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Prayer:

## **Slide # 1**

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 KEY prophetic book! Daniel was uniquely gifted in relation to understanding visions and dreams (Dan. 1:17). In the proper interpretation of Scripture it is essential to properly divide the Scriptures rightly.

#### **Slide # 2**

## **2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)**

**15** Be diligent to present yourself **approved to God**, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**.

Those Bible teachers who will receive God's "well-done" are those who properly divided the Word. That is, they made the proper distinctions as revealed in Scripture. One of the major distinctions is between Israel and the Church. Israel is not the Church and the Church is not Israel. Israel and the Church are distinct.

This is the MAJOR point in dispensationalism. The Church is NOT found at all in the OT with any clarity.

## <u>Slide # 3</u>

## Ephesians 3:5–6 (NKJV)

**5** which <u>in other ages was not made known</u> to the sons of men, as it has <u>now been revealed</u> by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

**6** that the <u>Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body</u>, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

The Church is a brand-new reality that began on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Everything about the Church: its relationship to the New Covenant, its intimacy with Christ as His bride, the truth of the Rapture. This was all new revelation that belongs strictly to the Church.

What God revealed to Daniel in Daniel 9:24-27, in what is called "The Seventy Weeks of Daniel," was an overview of God's PROGRAM for Israel, not the Church. It is very important to get this! And God made it very clear!

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#### Daniel 9:24 (NKJV)

**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.

None of this is determined for the Church. None of it applies to the Church. This applies strictly to Daniel's people (the Jews) and to his holy city (Jerusalem).

There were three sieges of Jerusalem by Babylon.

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## Three Babylonian Sieges of Jerusalem

- 605 B.C. Daniel was taken captive
- 597 B.C. Ezekiel was taken captive
- 586 B.C. The Temple & the city of Jerusalem was destroyed

Daniel was taken captive to Babylon in the first siege in 605 BC. The scene now in Daniel 9 was 67 years later in 538 BC. Daniel had been studying the prophet Jeremiah and he saw there that God had said His people Israel would be in bondage in Babylon for 70 years but then would be brought back.

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# Jeremiah 29:10 (NKJV)

**10** For thus says the LORD: <u>After seventy years are completed</u> at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and <u>cause you to return to this place</u>.

Daniel saw this and began to earnestly pray accordingly. He prayed, confessing the sin of his people and praying for restoration.

Top of mind for Daniel was the idea of 70 years and 490 years. 2 Chronicles 36:20-21 specifically says that the Jews would be in captivity for 70 years because they had not allowed the land to enjoy its Sabbath every 7 years. They had violated this for 490 years, which equals 70 years of Sabbaths that they had not obeyed, hence 70 years of captivity.

So, Daniel was really looking forward to their release from captivity after the 70 years were fulfilled. However, in 551 BC (cf. Dan. 8:1) he had a vision concerning the more distant future that had application regarding the time of the end (Dan. 8:19). The angel Gabriel explained the vision to him, but Daniel was left sick and troubled by it because he didn't understand how that fit in with what the Jews were currently going through.

They have just been out of the land for 70 years, which is the most severe stage of discipline as seen in the law. Now, if they were set to return, what was all this in the vision of chapter 8 concerning a future sinister person being allowed to destroy the "holy people" (that is, the Jews) (Dan. 8:24).

Now, 13 years later, Gabriel again appears to Daniel as he was praying and reveals further insight to him. What Gabriel shows is that God's program for Israel involves two sets of 70. The first is a set of 70 years, making up for the 70 Sabbath years violated. But in addition, there is to be another 70 sets of 7 years (70 weeks – 490 years) of special disciplinary dealings with Israel before they will go into the kingdom.

## <u> Slide # 7</u>

## 70 X 7 = 490 Years (About to be Fulfilled)

- -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 (70 weeks of years) (<u>Yet Future</u>)

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

Verse 24 gives an overview of 6 objectives that God is going to accomplish in relation to Israel by the time the 70 weeks (490 years) are complete.

# 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. <u>To make reconciliation for iniquity</u>: 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.

The 70 weeks are broken up into three sections. The first two happen consecutively, then there is a GAP before the fulfillment of the last week – the (70<sup>th</sup>) week.

#### **Slide # 9**

#### Outline of Daniel 9:24-27

- v. 24 Overview of the 70 weeks
- v. 25 The First 69 Weeks
- v. 26 A Parenthesis in Time
- v. 27 The Final 70<sup>th</sup> Week

In Daniel 9:24-27, there are 8 clear time markers. This is why the 70 Weeks prophecy is called "*The Mold of Prophecy*". Essentially, all the rest of prophecy related to time markers are tied to it. Jesus tied further revelation to it in the Olivet Discourse of Matthew 24-25 and then the rest of the New Testament builds on this.

Daniel 9:24-27 presents prophetic guardrails in terms of prophetic time markers. Get outside those markers and you will certainly be in error. All prophetic time markers from the time of Artaxerxes' command to rebuild Jerusalem until the kingdom connect and tie back to this prophecy.

## **Slide # 10**

## <u> Daniel 9:25-27 – Eight Prophetic Time Markers</u>

- 69 Weeks (483 years)
- 1. From Command to Rebuild Jerusalem to its completion 7 Weeks (49) years.
- 2. From the Command to Rebuild Jerusalem UNTIL Messiah the Prince 7 plus 62 Weeks (69 Weeks 483 years).

## Daniel 9:25-27 - Eight Prophetic Time Markers

Verse 26

[Gap Period – Parenthesis – Unknown Duration]

- 3. AFTER the 7+62 Weeks (69 Weeks) Messiah shall be cut off.
- 4. AFTER the 7+62 Weeks (69 Weeks) Jerusalem and the Temple will be destroyed.
- 5. AFTER the 7+62 Weeks (69 Weeks) War and Desolations are Determined.

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## <u> Daniel 9:25-27 – Eight Prophetic Time Markers</u>

#### Verse 27

- The Final 1 Week (7 years)
- 6. Then he (the prince who is to come Antichrist) shall confirm a covenant with the Jews for ONE WEEK (7 years).
- 7. In the MIDDLE of the week (3 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  years in), Antichrist shall put an end to Jewish sacrifices and offerings.
- 8. The DESTRUCTION of the Antichrist.

Last week, we saw that four times in the verses leading up to the 70-weeks prophecy, Gabriel emphasized UNDERSTAND or KNOW (v. 22, 23, 25).

We saw from the command of the Persian king Artaxerxes to rebuild and restore Jerusalem that there would be a period of 7 weeks or 49 years.

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This [49-year period] corresponded with the completion of Nehemiah's career in rebuilding and restoring Jerusalem, along with the conclusion of Malachi's ministry and the close of the Old Testament canon. The second segment of sixty-two weeks, or 434 years, would then continue from that point on to the moment of the Messiah's triumphal entry. – **John MacArthur** 

And then we noted that from the time of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until the time of Messiah's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem would be an exact period of 69 weeks, which corresponds to 483 years or 173,880 days. We saw last week that this prophecy was fulfilled to the very letter – to the exact day. In Luke 19, Jesus referred to His presentation to them as their King at this time (see Zech. 9:9) as "your day" and as "the time of your visitation" (Lk. 19:42-44).

Because of the exact precision of this fulfillment, this has been called "**The Greatest Prophecy Ever Given.**" But there is more PRECISE fulfillment as we note in our study today. We pick it up now at verse 26.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

And AFTER the sixty-two weeks is a very significant statement. The 7 and 62 weeks (that is 69 consecutive weeks) will have been completed. And as already noted, the 69 weeks were completed at precisely at the time of Christ's Triumphal Entry (cf. Matt. 27:32-50; Lk. 19:28-44).

The word AFTER denotes a break, a gap, a parenthesis between the completion of the 69<sup>th</sup> week and the start of the 70 week. AFTER the completion of the 69 weeks then Messiah shall be cut off.

The phrase "cut off" was used of the "death penalty" in the OT (cf. Lev. 7:20, 21, 25, 27) and often referred to a very violent death (cf. 1 Sam. 17:51; Obad. 9; Nah. 3:15).

In view here is the death of the Messiah! Again, we see amazing precison in the prophecy. The first 69 weeks had to be fulfilled FIRST, and then AFTER (which turns out to be only 5 days AFTER) Messiah would be cut off. How do you get that precisely right 500 years in advance? Only God can do this.

"*Until Messiah the Prince*" (Triumphal Entry – Zech. 9:9) – March 30, A.D. 33

5 Days later (After the 69th week)

"Messiah shall be cut off" (Crucifixion) – April 3, A.D. 33

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This is one of the most astounding statements in the Scripture. Messiah is not coming to set up a kingdom of peace and prosperity (at least not initially), but He will be destroyed or killed. And, we are given the time when this will happen! – *Mark Robinson* 

With precision, we are told this will happen AFTER the completion of the 69<sup>th</sup> week and yet BEFORE the destruction of the Temple. This happened to the letter.

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Completion of 69<sup>th</sup> Week – March 30, AD 33

Crucifixion of the Messiah – April 3, AD 33

Destruction of Jerusalem/Temple – August 6, AD 70

Exactly according to prophecy, the Messiah was cut off immediately AFTER the completion of the 69<sup>th</sup> week and prior to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. These prophecies are now a fact of history, fulfilling prophecy to the exact letter.

After it says Messiah shall be cut off the NKJV translates, "but not for Himself." More literally this says, "and He has not". The NASB, ESV, and LSB all translate this as "and have nothing."

The expression, "and have nothing" meant that when Messiah would die, He would not have all that should properly belong to the Messiah. As Messiah, He should have had a royal crown of gold and precious jewels, but He had a crown of thorns (Mt. 27:29). He should have had a royal robe, but He was stripped of His clothing (Jn. 19:23-24). He should have had a royal throne, but He was given the cross (Jn. 19:17-18). He should have had the reception and acclaim of the

people, but He received their rejection (Jn. 19:14-15) and scorn (Mt. 27:39-44). – *Renald Showers* 

And then "the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary."

Note that the eight sign markers listed in Daniel 9:25-27 are given in precise chronological order. First, Jerusalem was rebuilt in 49 years, then after another 434 years, the Messiah was presented as Prince, then, AFTER that, 5 days later, He was cut off, and then, about 40 years later, the temple was destroyed. All are listed in chronological order! There is no exception to this pattern.

This clearly shows that before the Temple would be destroyed Messiah must come first and be killed – which He was as seen in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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This prophecy definitively identifies the coming of the Messiah to die as having to be BEFORE 70 A.D. Messiah must have arrived prior to 70 A.D. and been killed. – *Mark Robinson* 

It was this prophetic truth that resulted in the conversion of a Jew as I shared last time. He saw that no legitimate Messianic figure had come on the scene, other than Jesus, prior to the destruction of the temple. That is historically true and an explicit fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy.

Daniel explicitly also shows that the Messiah would die (be cut off) at His first coming. Again, fulfilled to the letter in history in exact fulfillment of prophecy. When you start adding up the fulfilled prophecies in Jesus, the TRUTH of Him being the Messiah becomes undeniable! People don't believe because they don't want to believe, but the truth as found in Jesus on close examination is undeniable!

Daniel mentions two Princes. The focus in Scripture is on these two – one being the true Christ who is followed by the false Christ. In Zechariah 11:4-14 there is the rejection of the Good Shepherd which is then followed by the coming of the wicked shepherd in verses 15-17. In John 5:43 Jesus said He came in the Father's name, but another would follow coming in his own name.

Messiah the Prince is mentioned in verse 25 Who is Jesus Christ, and then "the prince who is to come" here in verse 26 who is the Antichrist.

This "prince" [in verse 26] cannot refer to "Messiah the Prince" (9:25), since the date of His coming was already so carefully determined. Rather this refers to a future prince from Rome, who was referred to in chapter 7 as the "little horn" (7:8, 19-26). – *Charles Feinberg* 

Note very carefully that the "prince who is to come" will come from the people who destroy the city and the sanctuary. It is an undeniable fact of history that the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in AD 70. Thus, we have a very clear statement here that the Antichrist (the prince to come) will come out of the Revived Roman Empire.

Previously, Daniel in chapter 7 showed that the final tyrant (Antichrist) would be a ruler coming out of the <u>fourth major consecutive world</u> <u>power</u>, which would be Rome (cf. Dan. 7:7-8, 19-20). Daniel 9:26 affirms that the Antichrist will indeed emerge out of the Revived Roman Empire as he comes from the people (the Romans) who destroyed the Temple in AD 70.

Thus, this coming prince would be a Roman ruler (this prince cannot be Messiah the Prince referred to in v. 25, for the Romans who destroyed Jerusalem did not belong to Messiah, and Messiah is not a Roman prince). The literal translation a prince the one coming indicated that this ruler and his coming were already known to Daniel. ...Indeed, this coming prince would be the little horn or Antichrist who had been revealed to Daniel in chapter 7 some fifteen years earlier.

#### - Renald Showers

And then the text says, "The end of it shall be with a flood." This same terminology is used in reference to the outpouring of God's wrath in Nahum 1:8. This is saying that the end of Jerusalem and the temple shall be so devastating as to be swept away entirely by a flood of destruction.

When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in AD 70 they completely overwhelmed and destroyed it. The Jewish historian, Josephus, said 1.1 million Jews were killed at that time. As they set the temple on fire they then tore the temple apart block by block to get the gold that melted down in between the blocks.

What is portrayed is the total and absolute complete destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, which indeed did happen in AD 70. It is a matter of history – a matter of fulfilled prophecy.

And then it says, "And till the end of the war desolations are determined," which more literally reads, "till the end shall be war; desolations are determined."

The end here in context refers to the end of the GAP period, that time period between the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple and the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week. Indeed, this period has been defined by desloations in Israel and lingering war. All during this period, the Temple Mount has been in a state of "desolation" and is still ruled by Gentiles to this day.

The word "desolations" refers to that which is shockingly devastating, leaving behind nothing but a wasteland (cf. Dan. 11:31; Mt. 23:38; Lk. 21:20).

The land has experienced various desolations (plural) through the centuries (cf. 70 AD, 135 AD), and then, having returned to the land in recent history, Israel has known continual war ever since! The same day Israel once again formally announced itself to be a nation war for its survival broke out in 1948, then again in 1956, 1967, 1973, 1982, 2006, and most recently the war that broke out on Oct. 7, 2023.

At the moment, Israel is involved in war on various fronts – not just one but numerous fronts.

Israel has been described as existing in a state of "perpetual war" or "forever war" due to continual ongoing conflicts. This defines the gap period ever since the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in AD 70.

These things have happened in conjunction with what has been decreed or determined by the sovereignty of God.

But here is the question: When will desolations and war that have characterized Israel's experience in the "gap period" end? The answer is given in verse 27. It will finally end when the prince to come (the Antichrist) signs a 7-year covenant with Israel. But this will prove to be a very deceptive peace and a very short-lived one.

But before we get there, note that verse 26 deals with a prolonged gap period. **After** the 69<sup>th</sup> week and **before** the 70<sup>th</sup> week, these three things will take place.

## The Gap Period between the 69th and 70th Weeks

- 1) Messiah would be killed.
- 2) Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed.
- 3) And to the end of the Gap Period, Israel would experience war desolations.

#### Footnote on the Gap period.

The reality of placing Messiah's death, followed by the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple <u>after</u> the 69<sup>th</sup> week and yet <u>before</u> the 70<sup>th</sup> week demands a gap of time which establishes a gap principle allowing for the Church Age, which indeed takes place during this prolonged gap period.

It is not unusual for prophecy to posit GAPS of time regarding the coming Messiah, such as seen in Isaiah 9:6 and again in Zechariah 9:9-10. Also see Isaiah 61:1-2 with its NT parallel as seen in Luke 4:18-20. Also compare 1 Peter 1:11, which contrasts the time of Christ's sufferings with that of His glories that would follow.

Rightly dividing the Word is a matter of proper interpretation.

The Jews did not see a gap between the suffering Messiah and the reigning Messiah and that is one reason they couldn't make sense of Jesus. They were only looking for a ruling and reigning Messiah. They didn't see a GAP!

Often in the prophetic Scriptures, the <u>next important thematic event</u> is addressed without consideration for what or how much time intervenes. In other words, often in the prophetic Scriptures, there are Gaps. There is certainly a large GAP between the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel, and it essentially corresponds to what we now know through the lens of the New Testament as the CHURCH AGE.

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#### **GAP PERIOD DEDUCTIONS**

- 1) The Roman Empire largely lies dormant during the Gap Period.
- 2) The Church Age Takes Place during the Gap Period.
- 3) During the Gap Period, Israel has been "set aside" and yet Providentially Preserved (cf. Rom. 9-11).
- 4) The Gap Period is a "Stage Setting" time for the final finale of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week. (Israel is back in the land.)

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

The antecedent to "he" here is "*the prince who is to come*" (the Antichrist) mentioned in verse 26.

At some point, concluding the determined war desolations of the Gap Period, the Antichrist will confirm a covenant with many Jews for one week – that is for a 7-year period of time.

The language here is more literally "a firm covenant". This will be a very strong commitment that will seem to hold a lot of promise for Israel.

It will bind the nation to him [Antichrist] so firmly that Israel will practically be an extension of the Antichrist in the Middle East. As a result, Antichrist will regard any attack upon Israel as an attack upon himself; therefore, in this covenant Antichrist will commit himself and his western Roman army to the military protection of Israel.

#### - Renald Showers

In verse 24 we see that all 70 weeks apply to Daniel's "people" (the Jews). Therefore, the "*many*" here refers to a MAJORITY of the Jews. The general populous of Israel will evidently be in favor and back this covenant treaty.

The ongoing war desolations during the GAP PERIOD will leave Israel desperate for peace and protection. Antichrist on the rise will seem to have both the authority and power to carry out his promises to Israel that will afford them protection and security for seven years. They will buy into it. Sadly, in short order they will discover that it is what Isaiah termed as a "covenant with death" (Isa. 28:15, 18).

In order to have the authority to make such a covenant, the Antichrist must already possess the position of head king of the confederated Revived Roman Empire before making the covenant (Dan. 7:8, 20, 23-25). – *Renald Showers* 

This is the 70<sup>th</sup> Week bringing to conclusion the 70 weeks determined for Israel and Jerusalem. This is commonly called the 7-year Tribulation Period.

This 7-year period begins with lots of promise involving a strong 7-year covenant between Antichrist and Israel. This will supposedly usher in a time of PEACE and PROTECTION for Israel, for which they have long hoped.

This signing of a 7-year covenant will at once signal who is the Antichrist and will also usher in the Day of the Lord Judgment. Initially, the Jews will think it will bring about PEACE, and the world will celebrate accordingly (cf. Ezek. 38:11).

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#### 1 Thessalonians 5:2–3 (NKJV)

- **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
- **3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

But then in the middle of the week (3 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  years in) he Antichrist will bring an end to Jewish sacrifice and offering – the renewed Jewish worship in their rebuilt temple.

Halfway through his 7-year commitment, Antichrist will break the 7-year covenant and turn on Israel. This implies that the Jews have once again implemented their sacrificial system in conjunction with a rebuilt temple under the previous protection of Antichrist. But now he turns on the Jews and outlaws their sacrificial system of worship.

Many Scriptures, in one form or another, mention this pivotal turning point halfway through the 7-year covenant.

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Dan. 7:25

Dan. 9:27

Dan. 12:7

Rev. 11:2

Rev. 11:3

Rev. 12:6

Rev. 13:5

This last 3 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  period of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week is called "The time of Jacob's trouble" in Jeremiah 30:7. Daniel 12:1 refers to it "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation." In Matthew 24:21 Jesus said, "then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."

## "And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate."

Abominations are things that are detestable and extremely offensive to God most often involving idolatry (cf. Deut. 29:16; 1 Kgs 11:5, 7; 2 Kgs 23:13; Isa. 66:3). In view is the most extreme form of idolatry! To make desolate is to violate something so bad as to suck the life out of it. It means to ruin in a horrible fashion or make waste.

The word translated as "wing" refers to most extreme point of something. The wing of abominations is the extreme or highest point of what is offensive to God.

At precisely the mid-point of the 7-year Tribulation Period the Antichirst will go into the Jewish temple and declare himself to be God. This will be the greatest abomination ever committed by humanity.

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## Matthew 24:15 (NKJV)

**15** "Therefore when you see <u>the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet</u>, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

## Daniel 7:25 (NKJV)

**25** He shall <u>speak pompous words against the Most High</u>, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV)

4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that <a href="https://example.com/hes/measures/">he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.</a>

All of this harmonizes perfectly with the mid-point of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel as outlined in Daniel 9:27.

And the Antichrist will have his way with Israel and the saints for 3 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  years.

#### **Slide # 23**

## Revelation 13:5–8 (NKJV)

- **5** And he was given <u>a mouth speaking great things and</u> <u>blasphemies</u>, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.
- 6 Then he opened his mouth in <u>blasphemy against God, to</u> <u>blaspheme His name</u>, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
- 7 It was <u>granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them</u>. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.
- **8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The Antichrist will carry on until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on him, which will be his destruction, personally carried out by Jesus at the Second Coming.

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## Daniel 7:11 (NKJV)

11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NKJV)

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

## **Slide # 25**

## Revelation 19:20 (NKJV)

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Note that three times in this text the word "determined" is found as seen in verses 24, 26, 27.

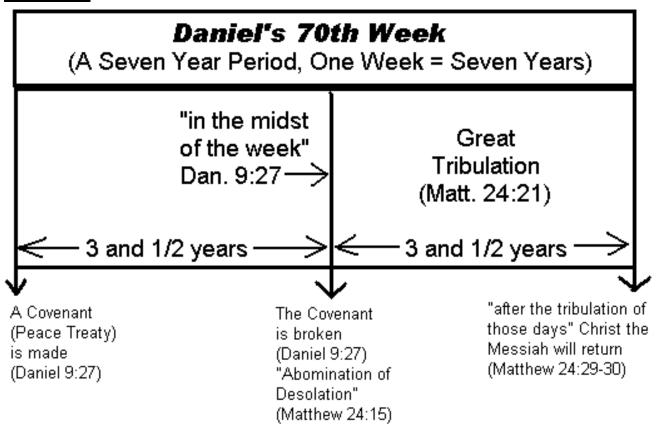
None of this is left to "chance" It is according to the determined PLAN of God.

Just as the first 69 weeks and that which relates to the GAP have been literally fulfilled, so also will be all that pertains to the 70<sup>th</sup> week - just as it has been determined.

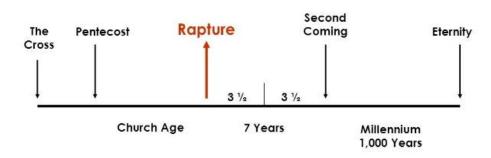
God's 70 week (490 year) program for Israel has temporarily been interrupted by the CHURCH AGE. The first 69 weeks had nothing to do with the Church, as it wasn't even in existence. In the same way, the 70th week also has nothing to do with the church but everything to do with the Jews and Jerusalem.

The next event on God's prophetic Calendar is the Rapture of the Church and then God will complete His 70 week program for Israel.

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# **Timeline of the End Times**



Ezekiel 38:8 says of Israel, "In the latter years you will come into the land...brought out of the nations...". They are there! This is why Israel, back in the land, is called "*The Last Day's Super Sign*." In order for last-days prophecy to be fulfilled, Israel must be back in the land. She is there!

"The world today is like a stage being set for a great drama. The major actors are already in the wings, waiting for their moment in history. The main stage props are already in place. The prophetic play is about to begin..." – **John Walvoord** 

Israel is back in the land.

Israel is increasingly desperate for peace.

Israel has plans to rebuild the temple.

Russia from the north is teaming up with Iran from the East.

Apostasy abounds.

All that has been determined will be fulfilled!

We are not setting any dates but we are told to live ready!

Jesus is coming back! It's not a matter of "If" but only a matter of "When".

Live Ready!