

Daniel 9:24-27

Why **DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS** Is So Important to All Prophecy!

Greatest Single Prophecy in Bible

—in Jewish History—

This prophecy concerns the Jews.

Yet, it is for us in understanding God's design of history.

Daniel prayed—God's answer to Daniel was No!

But because Daniel was highly esteemed by God, God was so taken with Daniel's prayer that God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Daniel that his prayer would not be answered immediately but would be answered in the far future.

This is what Daniel's 70th week is about. In these 4 verses is found the most important prophecy found in the entire Bible.

Someone has called this seventy weeks, "the framework of **all** Bible Prophecy." It is the skeleton of all prophecy.

Therefore, we should be able to see how important it is to understand these 4 verses properly.

If we miss it; if we interpret it as the Post Millennial and Amillennial — allegorically or spiritually—, then we will have great trouble with all other prophecy in the Bible. But if we do understand these 4 verses correctly, then we will have little problem fitting in all the other prophecies scattered throughout the entire Bible.

As far as prophecy is concerned there is no other passage as important as the 4 verses we are about to study. Therefore, due to their importance, we will not rush through them.

Daniel 9:24

24 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish 6 things: 1) to finish the transgression, 2) to make an end of sin, 3) to make atonement for iniquity, 4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, 5) to seal up vision and prophecy and 6) to anoint the most holy place. Holy

of Holies—sacred part of the temple

25 “So you are to know and discern that from introduces the beginning

of a time span prophesied here ***the issuing of a***

decree to restore and rebuild

Jerusalem until introduces the ultimate stage

of fulfillment ***Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.***

26 “Then after from, until, after –very

important to time structure ***the sixty-two***

weeks 1st historical event after the 7 weeks and 62

weeks unfold—historical event # 1 ***the Messiah***

will be cut off and have nothing

then historical event # 2 ***and the people of***

the prince who is to come will

destroy the city and the

sanctuary. Jerusalem, but which Jerusalem,

which temple? the temple that the Jews built after return

from Babylonian dispersion—this happened in 70 AD

And its end will come with a flood;

even to the end there will be war;

desolations are determined. There

has been no place on this earth that has seen so long a

period of wars and desolations—by more great empires

and armies than Jerusalem—ironically—Jerusalem means

city of peace –Fought over by the Assyrians, Babylonians,

Media Persia, the Greeks, Macedonians ,Egyptians, Seleucids, Ptolemy's, Romans –Crusaders, Muslims, Turks, Britain. Prophesied this would happen right down to the end.

verse 27-**the final week**...

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Back to verse 24

There are so many questions just at the beginning of the prophecy.

1st question: **What are the seventy weeks?**

2nd question: **Are they symbolic or are they literal?**

Are they spiritual or literal?

3rd question: **When do they begin and when do they end?**

Our whole time structure and interpretation depends on the **correct understanding** of these questions. We have many more questions just on the beginning but let us answer this one first.

In the Hebrew, **numerals** were not used and **letters doubled for numbers**. Next and very important, they followed the **Lunar calendar with 360 days per year**. The word translated '70 weeks' is actually 70 – 7s or 70 times 7 or **490**.

| The Seventy Weeks are Weeks of years, not days.

1. The Hebrew word used here is “*sib’iyim*’ plural of ‘*sheba*’ root of ‘*sabbat*’ - ‘Sabbath’ – seven... so we have **Seventy Weeks**.

The Hebrew for weeks is ‘*sabra*’ meaning **seven** or **week**, a group of **seven days** or **seven years**.

It indicates a group of seven.

2. It can refer to days as in **Leviticus 12:5**; or years **Genesis 29:27**

Leviticus 12:5

⁵ But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her menstruation; and she shall remain in the blood of her purification for sixty-six days.

Genesis 29:27

²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you shall serve with me for another seven years.”

3. Each of the seventy **'weeks'** represents a period of seven years

4. Therefore, $70 \times 7 = 490$ years

5. This represents the time period God is dealing with Israel

II

The next question is when does this time period of 490 God is promising Israel, begin?

From the close of the Babylonian captivity up to the Second coming of Christ to set up His millennial kingdom on earth.

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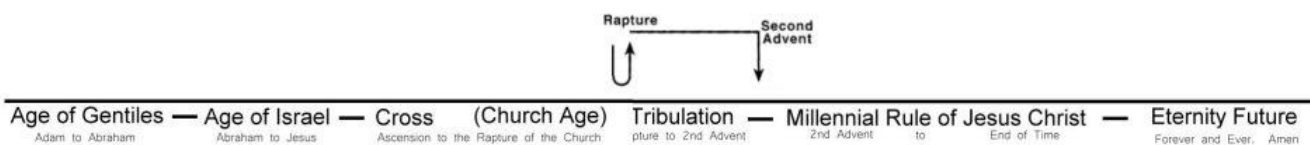
Just who does this Prophecy concern?

1. The Prophecy of Daniel's 70th week concerns Daniel's people and Daniel's city.

2. That is with the Jews and with Jerusalem

3. It has nothing to do with the Gentiles except for the fact that during the full 490 years Israel is under Gentile rule.

4. It has nothing to do with the Church. Daniel, nor anyone else in the Old Testament, did not know anything about the Church. The Church is a mystery. The Church has been understood as the parenthesis of history.



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Age of Gentiles — Age of Israel — Cross (Church Age)
Adam to Abraham Abraham to Jesus Ascension to the Rapture of the Church

Tribulation — Millennial Rule of Jesus Christ — Eternity Future
Rapture to 2nd Advent 2nd Advent to End of Time Forever and Ever. Amen

Verse 24 –Seventy Weeks;

Then in verse 25 he divides them into seven weeks and sixty-two weeks.

Why weeks, Gabriel?

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1. Remember that Daniel was studying Jeremiah verse 2

 2. From Jeremiah 25:11-12 and Jeremiah 29:10 all Daniel had to do was subtract 70 years from the time Nebuchadnezzar first came to Jerusalem & took him as well as other hostages which was in 605 bc, which would tell him that the 70 years would be completed in 535 bc. (This is one the reason we spent so much time on all those dates at the beginning of our study of Daniel.)

Jeremiah 25:11-12

¹¹ This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹² 'Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.

Jeremiah 29:10

¹⁰ "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.

3. 605 bc The Babylonian Invasion of Judah began
Minus 70 years of captivity = 535 bc
Daniel expected the captivity in Babylon to end.

4. As that date now approaches – Daniel went into his prayer (verses 4-19.)

5. Daniel studied Jeremiah 29:10-14. In his thinking and in his prayer he assumed verse 14 would occur with verse 10

Jeremiah 29:10-14

¹⁰ *“For thus says the LORD, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.*

¹¹ *For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.*

¹² *Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.*

¹³ *You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*

¹⁴ I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

6. And to this God answered Daniel —No!

7. Daniel prayed that the Palestinian Covenant –land, and the Davidic Covenant—King would be fulfilled at the same time. When they would be restored to Judah, to the land right after the Babylonian captivity would end.

This was his prayer and this was his expectation, to which God answered **No**; these will not happen at the end of Babylonian captivity, and not right after the returning to Judah.

8. Remember that 2 Chronicles 36:21 and Leviticus 26:33-34 declared why the Babylonian captivity would last 70 years;... so that the land of God, would rest for its Sabbaths that they had failed to give it.

That is the farmers and the Priesthood and the people refused to trust God and observe the 7th year Sabbath rest of the land. Every 7th year they were not to plant on the land. They were to devote that 7th year to the study of Scripture, prayer and worship God.

God told them that in the 4th, 5th and 6th year they would raise abundance for the 7th year while the land rested. We have learned sense that rotating the crops and letting the land rest was excellent for the soil.

By the way, the reason for the Sabbatical year and God giving them enough in the 1st 6 years to provide for them over the 7th year was that Israel would be a witness to the world of their God. So by their failure to rest on the seventh year they had lost their witness to Jehovah.

2 Chronicles 36:21

²¹ to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.

Lev. 26:33-34

³³ You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste.

³⁴ *'Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths.*

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9. All this was part of God's plan from the beginning where he put man in charge of the earth, to keep it, care for it. But by not paying attention to the Word of God, they abused the land; did not let it rest (have its Sabbath.) THEREFORE, GOD TOOK THEM OFF THE LAND FOR 70 YEARS THE NUMBER OF YEARS THEY NEGLECTED TO TAKE CARE OF THE LAND.

FOR 490 YEARS THEY DID NOT OBSERVE ONE SABBATICAL YEAR, so God on His own, took them off the land (*Babylonian captivity*) and gave the land that 70 years of Sabbaths.

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10. **Leviticus 25:** the Word of God interprets itself verses **1-10**
Why do you think God told them to do what no other nation had done throughout history—rest your land every 7th year?

Witness to the Lord...here is a nation so blessed by their God.
Verse 18, God considered keeping the Sabbatical day! (they were very religious about the Sabbatical Day, but not the Sabbatical year. They made an idolatry out of the 7th day...but did not observe the Sabbatical year at all.

But as far as God was concerned keeping the Sabbatical year was far more important.

Leviticus 25:1-10

¹ *The LORD then spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai, saying,*

² *“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to the LORD.*

³ *Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop,*

⁴ *but during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.*

⁵ *Your harvest’s aftergrowth you shall not reap, and your grapes of untrimmed vines you shall not gather; the land shall have a sabbatical year.*

⁶ *All of you shall have the sabbath products of the land for food; yourself, and your male and female slaves, and your hired man and your foreign resident, those who live as aliens with you.*

⁷ *Even your cattle and the animals that are in your land shall have all its crops to eat.*

⁸ *'You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years.*

⁹ *You shall then sound a ram's horn abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land.*

¹⁰ You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family.

Read 18...in order that you may live securely on the land

Leviticus 25:18

¹⁸ *'You shall thus observe My statutes and keep My judgments, so as to carry them out, that you may live securely on the land.'*

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11. So now in Daniel 9:24 God will reveal what is going to happen. And with this we learn a valuable lesson for our own lives...the more we study God's revelation, the more God is able to open our eyes, our understanding, to His Word. For his whole life Daniel has studied the Scriptures, and God sends Gabriel with yet more revelation. The advance revelation is the message that "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people."

The historical point is that just as Israel for a period of 490 years *refused* to observe the decreed Sabbatical year, 70 weeks-worth of years or 490 years God has decreed that 70 weeks of years that is 490 were now decreed to Israel's future before Jeremiah 29; 14 would be fulfilled; that is before the Messiah returns and sets up His millennial kingdom.

Daniel 9:24

24 *“Seventy weeks* 490 years *have been decreed for your people* the Jews *and your holy city* Jerusalem

Have been decreed of the reflexive, passive Niphal

Perfect from the Hebrew word meaning **to be decreed or determined**

I cannot tell you how important this one phrase is, or in the

Hebrew one verb—*has been decreed*

Who is giving this decree and how important is this to me?

Is there a God?

- ◇ Does it matter if there is a God or not?
- ◇ Is there a God who controls all history?
- ◇ Is there a God who determines history?

Throughout our world today, multitudes do not believe in the one and only God. Many claim there is no god, many claim there are gods but who are in truth false gods.

Our own nation denies the being of this one true God.

This passage answers both these questions.

**THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD IN ALL SPACE AND TIME,
and that God is Jehovah Elohim, the God of Israel.**

He is not Allah; He is not the god the Mormons worship; nor is He the god the Buddhist worship; nor the god the Hindu worships; or all the other idolatrous gods throughout history up to this day.

Since this God, can decree and have it come true, think what this means about you and your life. Is there a God in control of your life?

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Therefore My wrath and My anger were poured out and burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it is this day.

⁷ *Now then thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, "Why are you doing great harm to yourselves, so as to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from among Judah, leaving yourselves without remnant,*

⁸ *provoking Me to anger with the works of your hands, burning sacrifices to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you are entering to reside, so that you might be cut off and become a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?*

Isaiah 45:5-7

⁵ **"I am the LORD,** *and there is no other;
Besides Me there is no God.
I will gird you, though you have not known Me;*

*⁶ That men may know from the
rising to the setting of the sun
That there is no one besides Me.*

I am the LORD, *and there is
no other,*

*⁷ The One forming light and
creating darkness,
Causing well-being and
creating calamity;*

I am the LORD *who does all
these.*

Have been decreed

**This is a strong condition on *who is the true God;*
*to be able to declare what is going to happen
in future and cause it to happen, and no one
else can stop it from happening.***

What we are getting ready to study in Daniel's 70th week has not yet happened but it will and no one can stop it. God jousts with Satan in Isaiah 41:21-24

Isaiah 41:21-24

²¹ "Present your case," the LORD says. "Bring forward your strong arguments," The King of Jacob says.

²² Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place; As for the former events, declare what they were, That we may consider them and know their outcome. Or announce to us what is coming;

²³ Declare the things that are going to come afterward, That we may know that you are gods; Indeed, do good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together.

²⁴ Behold, you are of no account,
And your work amounts to nothing;
He who chooses you is an
abomination.

Daniel 9:

*24 Seventy weeks have been decreed—
determined and cannot be changed for your people
the Jews and your holy city Jerusalem*

Those who believe in '**Replacement Theology**' have a problem with this phrase. For if indeed the church replaces Israel then God cannot keep His word here. Their God does not have His Sovereignty to decree what is not going to happen.

Question:

What is to be done in this time period?

To answer that question, 6 things are now listed:

24...

- 1) to finish the transgression,
- 2) to make an end of sin,
- 3) to make atonement for iniquity,
- 4) to bring in everlasting righteousness,
- 5) to seal up vision and prophecy and
- 6) to anoint the most holy *place*.

Holy of Holies—sacred part of the temple

As we will see this fits the **perfect pattern** of our Salvation.

But as we go through these... remember that these are for Israel and the Jews not for the Church.

1. Note that they are divided into two parts:
The first 3 deal with sin, or with the subtraction—presenting the negative side of deliverance of the Nation of Israel and Jerusalem.

The subtraction...taking out of sin.

God is now ready for **the addition** the last three deal with positive actions by God or the **positive side of deliverance**.

2. The fulfillment of these historical events serve as a pattern of **The Gospel**: first God must take care of sin, that is the subtraction of sin for our Salvation. This was accomplished at The Cross where Jesus Christ bore the judgment for all the sins of the world. Then in the gospel God adds; He adds +R(ighteousness) to everyone who believes.
3. Note that the first 3 there are three different words for sin:
 1. Transgression
 2. sin
 3. Iniquity
4. Also note how these are the **subtractions**:
 - **finish the transgression**
 - **make an end to sin**
 - **make atonement for iniquity**Jesus Christ had this in mind when while on His way to Golgotha. He told the weeping daughters of Jerusalem, not to weep for Him but to weep for themselves and their children. Luke 23:27-31.
5. The last 3 things to be taken care of in these 490 years are all positive actions by God
 - bring in everlasting righteousness
 - seal up the vision and prophecy
 - anoint the most holy place
6. All six of these must be accomplished in the 490 years.

24 “To finish the transgression
to finish The Intensive Piel of Hebrew of a verb,
important to understand in this context. It means to finish,
to close, to end

The transgression

Finish the transgression –of who? The Israelites

The transgression While this is not the same
word as used in verse 11 (*where the Hebrew word in verse
11 emphasizes the arrogance of man in his overstepping the
Word of God*); **Here the word emphasizes the action of his
arrogance, rebellion against God and against His Word.**

A study of this word reveals a process God goes through these acts of transgression.

God reveals to man how he transgresses against God, as in the giving of the 10 commandments. **Then** God calls man accountable for his transgression, **then** God announces the divine punishment of the guilty...Israel being enslaved to the Gentile nations in the time of the Gentiles, which will extend to the end of 490 years.

But God does this so that the Israelites will repent and be restored by his faith in God, which will happen at the end of the 490 years.

First For them to realize the fulfillment of the unconditional covenants this transgression against Him must stop.

Ezekiel 20:34-38

³⁴ *I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out;*

³⁵ *and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face.*

³⁶ *As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares the Lord GOD.*

³⁷ *"I will make you pass under the*

rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

³⁸ and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ “Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.

² “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap.

³ *He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness.*

⁴ *Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.*

Second

24 to make an end to sin. What does this mean? The Hebrew infinitive means just that... ***to seal so as to make an end of something.***

To sin The Hebrew word used here is the most often used for sin in the Old Testament,

Meaning **to miss the mark of God — +R.**

We have seen this word throughout Daniel 9, in verses 5, 11, 15, 16, 20 and now here in verse 24. The word emphasizes **God's perfect righteousness** and how we miss completely that **+R.**

You are going to have to put an end to this rebellion against God.

What does it mean here to make an end or seal up sin?

It means to seal sin up, to where it is no longer an issue between God and His people.

Third

To make atonement for iniquity
KJ *to make reconciliation for*
iniquity

This is a very important Hebrew word ***kapar*** meaning to cover, **to forgive, to expiate, to reconcile**. From the Lexicon ***“this word is of supreme theological importance in the Old Testament as it is central to an Old Testament understanding of the remission of sin.”*** This word conveys the taking away the guilt of sin and covering that person with Righteousness

For iniquity we noted this Hebrew word in verses 13 and 16 which emphasizes ***guilt***. This is one of the four main words used for sin in the Old Testament. This word indicates sin as being particularly evil in deliberately perverting the Word of God. Perverting the gospel on how one comes to God, presenting a false gospel.

What then does it mean to make reconciliation for iniquity?

This is bringing in the **New Covenant** to Israel.
All Israel will accept and believe in The Messiah.

Jeremiah 31:33

³³ *“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

*These three that must be completed by the end of the 490 years.
And they set the pattern of the Salvation of all men.*

*God solved the problem of the transgression of all mankind;
He made an end of sin as a barrier between God and man and He made
reconciliation for iniquity—all on **the cross!**
So on the cross Jesus Christ removed all the negatives of our Salvation.*

But He also set up the way of adding to mankind for Salvation.
Again, the next three are directly related to Israel but they set the pattern
for the salvation of all mankind.

4 to bring in everlasting +R

5 to seal up vision and prophecy

6 to anoint holy of holies

We will continue next Service with the Development of #4 #5 #6 above.
