



# DANIEL

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**The Backbone of  
Bible Prophecy**

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**The Key to all**

**New Testament Prophecy**

**About one-fourth of the  
Bible is Prophecy!**

**Daniel 9:20-21** - Daniel's prayer is interrupted by an angelic visit.

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, 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.

# **Matthew 6:8**

**Your Father knows the things you  
have need of before you ask Him.**

# Isaiah 65:24

It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.



**Daniel 9:22-23** – Gabriel announces that he has come to bring Daniel an answer to his prayer.

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

**“All students of the word will tell you that when the hammers of learning and biblical criticism have failed to break open a flinty text, oftentimes prayer has done it, and nuggets of gold have been found concealed therein. To every student of the word of God who would become a well-instructed scribe we would say, with all the means which you employ, with all your searchings of the commentaries, with all your diggings into the original, with all your researches among learned divines, mingle much fervent prayer.”**

**-Charles Spurgeon**

**“Luther affirmed that he often got more spiritual light by some... ardent prayer than ever he could do by the reading of many books, or by the most accurate meditation thereupon.”**

**-Trapp**

# **The Prophecy of The Seventy Weeks**

# **Daniel 9:24a**

**...Seventy weeks are determined,  
For your people and for your holy city,**

# **Genesis 12:2-3**

**I will make you a great nation;**

**I will bless you**

**And make your name great;**

**And you shall be a blessing.**

**I will bless those who bless you,**

**And I will curse him who curses you;**

**And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**

**“The Jews had Sabbatic years, by which their years were divided into weeks of years, as in this important prophecy, each week containing seven years.”**

**-(Clarke)**

**Daniel 9:24b** - What will be  
accomplished in the seventy weeks

- 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.



**“The culmination of appointed years will witness the conclusion of man’s ‘transgression’ or ‘rebellion’ against God – a development most naturally entered into with the establishment of an entirely new order on earth. This seems to require nothing less than the inauguration of the kingdom of God on earth.”**

**-Gleason Archer**

Looking back in history, we can only say these things are already fulfilled if we ignore their plain, literal meaning and give them a spiritualized meaning that replaces their plain meaning.

# **Daniel 9:25**

**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 Bible presents four possible decrees  
that might fulfill this description:**

**Cyrus made a decree giving Ezra and the  
Babylonian captives the right to return to  
Jerusalem and rebuild the temple in 538 B.C.  
([Ezra 1:1-4](#) and [5:13-17](#)).**

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**Darius made a decree giving Ezra the right to  
rebuild the temple in 517 B.C. ([Ezra 6:6-12](#)).**

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that might fulfill this description:**

**Artaxerxes made a decree giving Ezra  
permission, safe passage, and supplies to  
return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple in  
458 B.C. ([Ezra 7:11-26](#)).**

**The Bible presents four possible decrees  
that might fulfill this description:**

**Artaxerxes made a decree giving Nehemiah  
permission, safe passage and supplies to  
return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the  
walls in 445 B.C. ([Nehemiah 2:1-8](#)).**

# **The Seventy Sevens (70 weeks)**

**Sir Robert Anderson, using a 360-day year (which Israel used in Daniel's day), calculated 173,880 days from the decree to the triumphal entry, fulfilling the prophecy to the day.**



# The Seventy Sevens (70 weeks)

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

# The Seventy Sevens (70 weeks)

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

$$7 \times 69 = 483 \text{ years}$$

# The Seventy Sevens (70 weeks)

Anderson understood 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 ½ years - are equal to 1,260 days.

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**Therefore, 483 years x 360 days =**

**173,880 days**

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

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**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.**

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

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

# **The Seventy Sevens (70 weeks)**

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



# Luke 19:42

If you had known, even you, especially  
**IN THIS YOUR DAY**, the things that  
make for your peace!

**“There was only one occasion in our Lord’s earthly ministry on which He is depicted as presenting Himself openly as Zion’s King, the so-called ‘Triumphal Entry,’ recorded in each one of the Gospels and fulfilling Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:26.”**

**- (Newell)**

**“Others of the Jewish [scholars], by the evidence of these words, have been compelled to confess that Messiah is already come, and that he was that Jesus whom their forefathers crucified.”**

**- (Trapp)**

# Daniel 9:26

**“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.**

**“Born in another man’s stable, cradled in another man’s manger with nowhere to lay his head during his life on earth, and buried in another man’s tomb after dying on a cursed cross, the Christ of God and the Friend of the friendless was indeed cut off and had nothing.”**

**- (Heslop)**

# Daniel 9:27

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."

**Therefore, the prince who is to come will  
in some way be an heir to the Romans,  
even as the final world government is an  
heir to the Roman Empire.**

# John 5:43

**"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."**

**-Jesus**



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