

Dan13 – **The 70 Sevens of Daniel – Dan 9:20-27**

There are **TWO ‘70’s’ in Dan Ch 9**

In the **first half** of **Ch 9** – Daniel realized the **70 year EXILE**
of the Nation of **Israel** was about to **come to an end**

& it **caused** him **to cry out** to God in **Intercession** for Israel

Daniel’s **heart was burdened** – Heavily –
About **what might happen** to God’s people **Israel**

& So – **In the MIDST** of His **Prayer** (in the 2nd half of Ch 9)
God **REVEALS** to Daniel – His **LONG TERM PLAN FOR ISRAEL**

IN the **1st half of Ch 9**
Daniel **PRAYS** for the **RESTORATION OF ISRAEL**

In the **2nd half of Ch 9** – God **Reveals** His Plan
for the **ULTIMATE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL**

The Focus of these **Prophecies** - IS God’s People – **ISRAEL**
But **they Definitely** involve – **US** & the **entire world**

This text is **Famously Called** - **“The 70 Weeks of Daniel”**

& it **forms** the **BASIS (Backbone)**
for the **most Critical Prophetic Events** - in the Bible

Needless to say – It’s a **HUGE section** of scripture to Grasp
So – **Let’s get to grasping** it

Let’s Pray

In the 1st half of the Ch – We left Daniel interceding for Israel
Specifically for their RESTORATION – To God - & To the LAND

TODAY – IN the Middle of that prayer – God (Again) sends to Daniel
His Special Messenger Angel – GABRIEL

Daniel 9:20–21 (nlt)

20 I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people (from 1st half), pleading with the Lord my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain.

21 As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice.

Daniel was continuing to cry out to God on behalf of ISRAEL
AFRAID for them because they had STRAYED SO FAR from God

But God wanted Daniel to KNOW –
that God's PLAN was IN PLACE

What God had Promised to Do Through (& For) ISRAEL
was absolutely going to come to pass - Guaranteed

& So God is going to give Daniel the TIMELINE for HOW
His Great PLAN of Restoration – is going to WORK OUT

God wants Daniel (& Us) to KNOW - His Plan is ON TRACK

It will come to pass - Exactly AS He Ordained it

It will come to pass - Exactly WHEN He has Ordained it

& THAT gives this text - Incredible Life Changing POWER
for anyone who will Read it - & Receive it

Continuing . . . Daniel 9:22 (nlt) → →

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22 He (Gabriel) explained to me, “Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding.

God **REALLY** Wanted **ISRAEL** to **Know** these things -
& God **REALLY** Wants **US** to **Know** these things

It **may not** be as **SIMPLE** as we’d **LIKE IT**
But **that’s ALSO** The way **God Works**

God wants us to **WANT to KNOW** – **Enough** that we’ll
DIG IN to His Word - & **Search** for the **Full Meaning**

It’s the **Same thing Jesus** Did - when He **taught** by **PARABLES**

God **WANTS Israel** (& US) to **GET this**
& **So** - **Gabriel** tells **Daniel** in

Daniel 9:23 (nlt)

23 The moment you began praying (interceding for Israel), **a command** was given. **And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.**

The MOMENT Daniel began **interceding** for **God’s People**
a **COMMAND** was **Given** in Heaven - **to Respond**

Is Heaven LISTENING? - - - **YES** – Heaven is Listening

When **YOU** are **Crying Out** to God – **In Accordance with HIS Will**
Heaven is **listening!**

Because You are ALSO Precious to God (as Daniel was)

& in Response - God sends US – THE HOLY SPIRIT
Just as the Angel Gabriel was Sent to Daniel

So – Gabriel comes - to give Daniel insight & understanding

& he begins – what is often called
the BACKBONE of All Biblical Prophecy – in Dan 9:24

Daniel 9:24(a) (nlt)

*24 “A period of seventy sets of seven (excellent translation) *has been decreed for your people and your holy city . . .**

Where the NLT correctly translates “Sets of Seven”
Your Bible may say WEEKS

But if you’ll Look in your NKJV – or your ESV –
there’s a FOOTNOTE - - & it says - LIT - sevens

Because this Hebrew word means (most literally) –
Seven Periods of Time

It’s Most Often USED for 7 periods of DAYS
& so the word WEEK became associated with it

But most accurately – it is - 70 Sets of 7 periods of time

& WE KNOW – from the CONTEXT
from OTHER USES of this phrase in the O.T.
& Especially from HISTORY . . .

Gabriel is talking about 70 Sets – of 7 YEARS

These **70 sets of 7 years** have been **DECREED by God**
For **ISRAEL** - & for their **HOLY CITY**

And **WHAT** is **God** going to **accomplish** in this **70 sets of 7 years?**

Let's Re-Read ALL of Daniel 9:24 (nlt)

24 "A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to (1) finish their rebellion, (2) to put an end to their sin, (3) to atone for their guilt, (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, (5) to confirm (seal) the prophetic vision, and (6) to anoint the Most Holy Place.

God is **going** to **accomplish SIX THINGS** for His people
during these **70 sets of 7 years**

THREE have to **do** with **ERADICATING SIN** (& *the Effects of Sin*)

THREE have to **do** with the **ETERNAL KINGDOM** of God

ALL SIX of these things **Revolve** around **Jesus Christ**

SOME of them **Jesus** has already **POSITIONALLY Accomplished**

But **ALL of them** will be **COMPLETELY** Accomplished
by the END of the **70 sets of 7 years**

Let's Review them – From V.24 - - - RE-READ V.24

These **SIX THINGS** are What **God WILL DO** for **Israel** –
& for **YOU** - if you're been **grafted in** thru **FAITH** in **Jesus Christ**

& **NOW** – God's **going** to **tell us**
WHEN He is going to **DO IT**

Daniel 9:25 → →

(Gabriel still talking to Daniel) - Daniel 9:25 (nlt)

25 Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One—comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.

Now – **Look closely** - because the **70 sets of 7 years** are **NOT Presented** as a **SINGLE BLOCK** of **TIME**

They are **presented** as **THREE SEPARATE Blocks** of **Time**

SEVEN Sets of 7 - Plus SIXTY-TWO Sets of 7
EQUALING – 69 Sets of Seven

LEAVING OUT - 1 Set of 7 Years (*remember that math*)

& **God says** these **First Two BLOCKS of TIME** - will **PASS**
FROM a Certain **POINT in TIME**

What is that Point in Time (in v.25)?

From the Time the Command is given to REBUILD Jerusalem

So - if **we** know **WHEN** This **COMMAND** was **Given**
then **we'll know** the **START POINT** for this **TIME LINE**

& **the Date** – For that **Start Point** - is **Found in**

Nehemiah 2:1 (NLT) → →

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1 . . . in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign . . .

We know (from Secular History) – When the Month of Nisan in the 20th yr of King Artaxerxes' Reign WAS

On **OUR Calendar** – we would call it **MARCH of 444 BC**

Now – The CALENDAR Part of this Prophecy is Complicated . . .

There is a **Jewish Calendar** & a **Western (Gregorian) Calendar**
Which is the DIFF between LUNAR & SOLAR Calendars

There are **Adjustments** for **Leap Years** - & **other things**

& an **Adjustment** for the **switch** from **BC to AD**

But STILL – We **KNOW** when that **Command was Given**
& so we **have a Start Date**

So – **Look Back** at **Dan 9:25** - [**Vs back on scrn – NOT switcher**]

The **First Time-Block** Given in **Dan 9:25**
is **SEVEN sets of Seven** – **Which is 49 years**

& it **says** at the **end of V.25** – ***Jerusalem will be REBUILT
with streets & strong defenses, despite the perilous times***

& if you **go from** the **Command** to **Rebuild Jerusalem**
ahead **SEVEN Sets of 7 years** – You **get to 395 AD**

& the **Jewish Historians MARK** – **395 BC** as the **Year**
Jerusalem was **Finally Rebuilt** – **Under Extreme Difficulty**

So – First time block of Prophecy – SEVEN Sets of 7
a PERFECT HIT – 100% accurate so far

Next Time block in Dan 9:25 is – SIXTY-NINE Sets of 7

& Look closely – at what Dan 9:25 says will happen
at the end of the 1st & 2nd Time Blocks - together

Daniel 9:25 (NLT)

25 . . . Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One (Messiah) comes . . .

NOW God is getting Serious

Because He just TOLD Israel - WHEN the MESSIAH would Come

7 sets of 7 - PLUS 62 sets of 7 = 69 Sets of 7 years

from the time the Command To Rebuild was given
to the time the Messiah Would Come to God's People

So – ALL Israel had to do

was get out a calendar - & start Marking Off the days

They'd already Passed down God's Word for 1,000 YEARS

Certainly they could've kept a CALENDAR Going

They'd just have to count the days – 1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . .

& just keep counting - until they reached 173,880 DAYS

THAT is how many days there are in the Jewish Calendar

for 69 sets of 7 years - 173,880 DAYS

Had they have done that – in the beginning of the year (we call) 33AD – they would've been getting pretty excited

& **as** (what we call) **March of 33 AD** came up - They **would've** been **counting down** the **last days** of that **173,880 DAYS**

They could've had a **BIG Calendar** Hanging **IN the Temple** With a **Priestly DUTY** to mark **the Number** Each **Morning**

Until they **got** to **173,879 Days**

Because God is Going to **REVEAL** the **Messiah** **ON THE NEXT DAY** – **in MARCH of 33 AD**

Let's Turn over to LUKE Ch 19

JESUS – Had **set his face** as a **FLINT** toward **Jerusalem** **because** he was **on** – a **CRITICAL Time Line**

& on **this particular day** – he **sent his disciples** ahead to get him the **colt of a donkey** (**fulfilling** the **prophecy of ZECH 9:9**)

& we pick it up in Luke 19:35–38 (NLT)

35 So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him.

37 When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

38 “Blessings on (Hosanna to) the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!”

Guys – Prior To THIS DAY – Jesus Side-Stepped
EVERY Attempt to make Him King of Israel

& a NUMBER of times in THOSE Situations – Jesus responded
with these Words – *“My HOUR has not yet come”*

Do we think that’s some kind of spiritualizing metaphor – NO!!

NO – There was AN HOUR – That God the Father had SET
On a DAY that He had specifically GIVEN to DANIEL

& THAT DAY - & THAT HOUR – HAD COME

& so we read in - Luke 19:39–40 (NLT)

39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”

40 He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

WHY?? – Why would the Stones have to CRY OUT – on THIS DAY
if the Followers of Jesus were NOT??

Because GOD had promised - that Israel’s True King
would COME to them – ON this Day – IN this WAY

& God had revealed the EXACT DAY to Daniel
If Israel had only believed ENOUGH – to have kept a Calendar

69 sets of 7 years (173,880 Days)

After the Command to Rebuild Jerusalem was given

Jesus Christ RODE into the Eastern Gate – on the Colt of a Donkey
With the People CRYING OUT – HOSANNA

JUST as God said it would happen

Now - the Math isn't easy – so we have to give the Jews THAT

But today - there are a Number of Well-Respected Books
that break the MATH down over & over again

& Prove again & again– that at the end of 69 sets of 7 yrs –
Jesus Christ Presented Himself as MESSIAH to Israel

But . . . they MISSED IT

They WEREN'T Watching – & So They DIDN'T KNOW

They were too busy following Rabbinical Laws & Religious Rituals

& they Completely MISSED the MESSIAH
Even tho THIS DAY - was Perfectly Prophesied

& so We read the Next Vs in Luke – FROM The NKJV
Because it makes this verse so clear

Luke 19:41–42 (NKJV)

*41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,
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.*

Jesus is saying – THIS was YOUR DAY
Daniel TOLD you it was TODAY

WHY Weren't you Counting the Days on a Calendar
instead of Piling up Religious Rules & Requirements

But – **What about US?** – **What** have **WE Missed** about **Jesus** Christ
JUST AS Badly as **Israel** Missed His **Triumphal Entry??**

Do WE take the **Prophecies** of God – **ANYMORE Seriously**
than **Israel DID** - When **DANIEL** Wrote **THIS Prophecy??**

Maybe **WE need** to start **looking closer**
& **taking God** at His **Word** a **little more**

So - **WHAT** does **Daniel say** will **happen**
AFTER the **Messiah Comes**

Just in case you need **MORE PROOF** . . .

Daniel 9:26(a) (nlt)

26 “After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One
will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing . . .

YEAH – That is **Exactly** What **Happened**

& it **MAY BE** another reason **WHY** - **Daniel** has been
BURIED in Obscurity in the **Hebrew Bible**

Okay Daniel – **THEN** what happens
After the **Messiah is killed**

Let me read Dan 9:26 out of the ESV for you – Because
the LITERAL Translation here – is excellent

Daniel 9:26 (ESV)

*26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing (death of Messiah). And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary (Temple). *Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.**

AFTER the Messiah is Killed - The people of the prince who is to come - shall destroy the city and the Temple

We've already made it clear in Daniel – The Prince
who is TO COME – is a Reference to The ANTI-CHRIST

& Daniel says – The PEOPLE of the Anti-Christ
will Destroy Jerusalem & the TEMPLE

WHO are the People of the ANTI-CHRIST ?? - - - ROME
The Anti-Christ rises up out of the Revived Roman Empire

WHO Destroyed Jerusalem And The Temple
After Jesus Christ was killed ?? - - - ROME

In 70 AD – Rome came into Jerusalem like a FLOOD
& they Completely Destroyed the City & The Temple

Dismantling it Stone by Stone
Not leaving One Stone on Top of Another

Now – Go BACK to LUKE 19 - & let's read a bit more

When Jesus was Weeping over Jerusalem
Because they DID NOT Know the Day of their Salvation

He said in - Luke 19:43–44 (NLT)

43 Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side.

44 They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not accept your opportunity for salvation.”

That's Exactly what happened in 70 AD

Exactly as Jesus Said it would happen

Exactly as Daniel Said it would happen

& We're STILL NOT SURE – If we can TRUST
That God Will DO What He SAYS He Will Do ???

So - we've looked at 69 sets of 7

& History has Proven God Perfectly Correct
in ALL of His Miraculous DETAIL

& that leaves us – with ONE SET of SEVEN to Go
& THREE Objectives still to be accomplished

So FIRST – we ask WHY is the 70th set of Seven
SEPARATED form the other 69

& the answer is – Because there is a TIME GAP
between the Two Events

Over & Over in the **O.T.** – The **Prophecies** of **Jesus** include
BOTH – His **FIRST Coming** – **AND** His **SECOND Coming**

Because the **Ultimate COMPLETION** of the **Prophecies** re: Jesus
Require **BOTH** His **FIRST & SECOND Comings**

& SO it us Here – **Dan 9:27 Completes**
God's Promise of **Restoration to Israel**

But **IN-BETWEEN** the **69th Week** - & the **70th Week**
there's a little **thing** we call **THE CHURCH AGE**

So – **WE are living** – **between Vs.26 - & v.27** – **RIGHT NOW**

The **NEXT Event** on the **Prophetic Calendar** – **IS THE RAPTURE**

& **After that** event (prob **Right After**) – **Dan 9:27** occurs

Daniel 9:27 (nlt)

27 The ruler (The Anti-Christ) will make a treaty with the people (Israel) for a period of one set of seven (the 7 yr tribulation), but after half this time (3 ½ yrs), he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings (which means there will be a new Temple). And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration (marking half-way point), until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him.

The Fate Decreed for this **Defiler**

is to **be FIRST** into the **Lake of Fire** in **Rev 19**

Dan 9:27 – is a **One Verse Summary**

of the **Events** of the **7 yr Tribulation** – **After the Rapture**

So – Here’s My QUESTION . . .

**If God has been Perfectly, Completely, 100% Accurate
In ALL of His Prophecies SO FAR**

**What’s the Chance God’s Prophecies about
how He’s gonna wrap things up on this Earth
are ALSO 100% Accurate ??**

Listen to me please

TODAY – in the Hebrew (Jewish) Bible

The Book of Daniel is NOT INCLUDED
in the books of the PROPHETS

It has been buried in the LEAST READ - 3rd section of their Bible

& the Rabbi’s teach today

Daniel is of MINOR IMPORTANCE

Daniel Was NOT A PROPHET

& there is NOTHING IN DANIEL that is Prophetic

& most New RABBIS are NOT required
(or encouraged) to really study Daniel

Please – DON’T DO the Same Thing in YOUR LIFE

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DON'T BURY – What **God** has **Made SO CLEAR** to you

There is **SO MUCH** – **Supernatural, Miraculous PROOF**

That Jesus Christ is the **Messiah of Israel**
& the **SAVIOR of the World**

Please – **Don't BURY** All of **that Truth**
so that you **don't** have to **DEAL with IT**

Instead – **EMBRACE** these **Miraculous Proofs**

Ask Jesus to **Come** into **your LIFE**
To be **YOUR Savior** - & **YOUR Lord**

He will **SAVE** You **From** Your **SIN**
God will **become** your **Heavenly Father**

& **ALL** the **Promises of heaven**
will become **yours** – **GUARANTEED**

Let's Pray