

Daniel, the Man and the Message

An Amazing View of God's Calendar

Daniel 9:20-27

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Three reasons why Daniel 9:24-27 is critically important:

Reason #1: It is a _____ of divine revelation.

Reason #2: It is the rock on which naturalistic liberal theories _____.

Reason #3: It is _____ of all New Testament prophecy.

Jesus refers to Daniel 9 in Matthew 24:15 as does Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. The amazing events of Revelation 6-19 are simply an expansion of Daniel 9:27.

Overview of the prophecy (24-27)

Gabriel tells Daniel that Israel's rest will not come for _____. Specifically, there will be 49 years of rebuilding Jerusalem, followed by another 434 years when Christ will be cut off and sometime after that Jerusalem will be sacked and the Temple destroyed.

Then, at some future point, the Antichrist will make a _____ with Israel.

At the halfway mark of the seven years, he will claim to be God (*the abomination of desolation*) but in the end the Antichrist will be decisively cut off.

Then and only then will the six promises of verse 24 be fulfilled. This will usher in a period of unprecedented blessing for the nation of Israel, known as the Millennial Kingdom.

What is the meaning and purpose of the 70 weeks?

The Hebrew word for "decreed" means "_____." The idea is that the time period has been divided by God.

A period of _____ will pass before God's purposes for Israel are completed.

"The only system of interpretation that gives any literal meaning to this prophecy is to regard the time units as prophetic years of 360 days each. According to Jewish custom years were 360 days with an occasional extra month inserted to correct the calendar when needed."

Dr. John Walvoord, page 269, Daniel Commentary

The first 69 weeks (483 years)

Know and understand this: ***From the issuing of the decree*** to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the [Messiah] Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven “sevens,” and sixty-two “sevens.” It [Jerusalem] will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, ***but in times of trouble***.

Daniel 9:25 NIV (emphasis added)

When do the 69 weeks of years (483) end?

After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One [Messiah] will be cut off and will have nothing.

Daniel 9:26a NIV

The last seven years

He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

Daniel 9:27 NIV

Truths to embrace:

Truth #1: God is sovereign over _____ of history.

Truth #2: Our desire for perfection is good. _____.

Truth #3: Trusting in Christ as Lord and Savior is of _____.