it a rest.

This they failed to do 70 times, meaning for 490 years they had violated this commandment. And for this reason, they were put out of the land for 70 years to make up for the 70 Sabbath years missed during the previous 490 years.

It was God's way of giving the land the rest He commanded when the people in disobedience failed to do so.

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2 Chronicles 36:20 21 (NKJV)

20 And those who escaped from the sword he **carried away to Babylon**, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia,

21 to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, **to fulfill seventy years.**

So the idea of 490 years - 70 weeks of years was top of mind for Daniel.

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70 X 7 = 490 Years

70 Years Required to Make up for the time Land was Violated for 490 Years

Fulfilled in the 70-year Babylonian Captivity

70 X 7 = 490 Years

And an additional 70 weeks of Disciplinary Dealings are in View Required to Fulfill God's Program for Israel

While Daniel's prayer was focused on the past period of 70 weeks of years and the end of the 70-year captivity, the angel came with a message about the future, also about a period of 70 weeks of years.

– ***The Moody Bible Commentary***

Note these 70 weeks are determined "for your people and for your holy city". Your people is Daniel's people. Your holy city could only mean Jerusalem to Daniel. This applies strictly to the Jews! This has nothing to do with the Church. All 70 weeks are in relation to the Jews. 69 have already been fulfilled strictly in relation to the Jews. Any sense of consistency shows that the last week (7-year period) also applies only to the Jewish people.

It can't get much more straightforward or clear than this. I often quip that you have to be a scholar to miss this! The 70-weeks have to do with Israel and Jerusalem – the Jewish capital.

It provides logical proof of a pre-Tribulational rapture as the church is not in the first 69 weeks and, to be consistent, can't be in the 70th week, the final 7 year period. – **Mark Robinson**

The years in view are 360-day years, which reflects the Jewish calendar. Elsewhere, as the Bible interacts with this text in Daniel, it consistently reflects a 360-day year (cf. Dan. 9:27; Rev. 11:2-3; 12:6, 13:5).

As we work through the prophecy, we will see that only the 490-year formula works in relation to Messiah's first coming, and historically, it works to precision.

Within the designated 70 weeks of special disciplinary dealings assigned to Israel God is going to accomplish SIX things.

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70 units of 7 years = 490 years

Six Objectives...

1. ***To finish the transgression***: To bring an end to Israel's rebellion
2. ***To make an end of sins***: To bring an end to Israel's wayward ways.
3. ***To make reconciliation for iniquity***: They will be brought into right relationship with God.
4. ***To bring in everlasting righteousness***: Kingdom justice.
5. ***To seal up vision and prophesy***: Completion and fulfillment.
6. ***Anoint the Most Holy***: Inauguration of the Millennial Temple.

Here is an overview of what these 70 weeks (490 years) will accomplish!

The first three deal with the **removal of sin**. The last three have to do with the restoration of righteousness. This is like two sides of the same coin.

The first three all find their **basis in the cross** of Jesus Christ but await complete fulfillment in the people of Israel in connection with the **Second Coming**. Then they will be cleansed as a people from their sin and enter into the new covenant relationship with God that He has ordained for the nation of Israel.

The first three deal with transgression, sin, and iniquity. These are overlapping terms. Before Israel can enter into the Kingdom she must be humbled and brought to true repentance – as Daniel prayed about earlier in the chapter. But for the nation of Israel this is going to involve a process – a process of 490 years.

1. **To finish the transgression**: Transgression (Heb. pasha) means willful rebellion (cf. Dan. 8:13). It is to rebel against the rule of God. This is a Lordship issue and climaxed in the rejection of Jesus as Messiah/Lord.

In the parable of the 10 minas in Luke 19, Jesus illustrated it this way:

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Luke 19:14 (NKJV)

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, **'We will not have this man to reign over us.'**

Historically, the Jews have had a problem with God's rule over them, climaxing in their rejection of Jesus as Messiah, but this will come to an end at the Second Coming. The Holman Christian Study Bible translates this: "***to bring the rebellion to an end.***"

The duration of this 490-year period of time will result in an end to Israel's rebellion that has characterized their existence. They have indeed been a stiff-necked people, but through this history of 70 weeks of discipline, God will break them and bring their rebellion to an end. In the time of the 70th week (the Tribulation Period) Israel will finally come to repentance and recognize Christ as their Messiah (cf. Isa. 66:7-9; Zech. 12:10; 13:1; Matt. 23:37-39; Rom. 11:25-27).

2. **To make an end of sins**: The word "sins" is plural, pointing to a sinful way of life. Sin is the idea of falling short of God's standards. To "make an end of" is literally "to close up" or "to complete". The completion of the 70 weeks will bring to an end to Israel's sinful ways.

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Ezekiel 36:26–27 (NKJV)

26 I will give you **a new heart and put a new spirit** within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you **a heart** of flesh.

27 I will put **My Spirit** within you and **cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments** and do them.

3. **To make reconciliation for iniquity**: The word “iniquity” (Heb. avon) refers to that which is twisted or perverted. Reconciliation (Heb. kaphat) means “to cover”, “to forgive”, or “to appease”. It is ultimately based on the finished work of Christ accomplished at His first coming and will come to be appropriated by Israel in relation to His Second Coming.

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Jeremiah 31:33–34 (NKJV)

33 But this is **the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity,** and their sin I will remember no more.”

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Romans 11:26–27 (NKJV)

26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For this is My **covenant** with them, **When I take away their sins.**”

4. **To bring in everlasting righteousness**: When Christ comes and sets up His kingdom, it will usher in a new age of righteousness, which will then merge with the eternal state. This will happen at the conclusion of the 490 year period of special dealings with Israel.

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Jeremiah 23:5–6 (NKJV)

5 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of **righteousness**; A King shall reign and prosper, And **execute judgment and righteousness** in the earth.

6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

5. **To seal up vision and prophesy:** This means to bring about the fulfillment of all that the prophets looked forward to in relationship to the restoration of Israel and her coming Messiah.

The phrase “**to seal up**” (Heb. kotham) is the same word translated “**to make an end**” in the phrase “**to make an end of sins**”. It means “to bring to conclusion.” To seal up then means completion – fulfillment of all that the prophetic visions and prophecies foretold. All that God revealed to Daniel would find fulfillment – all would be accomplished.

6. **To anoint the Most Holy:** “Most Holy is literally “Holy of Holies”. This terminology is found 39 times in the Old Testament and always in reference to that which is related to the Tabernacle or the Temple.

In Biblical times anointing signified consecration for special service (cf. Ex. 28:41; 29:36; 40:9-15). Zechariah 6:12 says when the Messiah comes He will “**build the temple of the LORD.**”

This is a reference to the Millennial Temple which will be established as the worship center of the world in the kingdom of Jesus Christ. There will be an official inauguration of this Temple signified by word “anoint”. Ezekiel 40-48 at length addresses this Millennial Temple.

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Ezekiel 43:12 (NKJV)

12 This is the law of the temple: **The whole area surrounding the mountaintop is most holy.** Behold, this is the law of the temple.

By the time the 490 years of special dealings with Israel is complete all six of these things related to the removal of sin and the restoration of righteousness will be fulfilled. But it will involve this process of 70 weeks of years before it is completed.

Daniel was in concentrated prayer with two major things in view 1) confession of sin, and 2) a desire for restoration. God in response to that prayer, gave him an overview of His plan for Israel which would involve 490 years of special disciplinary dealings with Israel before they as a nation would be fully restored.

Thus, verse 24 tells how long it would take and gives an overview of six objectives that will ultimately be accomplished.

Now in verse 25, he gives more detail on how this will take shape in history!

25 “Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

The word “**therefore**” is a transitional word based upon the six affirmations of verse 24. He starts with the emphatic KNOW and UNDERSTAND! What God has decreed will certainly come to pass – KNOW THIS – UNDERSTAND THIS!

God is sovereign and He will bring this to pass. This is ultimately Israel’s future. There is a double emphasis on **UNDERSTAND**.... Know therefore and understand. This is now the fourth time in this context that the issue of “understanding” or “knowing” has been made. God wanted Daniel, and now us, to get this!

Verse 24 is the comprehensive **overview** of the 70 weeks (490 years), but now he breaks it down into three sections. Two of the three are found here in verse 25.

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v. 25 – **7 weeks (49 years)**
 - **62 weeks (434 years)**
 v. 27- **1 week (7 years)**
 70 weeks – 490 years

God’s calendar on the 70 weeks (490 years) began with the command to restore and build Jerusalem. This marked the start of the 490 years. Where do we have such a commandment? There were several commandments to REBUILD THE TEMPLE but there is only ONE command in the Old Testament to rebuild the CITY OF JERUSALEM, and that is found in **Nehemiah 2:1-8** when **Artaxerxes** authorized Nehemiah to rebuild the city. This command took place on March 5 in 444 B.C.

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Nehemiah 2:5 (NKJV)

5 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that **you send me** to Judah, **to the city** of my fathers’ tombs, **that I may rebuild it.**”

Nehemiah 2:8 (NKJV)

8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." **And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.**

From the command to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah would be a period of exactly seven weeks plus 62 weeks for a total of 69 weeks. This is precision dating. Know and understand!

The qualifier "The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times" evidently refers to the time period of 7 weeks (49 years) that it would take to complete the rebuilding project of Jerusalem.

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The reason the 69 weeks were divided into two continuous periods was to recognize the purpose of the original decree (to restore and rebuild Jerusalem) and identify the completion of the rebuilding of Jerusalem at the end of the seven weeks of years.

– ***The Moody Bible Commentary***

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Command to rebuild Jerusalem (Neh. 2:1-8)
 7 weeks (restoration of Jerusalem complete)
62 weeks (arrival of Messiah)
69 weeks TOTAL

As noted in Nehemiah, the Jews had much opposition in their rebuilding work. Hence, it involved a period of "troublesome times" (cf. Neh. 4; 6:1-7:4; 13:1-9; Ezra 4-6).

In the sixty-two weeks of years leading up to the Messiah, Israel endured various fierce trials from Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome, as Daniel prophesied (Dan. 7:2-8; 8:1-14; 10:10-21; 11; cf. Zech. 9:11-17). Nevertheless, the city remained restored and rebuilt.

– ***John MacArthur***

"Messiah" means "Anointed One". It is used of those with a special calling from God such as in the case of a priest or a king. It is used in a general sense 39 times in the Old Testament.

However, Messiah also has a technical usage in the sense of THE ANOINTED ONE – the One coming with a most special calling - the special chosen One. This technical usage is found at least 12 times in the Old Testament (cf. Dan. 9:25, 26; 1 Sam. 2:10, 35; 2 Sam. 22:51; 23:1; Ps. 2:2; 20:6; 28:8; 84:9; 89:51; Hab. 3:13).

It is used in the technical sense here in Daniel 9:25 and is here qualified with Prince. This is Messiah the Prince. The word Prince has the basic idea of “one who goes before” and is the idea of a Royal Ruler or Leader.

Therefore, the Messiah was a technical expression referring to the special chosen One who would come as both a Savior of and a Ruler over God’s people. He is the prophesied coming Deliverer/Ruler. He comes to save, and He comes to set up His kingdom. It is this combination that defines the promised coming Messiah in the Old Testament.

The prophetic clock started ticking the very day that the Persian king Artaxerxes issued a decree allowing the Jews to return and rebuild the city of Jerusalem on March 5, 444 BC as seen in Nehemiah 2:1-8.

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March 5, 444 BC – The command to restore Jerusalem

March 30, 33 AD – Presentation of the Messiah

69 Weeks (7 + 62) = 483 Years (or 173,880 days)

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The precision with which this prophecy was fulfilled is staggering! That’s why I call it the greatest prophecy ever given. It stands as a monumental proof of the inspiration of the Bible.

– **Pastor Mark Hitchcock**

This passage contains the only Old Testament prophecy presenting the exact time of Messiah’s presentation to Israel in His first coming.

– **Renald Showers**

Making adjustments for the differing calendars there have been two in depth studies, one by Sir Robert Anderson and the other by Harold Hoehner.

Both, with slight variances in calendar calculations, show that the 69th week ended with the presentation of Jesus to Jerusalem as her Messiah in the Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday of AD 33. This fulfilled to the letter the timing predicted in Daniel 9:25.

From the time of Artaxerxes command until Messiah's entrance into Jerusalem was exactly 69 weeks or a period of 173,880 days. This was a most special day as prophesied in the Old Testament.

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Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV)

9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! **Behold, your King is coming to you**; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Jesus knew the significance of this very day.

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Luke 19:42 (NKJV)

42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in **this your day**, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Then Jesus went on to say...

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Luke 19:43–44 (NKJV)

43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**"

Note the language of "this day" and "the time". On this day was the fulfillment of Daniel 9:25 "Until Messiah the Prince". This was the fulfillment of the 69 week period – the 483 years – the 173,880 days as prophesied by

Daniel. This was THE DAY Jesus was officially presented to Israel as her King! It was fulfilled to the exact day – to the exact letter of the prophecy.

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Luke 19:38–40 (NKJV)

38 saying: “ **Blessed is the King** who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39 And some of **the Pharisees** called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

40 But He answered and said to them, “**I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.**”

Jesus was saying that absolutely nothing could stop the fulfillment of this official presentation to Israel. It was the fulfillment of prophecy. It was the fulfillment of Daniel 9:25. It was being fulfilled to the very day! Nothing, absolutely nothing, could stop it!

Daniel was given this precise prophecy about Jesus over 500 years before it happened! Only God could do this!

And for any “honest to God” response to the text, we have to acknowledge that this fulfilled prophecy shows dogmatically that Jesus is the prophesied promised Messiah! There is no other prophecy like it in the world. I can well see why it has been called THE GREATEST PROPHECY EVER GIVEN!

Alexander Seibel is a converted Jew. Here is his testimony...

A Christian witnessed to a Jew about the resurrected Messiah. They looked at the Bible together. The book of the prophet Daniel recorded how the Messiah would come and be killed, after which the sanctuary would be destroyed (Dan. 9:26). This sanctuary – the temple – has been in ruins for almost two millennia now, so the Messiah should have appeared prior to that. But the Jewish people are still awaiting the coming of the Anointed One. Something doesn’t add up.

It gradually dawned on this son of Abraham that only one person appeared as Messiah before the destruction of the temple. This person was also rejected, as we see in this prophecy (among others): Jesus of Nazareth. When the Christian then showed him Zechariah’s prophecy, which says the Jews will look upon the living God whom they have pierced (Zech. 12:10), he recognized his true and living Savior. He gave his life to this living Jesus Christ, confessing like Thomas, “My Lord and my God!”

We call the book of John “The Gospel of Belief”. John says he wrote with the express purpose that people might believe in Jesus and be saved.

Over and over in the gospel of John we are told about what Jesus did so that the prophetic Scripture “***might be fulfilled***” (Jn. 12:38; 13:18; 15:25; 17:12-13; 18:9, 32; 19:24, 28, 36).

And then at the end of the book John says all these things are written so that “***you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.***” (Jn. 20:30-31)

The great proof that Jesus is the Messiah is fulfilled prophecy!

He fulfilled it to the letter, as seen in Daniel 9.

Have you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ?

Have you received Him as your personal Savior and risen Lord?

The Bible says NOW is the accepted time – TODAY is the day of salvation!
Come to Jesus!

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!