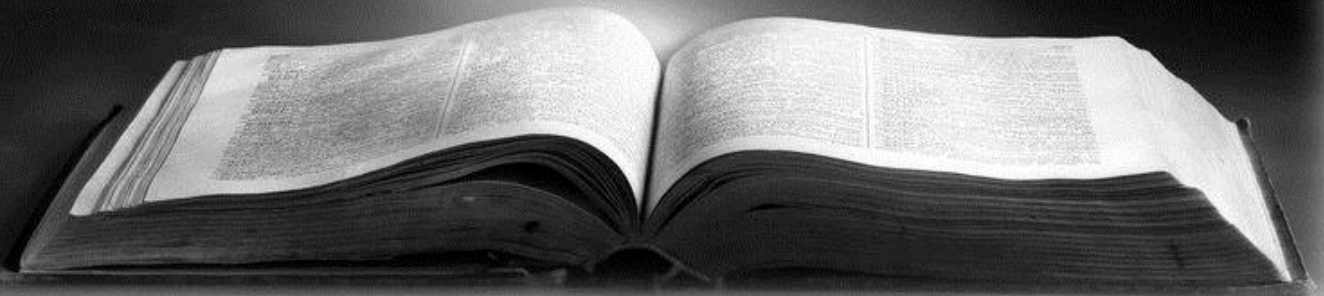


Daniel 9:25-27

*The Sovereign God of the Universe
has Decreed*



The Sovereign God of the Universe has decreed
70 weeks or 490 years for the Jews and for Jerusalem.

Six things must occur in that 490 years. The first three are:

- 1 *To finish the transgression:* Israel must stop their transgression-rebellion against God, which will not end until the end of 490 years, when Christ (Messiah) returns
- 2 *To make an end to sin:* Israel must stop missing the Mark of God's perfect Righteousness by trying to achieve this +R (Perfect Righteousness) by works of The Law. Since

their sins are from their rejection of Jesus as their Messiah, these sins will not end until they stop rejecting Jesus Christ and receive this +R(Perfect Righteousness) by faith in the Messiah

- 3 *To make reconciliation for iniquity* by coming under the New Covenant of Jeremiah 31

Divine Pattern of Deliverance.

The six wonders to be completed by the end of the 70 weeks is a Pattern of our Eternal Salvation.

The Gospel has a **negative** factor and a positive factor. The negative is the taking away the guilt of our sins by the Person and Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

But the removal of sin does not in itself result in salvation.

There must also be a **positive**, that is the imputation of God's Righteousness at the point of Faith in Jesus Christ.

In keeping with this pattern of Divine Deliverance 3 positive things must be completed in the 70 weeks.

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. From Daniel 9:24 we see these positives.

4 to bring in everlasting +R

5 to seal up vision and prophecy

6 to anoint holy of holies

In the first three—removal of the sin problem (sin barrier) (negative)
Preparing the way for the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

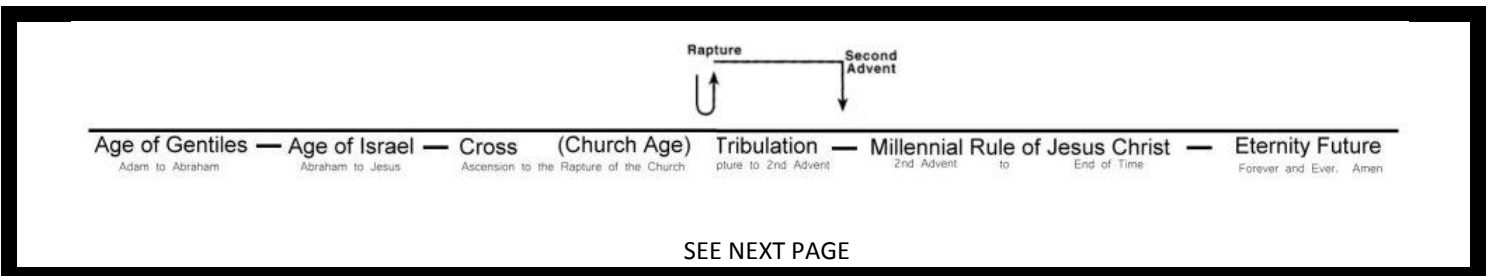
These last 3 are the Positive Side

4 to bring in everlasting +R

This will happen at the end of the 490 years, or at the end of Daniel's seventh week, when Messiah comes

Jeremiah 23: where God says He will establish ever-lasting +R and how He will accomplish this.

Jeremiah 23—speaks of the 2nd Coming of Messiah



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

Jeremiah 23:4-8

⁴ I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;

And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶ “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called,

‘The LORD our righteousness.’

⁷ *“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when they will no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,’*

⁸ *but, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ Then they will live on their own soil.”*

Verse 4—talking about Israelites—in the last days

Verse 5 ...for David a Righteous branch...this tells us that the Messiah must be of the Line of David

Verse 6 Note the reference to both Northern and Southern Kingdoms... will be saved; when Jeremiah wrote this, the Northern Kingdom had already be destroyed and dispersed.

Verse 6 Great prophecy of bible about Messiah

Verse 6 **Lord...YHWH our Righteousness**

this human being is going to be called by the most sacred name to Jews...YHWH-- and THIS IS BLASPHEMY IF HE IS ONLY A MAN; So this prophecy tells us He cannot be **JUST A MAN.** YHWH our Righteousness

Verse 7-8

So this is how the **everlasting Righteousness will be brought in**

Again this is the pattern of our own Salvation where once Jesus Christ has remove the negative, that is the sins, He then imputes His Perfect Righteousness to everyone who believes

5 to seal up vision and prophecy

The Hebrew means to seal up so as to end, Greek **tetelesti – to fulfill, to finish.** All visions will be fulfilled....to Israel.

We have a problem, this is not the Hebrew word for **prophecy** but is the Hebrew for **prophet**.

Very few translations have this translated properly. But so that you will know this is the word **prophet**, you can check *The Complete Jewish Bible*; and *The Darby Bible Translation*. The point here is that all through history God has had to send Prophets because the priest were not fulfilling their purpose and responsibility of teaching the truth, so God started sending Prophets to teach the truth and proclaim what God was going to do. But when Jesus Christ comes--and sets up His kingdom there will be no need for Prophets throughout the Millennium.

6 *to anoint holy of holies*

This is translated differently.

Some, **to anoint the most holy place**

One historian observes the following. 'This phrase, '**qodesh qodasheem**', is used some forty times in Scripture, but almost always of **things**, as the altar and the innermost sanctuary. Hengstenberg appeals to 1 Chronicles 23:13 as a case where, without the article, the phrase applies to an individual, '**qodesh qodasheem**'

1 Chronicles 23:13

¹³ The sons of Amram were Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was set apart to sanctify him as most holy, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him and to bless in His name forever.

To anoint the most Holy This will end the 490 years.

All six of these must be completed in this time frame given to Israel of 70 weeks or 490 years. AND SINCE NOT ONE HAS YET BEEN COMPLETED we know they are all yet future to us. And as we shall see they will be completed in Daniel's 70th week.

The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

are to be divided into three groups,
covered in verses 25-27

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.”

Verse 25 is the first prophecy on *when* The Promised Messiah will come and what will take place in the interim.

As we come to verse 25 we come to some pertinent questions in interpreting Daniel’s 70 weeks.

1 What are the ‘seventy weeks’? Are they allegorized, symbolical, spiritualized or are they to be taken literally?

Answer: These are 70 periods of 7 years or 490 years.

$$70 \times 7 = 490$$

These 490 years are from the pattern when Israel went 490 years without celebrating one Sabbatical year, for which they were sent into the Babylonian Captivity for 70 years.

2 What are the THREE PERIODS OF TIME these 70 weeks or 490 years are divided into?

→ They are 7 weeks, (49 years)

→ 62 weeks (434 years) and

→ one week (7 years).

What are these periods of time?

Are any of them yet future?

We will see the answer in verse 25.

3 Having determined that the weeks are weeks of years; before we can do any calculating, we have to determine what calendar system we are to use for this 70 week prophetic time clock?

Options:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| a | The Solar Calendar? |
| b | Lunar Calendar? |
| c | A 365 ¼ day calendar? |
| d | A 360 day calendar? |

4 When does this prophetic time clock start?

5 Who is the prince to come, in verse 26?

In verse 25 we will answer major questions 2 and 4.

Daniel 9:

25 “So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until 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.

So you are to know and discern

Two vital words for every person who has believed in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

to know

Adding two different definitions for this one Hebrew word will help grasp what is being said:

It means to learn –which takes time-- and to be skillful.

It means for Daniel and for all of us to study, until we know what the Word of God is saying.

and discern

first you have to know the Word of God, know what the Word of God is saying, then understand what the Word of God is saying – and be able to apply it with other Scripture.

Example: the Word of God exhorts us to pray—but you have to know how to pray; to whom are we to pray?; what are we to pray?.

So we have to know that we are to pray, but we have to be able to discern and this is where we are dependent upon the Holy Spirit. This is commanded of Daniel but when applied to the Church Age, every believer is in full time Christian Service; therefore every Christian must

know and discern about the Scriptures.

You are to know and discern that

while there is no word here, it is understood what Daniel is to know and discern.

From the issuing of a decree

From

This is a very important time marker; It introduces the beginning of the time schedule for the beginning of the 70 weeks or the beginning of the 490 years.

We have three vital prepositions as **time markers**:

verse 25 *from...until...*

verse 26 *after*

From the issuing of a decree

This is a different word translated decree from the Hebrew word in verse 24. In verse 25 it is The Sovereign God who decreed the 490 years for Israel. But here this is not God, this is some King of an Empire; therefore we have a different word.

From the issuing of a word

That is word by a king, a command of a king.

To restore and rebuild Jerusalem.

Restore

this is a rich Hebrew word meaning to return, to go back to

and rebuild Jerusalem

Why are they told to go back? To rebuild the City of Jerusalem.

God cares so much for this City of Jerusalem. Jesus Christ wept over this city. The City of Jerusalem has a central part in the Plan of God for the Jews.

We now come to when was the time clock to begin?

What is the beginning point of the 70 weeks decreed in verse 24?

Daniel 9:24 says that the beginning point was

From the issuing of a word

by man

To restore and rebuild Jerusalem.

This is not an easy time to determine, because there are at least **4 decrees (words)** by man that go along with this time frame.

- 1 **By Cyrus in 538 bc.** This decree is well documented in Scripture in 2 Chronicles 36:22-23, Ezra 1:14; Isaiah 44:28 and 45:13,
(Time of Zerubbabel)
This is not the year the time clock began for 483 years later would make the Messiah coming in 60 bc which of course does not fit.
- 2 **A decree by Darius Hystaspes recorded in Ezra 6** which is not a new decree but a confirmation of the decree by Cyrus.
- 3 **The first decree by Artaxerxes Longimanus given in 457 bc recorded in Ezra 7.** A careful reading of the wording of this decree will show that Ezra was to go back to Jerusalem and reestablish a priesthood, which does not fit the decree in Daniel 9:25. Also 483 years after 457 would have the Messiah coming in 20 A.D. which of course He did not.
- 4 **The second decree by Artaxerxes Longimanus given in 444 bc.** This was **the only one** that set up for the rebuilding of the City and the Temple.

¹ *And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.*

² *So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid.*

³ *I said to the king, "Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?"*

⁴ *Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.*

⁵ *I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."*

We know from the archives of Persia exactly when this happened. The month of Nisan, April 1, 444 bc, the 20th year of King Artaxerxes. The moment the king signed this mandate, this decree, on April 1st, God started the great prophetic time clock or 490 years. 490 years began the count down.

Nehemiah had to rebuild the walls and lay out it's streets, etc. And you know how long it took him to complete this work?

It took **49 years** **49 years = the first 7 Sabbaticals**

Note in Daniel 9:25

there will be 7 weeks (49 years) and
62 weeks to coming of Messiah.

Also note in Daniel 9:25 the conditions of rebuilding Jerusalem
with Plaza and moat even in times of distress.

Plaza

margin of NASV *streets*. Actually the word refers to open spaces-places where the people can meet for several different functions, from political business or to conduct economic business.- an open market place.

Moat

refers to military defense of the city.

Study Nehemiah and you will learn that the builders had to wear swords while building, they had to be ready to take a break and fight those around them who did not want the Jews back in their own land.

This is exactly the way it is today!

The Jews have to build their land and while building be ready to fight those countries around them who hate them and do not want them to live there. They have always had trouble living in that land to this very day.

But never forget, the Jews are the only people in all history who have been given a title deed by the owner...God! Jehovah Elohim.

Then came the next time frame in verse 25 *sixty two weeks* until Messiah came.

Sir Robert Anderson—spent half his life, studying and verifying this prophecy in Daniel 9. He was an astrologer. He wrote a fabulous book entitled *The Coming Prince* that is still a marvel today. He proves that the calendar used was the lunar calendar of 360 days

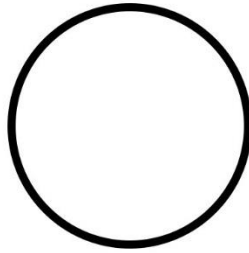
“From his studies we learn a great deal. The Babylonian astronomers recognized a year of 360 days. The division of the circle into 360 degrees must have indicated to them the path traversed by the sun each year.

When you were in school, besides complaining of having to learn all these things, did you ever wonder why the circle has 360 degrees in it?

This also came from the Babylonians and all our systems of trigonometry are based on 360 degree circles.”

Now, if you dared to wonder more...

”did you wonder why
the Babylonians divided the circle into 360 parts?



They did this from their study of the horizon, the movement of the stars over a period of one year. The Babylonians divided the heavens into these daily parts and came up with 360 parts.

The foundation of modern trigonometry is built on the 360 day year. The calendar system that the Bible is using is the calendar system that our modern mathematics is built on.”

After reading *The Coming Prince* by **Sir Robert Anderson**, you should read **Immanuel Velakovsky's** book, *Worlds in Collision*. He died in 1979 so his study is rather recent. Also *Ages in Chaos & Earth in Upheaval & Stargazers & Gravediggers*.

Daniel 9:25

until Messiah the Prince there will be 7 weeks and 62 weeks. (483 years)

So 483 years [x] 360 days (*number of days in a year*).

From the time Artaxerxes gave this decree,

in the Jewish calendar, April 1st 444 bc

[-an elapse of 173,880 days later takes you to April 33 A.D.-]
and what happened at this time?

Zechariah 9:9 fulfilled in Luke 19:37

Zechariah 9:9

*⁹ Rejoice greatly,
O daughter of Zion!
Shout in triumph,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you:
He is just and endowed with
salvation, Humble, and mounted
on a donkey, Even on a colt, the
foal of a donkey.*

Luke 19:37-41

*³⁷ As soon as He was approaching,
near the descent of the Mount of
Olives, the whole crowd of the
disciples began to praise God
joyfully with a loud voice for all
the miracles which they had seen,*

³⁸ *shouting: “BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

³⁹ *Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”*

⁴⁰ *But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”*

⁴¹ *When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it,*

He saw the city and wept over it

Looking across the Kindron valley from the Mount of Olives the view of the city of Jerusalem is breathtaking even today.



He wept because He knew Daniel 9:

Luke 19:42

⁴² *saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.*

42—*this day* Jesus Christ was very much aware of what day this was in God's prophetic timetable!

Luke 19:43-44

⁴³ For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side,

⁴⁴ and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

44…because you did not recognize the time

This prophecy from God is correct right down to the day!

WHY IS PROPHECY SO IMPORTANT?

The Jews failed at His first Advent because they failed to recognize the time recorded in Scripture. They could and should have known it.

Until This preposition is the ultimate stage of fulfillment .

Messiah the Prince comes *there will be seven weeks and 62 weeks; it will be built again with plaza and moat, even in times of distress*

God, through Gabriel, told Daniel there are 70 weeks for the Jews and for Jerusalem. But here we learn they are divided into 3 groups:

Seven weeks and 62 weeks	leaving yet one week
7 x 7 = 49 years	
+ (7 x 62 = 434 years)	
	= 483 years
	+ 7 years
	= 490 years

	7 x 7..	49 years	Sabbatical Years
	7 x 62	+ 434 years	62 more Sabbaticals
		= 483 years	69 Sabbatical weeks
from the point where we begin counting to when Messiah comes will be 483 years.			
They are promised 70 weeks or 490 years			
	+ 7	Years	The Tribulation
		= 490 years	God Keeps His Promise

There will be 7 Sabbatical years = 49 years followed immediately by 62 more weeks or 62 more Sabbatical or 434 years equaling 69 Sabbatical weeks.

So from the point where we begin counting to when Messiah comes will be 483 years.

From the going forth of the command to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple until the Messiah comes as Prince there would be 483 years.

Remember Jews used the 360 day calendar.

Knowing this, and discerning, the wise men figured out when Messiah was coming.

Also in Luke 2, Simeon and Anna, knowing and discerning the times, knew they lived in the days of Messiah the Prince.

There will be 7 weeks or 49 years.

and 62 weeks or 434 years

Then after 7 weeks and 62 weeks or after 483 years.

Messiah the Prince

Messiah the one anointed by God the Father to come to earth and bear the judgment for the sins of everyone on the cross, who would be the King of the Jews!

They are promised 70 weeks or 490 years, therefore there is still one week left of the promised 490 years and that one week or 7 years makes up the 7 years of the Tribulation.

It will be built again what will be built again? The city Jerusalem

With plaza and moat, even in times of distress

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

*And its end will come with a flood;
even to the end there will be war;
desolations are determined.*

Then after- not during, but after the 483 years, two events are given that will happen after the 483 years. The fact of these two events shows that there will be a great gap of time between the 483rd year and the last 7 years and that gap of time is the great parenthesis of the Church Age which up to today is some 2000 years.

Time starts with the command to rebuild the temple and then time stops *after 62 weeks* (434 years)

Two events are prophesied that will take place.

1st *The Messiah will be cut off and
have nothing*

What does this mean?

To be cut off and have nothing?

This Jewish idiom means He will be put to death and die with no possessions.

2nd *People of the Prince to come
will destroy the city Jerusalem
and the sanctuary* or the temple.

When will this take place? **70 A.D.**

Who is this prince to come?

**This refers to the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire,
known as the Anti-Christ**

So this brings us to 483 years, then Messiah would be put to death and Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans.

To put this into perspective: if time kept going immediately after the 483 years, Messiah would have been crucified but it would not have also included the destruction of the Temple, for this would have been way out of the scope of the Prophecy.

This is why it is so important to keep all these dates in order, which means the prophetic 'stop' clock stopped at 483 years **then two great historical events took place.**

- 1 Messiah the Prince would come. incarnation and be crucified and had nothing

Which would mean a number of prophecies and promises by God were not fulfilled...Kingship, the Davidic Covenant.; Abrahamic Covenant would not be fulfilled.

- 2 The Romans would come and destroy the city and the Temple in 70 AD.

But there is one more thing told that will take place in that long interim between the 69th week and the 70th week or after 483 years is cut off... long before the final 7 years.

26... And the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary (70A.D.) and it's end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

Will come with a flood this is a Hebrew idiom referring to a massive military invasion.

A massive invasion was to destroy Jerusalem and the temple.

This happened in 70 AD when Titus descended on and destroyed Jerusalem.

Even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

From 70 A.D. until the end of the 490 years Jerusalem will suffer wars and desolations. This is what we are seeing today.

Six things must occur in that 490 years.

Quick look at how perfectly this describes Jerusalem

- 1 70 A.D. Romans under leadership of Titus.
- 2 135 A.D. The Roman Hadrian conquers Jerusalem and puts all the Jews into diaspora—claiming that Jerusalem is a Gentile city.
- 3 614 A.D. The Sassanid Empire—Post Persian Empire, defeated by Muslims.
- 4 637 A.D. Arabs from the South.

- 5 1517 A.D. the Turks.
- 6 1917 A.D. The British under a Christian, General Allenby.
- 7 1948 A.D. The Jews take the city of Jerusalem.
- 8 1967 A.D. The Jews take the city of Jerusalem.
- 9 Modern day fighting in and for the city.

Verse 27 tells of the **70th week!** Or the last 7 years of the time allotted to Israel.

We call these 7 years the Tribulation which they are,
but always remember they are **the last 7 years promised to Israel.**

He who is this referring to?

Go back to the last personality of verse 26

The coming prince of the people who will destroy Jerusalem.

The dictator of the Revived Roman Empire or the Anti-Christ.

Who is it that destroys Jerusalem?

The people of the prince who is to come not
the prince himself BUT HIS PEOPLE.

So, what does this tell us about the coming prince?

He must be a Roman.

He is not going to be an Arab, not a Russian, not out of Africa, nor Islam but out of Roman Empire.

He is a descendant of the Roman empire that crushed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

He is going to come out of the European culture.

This fits perfectly with our interpretation of Daniel 2, 7 and 8.

He the coming prince *will make a firm covenant with the many for one week* (7 years)

This is still future to us...this will happen at the beginning of Tribulation.

What is interesting is why does Gabriel say: *make a covenant with the many?* Not with Israel.

At this time, beginning of Tribulation the majority of the Jews—the many—will agree to the making of this Covenant. Remember that the Church has just been taken up or removed from history. There will be chaos over the world and many of the Jews will desire this protection, just as they use to run to Egypt.

but in the middle of the week middle of the 7 years or about 3 ½ years into the final week.

he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; so there will be a temple.

Remember that because of this treaty the Anti-Christ, working with the False Prophet of Israel (Revelation 13) will have full power over Israel. And in the first 3 ½ years they will build their temple and like Antiochus Epiphanes the Anti-Christ will put a stop to worship of Jehovah.

and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate,

This should read: *"on the wing, abomination which desolate"* This is a term that is used in the singular ***the abomination of desolation***

In Daniel 11:31 and 12:11

Daniel 11 ³¹ Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

Daniel 12 ¹¹ Is there iniquity in Gilead? Surely they are worthless. In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls, Yes, their altars are like the stone heaps
Beside the furrows of the field.

Now, what is *the wing*?

This Hebrew word refers to the covering, the corners, the pinnacle of the Temple. If we understand what is going on: **The Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire** (or the **Anti-Christ**) will come in at the end of 3 ½ years and will terminate the ritual worship and he will set up in the Temple some form of a statue.

Now let's turn to the **Greatest Bible Teacher in All History**

Matthew 24:1-3...

¹ *Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.*

² *And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."*

³ *As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"*

Matthew 24:1-24 Jesus Christ presents general signs that His coming is drawing near.

Starting in verse 15, He gives the first specific sign that His coming is near.

Matthew 24:15-22

¹⁵ *“Therefore when you see the
ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was
spoken of through Daniel the
prophet, standing in the holy place
(let the reader understand),*

¹⁶ *then those who are in Judea must
flee to the mountains.*

¹⁷ *Whoever is on the housetop must not
go down to get the things out that
are in his house.*

¹⁸ *Whoever is in the field must not
turn back to get his cloak.*

¹⁹ *But woe to those who are pregnant
and to those who are nursing
babies in those days!*

²⁰ *But pray that your flight will not be
in the winter, or on a Sabbath.*

²¹ *For then there will be a great
tribulation, such as has not
occurred since the beginning of
the world until now, nor ever will.*

²² Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

A careful understanding of these verses lets us know that Daniel 9:27 will be fulfilled and that verse 27 is talking about the 70th week promised to Israel. The final 7 years or The Tribulation.

So what is Jesus Christ saying?

He is saying that all this will be fulfilled just before His coming!
Just before His 2nd Advent.

There are many interpretations to this prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27.

But if we interpret it literally are we able to plug in all the other related prophecies? Many allegorize this prophecy which misses the mark.

A literal interpretation shows without a doubt that the prophetic time clock will not be started again until the coming prince out of Rome makes a firm covenant with Israel guaranteeing their security. This means, of course, that before all this starts Israel must be an established nation, which happened in May, 1948. This lets us know that this will start the last years ticking. This prophecy also shows that the Jews will begin to have a personal relationship with the Messiah. Jesus Christ takes Daniel 9 literally.

even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, by the Sovereign, Omnipotent, All Knowing God *is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”* That is the dragon who empowers the prince to come.

We now move to **Daniel 10**
where we have **Daniel's response** and **reaction of the vision.**