## BOOK OF REVELATION - DANIEL 9 IN REVELATION

## THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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## **DANIEL'S PROPHECIES IN REVELATION**

Overview of the **4 Empires** of in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, leading to the **Second Coming** of **Christ** 

Daniel 2, The Statue of **4 Empires** with the 4<sup>th</sup> Empire of Iron and the 10 Iron Toe Kingdoms are crushed by the **stone Jesus** when **He Comes**, and then **the Lord's Everlasting Kingdom** will come.

Daniel 7, The 4 Beasts or **4 Empires** with the 4<sup>th</sup> Empire with 10 Horns/Kings will arise and then a 11<sup>th</sup> King will arise and destroy 3 of 10 Kings, speak against God and persecute the saints, but will be **destroyed**.

#### **OUTLINE OF DANIEL**

- I. Daniel's Dedication, 1:1–21
- II. Nebuchadnezzar's Prophetic Dream: The Great Statue, 2:1–4
- III. The Fiery Furnace: A Lesson in Faith, 3:1–3
- IV. Nebuchadnezzar's Prophetic Vision of the High Tree, 4:1–37
- V. Belshazzar's Feast, 5:1–31 [Not Chronological, End of Babylonian Empire]
- VI. Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts and the Ancient of Days, 7:1–28
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- VIII. Daniel's Prophecy of Seventy Weeks of Years, 9:1-27
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  - A. Persia, 11:2
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#### Book of Daniel - Chapter Chronology<sup>1</sup> Chart

- I. Nebuchadnezzar Babylonian King (605 BC 562 BC)
  - A. Daniel 1 > (605 BC) > Nebuchadnezzar Babylonian King > 1st Year of Reign, Dan 1:1
  - B. Daniel 2 > (603 BC) > Nebuchadnezzar Babylonian King > 3rd Year of Reign, Dan 2:1
  - C. Daniel 3 > (587 BC) > Nebuchadnezzar Babylonian King > 18th Year of Reign, Dan 3:1 (Septuagint)
  - D. Daniel 4 > (573 BC) > Nebuchadnezzar Babylonian King > ~ 32nd Year of Reign, Dan 4:1
- II. Belshazzar Babylonian King (entrusted King by King Nabonidus) (556 BC 539 BC)
  - A. Daniel 7 > (555 BC) > Belshazzar Babylonian King > 1st Year of Reign, Dan 7:1
  - B. Daniel 8 > (553 BC) > Belshazzar Babylonian King > 3rd Year of Reign, Dan 8:1
  - C. Daniel 5 > (539 BC) > Belshazzar Babylonian King > 14th Year of Reign, Dan 5:1, 5:28, 5:30
- III. Darius the Mede King (entrusted King "in the reign of Cyrus the Persian", Dan 6:28) (539 BC ? BC)
  - A. Daniel 6 > (539 BC) > Darius the Mede King > 1st Year of Reign, Dan 5:31, 6:1
  - B. Daniel 9 > (539 BC) > Darius the Mede King > 1st Year of Reign, Dan 9:1
  - C. Daniel 11 > (539 BC) > Darius the Mede King > 1st Year of Reign, Dan 11:1
  - D. Daniel 10 > (537 BC) > Darius the Mede King > 3rd Year of Reign > of Cyrus, Dan 10:1
  - E. Daniel 12 > (537 BC) > Darius the Mede King > 3rd Year of Reign, Dan 11:1, 12:1

More Detailed information is available for how these Dates and Kings were determined.

#### The Years for the Completion of the Desolations of Jerusalem, Seventy Years Daniel 9:1-2

1 In the first year of Darius (539 BC) the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans (Babylonian) 5:31, 6:1, 11:1

2 in the first year of his (Darius') reign (539 BC), I, Daniel, observed in the books

the number of the years which was <u>revealed</u> as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, Jer 25:11 <u>namely</u>, seventy years. Jer 25:11-12, Jer 29:10

Darius, a Mede, as part of the Medo-Persian Empire, was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans by the Persian King, Cyrus the Great, who conquered Babylon and Belshazzar in Dan 5:30-31.

At this time, **Daniel** and **Israel** had been in **Exile** for about (605BC-539BC) **67 years**. **Daniel** read **Jeremiah** the **prophet's Book** on how long **Israel's exile** would be and read **70 years**.

The Prophecy by Jeremiah: of the 70 Years of Desolation of Jerusalem, in 605 BC
Jeremiah 25:11–12 Israel will serve Babylon for 70 years
11 'This whole land (of Israel) will be a desolation and a horror, Dan 9:2 and these nations (25:9) 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 Prophesied beforehand that the Land of Israel would be desolate for 70 years.
Also, that Israel will serve Babylon for 70 years.

Also, that the Lord would punish the king of Babylon, the Babylonians, and their Land for their sin.

#### The Reason for: the 70 Years of Desolation of Jerusalem, in 605 BC

2 Chronicles 36:20–21 (Lev 26:33-34) The Destruction of Solomon's Temple, 586 BC

20 Those (of Israel) who had <u>escaped</u> from the sword he (Nebuchadnezzar) carried away to Babylon; and they were <u>servants</u> to him (Nebuchadnezzar) and to his sons <u>until the rule of the kingdom of Persia</u>,

21 to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, Jer 25:11-12, Jer 29:10
 <u>until</u> the land (of Israel) had enjoyed its <u>sabbaths</u>. Lev 25:1-8, 26:14-35 (every 7 years, 1 year Sabbath)
 All the days of its <u>desolation it</u> kept <u>sabbath</u> until <u>seventy years</u> were complete. (70 Sabbaths missed)

Those of Israel who had been taken to Babylon, were to be <u>servants</u> to Nebuchadnezzar and his sons. This <u>serving</u> was to continue until **the rule of the kingdom of Persia**, when Persia conquers Babylon. Persia's King, Cyrus the Great, conquers Babylon/Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's grandson, Dan 5:2, 5:30-31. (every 7 years, 1 year Sabbath), and 70 Sabbaths or 490 years of Sabbaths <u>missed</u>, so (490 years/7 = 70 years)

The Intended Outcome of: the 70 Years of Desolation of Jerusalem, in 605 BC
Jeremiah 29:10 The Lord intends to bring Israel back to, the Land of Israel
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 (Land of Israel).
After 70 years of Exile, the Lord intends to bring Israel back to, the Land of Israel
Jeremiah Prophesied, like Moses, that the Lord will fulfill My good word to Israel,
to bring them back to this place (Land of Israel).
Israel will Live in the Land, after the 70 year Exile, but Israel will Not Possess the Land.
But Israel will Possess the Land at the Second Coming of Christ, more than 2600 years later.

This was promised by Jeremiah, (Jer 30:3, Jer 32:36–44) and Moses, (Deut 30:1-5) and Amos, (Amos 9:11-15) and Hosea, (Hos 2:14-23)

# Daniel's Response in Prayer: for the completion of the 70 Years of Desolation of Jerusalem Daniel 9:3–14

- 3 So I (Daniel) gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, (humbly begging) with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.
- 4 I (Daniel) prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said,

"Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

- **5 we** (Israel) have <u>sinned</u>, committed <u>iniquity</u>, acted <u>wickedly</u> and <u>rebelled</u>, even <u>turning aside</u> from <u>Your</u> commandments and ordinances.
- 6 "Moreover, we (Israel) have <u>not listened</u> to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.
- 7 "<u>Righteousness</u> belongs to You, O Lord, but to us (Israel) open <u>shame</u>, as it is this day—
- to **the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem** and **all Israel, those** who are nearby and **those** who are far away in **all the countries** to which **You** have driven **them**, **because** of **their** <u>unfaithful deeds</u> which **they** have committed against **You**.
- 8 "Open <u>shame</u> belongs to us (Israel), O Lord, to our kings, our princes, our fathers, because we have <u>sinned</u> against You.

9 "To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we (Israel) have rebelled against Him;

- 10 nor have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His teachings
  - which **He** set before **us** (Israel) through **His** servants the **prophets**.
- 11 "Indeed all Israel has <u>transgressed Your law</u> and <u>turned aside</u>, <u>not obeying Your voice</u>; so <u>the curse</u> has been poured out on <u>us</u>, Lev 25:1-8, 26:14-35
  - along with <u>the oath</u> which is written in **the law of Moses** the servant of **God**, Deut 29:22-28 for we have <u>sinned</u> against Him.
- 12 "Thus He has confirmed His words (His Promise)
  - which He had spoken against us (Israel) and against our rulers who ruled us,
- to bring on **us** (Israel) **great calamity**; Deut 28:45, 28:49, 29:22-28, 30:1-10 (800 years before)
- for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem.
- 13 "As it is written in **the law of Moses**, <u>all this calamity</u> has come on us; Deut 28:45, 28:49, 29:22-28, 30:1-10 yet we (Israel) have <u>not sought the favor of the Lord our God</u>
  - by turning from **our <u>iniquity</u> and <u>giving attention</u> to <b>Your truth**.
- 14 "Therefore the Lord has <u>kept the calamity in store</u> and <u>brought</u> it on us (Israel); for the Lord our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we (Israel) have <u>not obeyed</u> His voice.

#### **Chart**

## Daniel's Prayer: He Confesses His and All Israel's Sin and admits Israel's Curse and Calamity

Daniel associated himself with the sins of his people the Nation of Israel, Dan 9:3

Daniel approaches God on the basis of His Covenant keeping with Israel, Dan 9:4

Daniel prays and confesses Israel's sins, Dan 9:5

Daniel confesses Israel has not listened to the Lord's prophets, Dan 9:6

Daniel confesses shame belongs to all Israel, Dan 9:7-8

- Daniel confesses Israel has rebelled, not obeyed, the Lord's prophets, Dan 9:9-10
- Daniel confesses all Israel has transgressed Your law, turned aside, not obeying Your voice; Dan 9:11
- Daniel admits the curse promised has been poured out, on Israel, Dan 9:11, Deut 28:36-37
- Daniel admits the Lord's confirmed great calamity has been brought on Israel, Dan 9:12
- Daniel admits the great calamity has not cause Israel to turn to the Lord, Dan 9:13
- Daniel admits the Lord has kept the calamity in store and brought it on Israel, Dan 9:14

# Daniel's Response in Prayer: for His People, for Jerusalem, and for the Sanctuary Daniel 9:15–19

15 "And now, O Lord our God,

who have brought Your people (Israel) out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand Deut 5:15 and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—
 Neh 9:10, Jer 32:20, we have sinned, we have been wicked.

**16** "O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts,

let now Your <u>anger</u> and Your <u>wrath</u> turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; Zech 8:3 for because of our (Israel's) sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jer 32:31-32

Jerusalem and Your people (Israel) have become a <u>reproach</u> to all those (nations) around us. Ezek 5:14 17 "So now, our God, listen to the <u>prayer</u> of Your servant (Daniel) and to his <u>supplications</u>,

and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary. Ps 80:3, 7, 9

**18** "O my God, incline Your ear and hear!

Open Your eyes and see our <u>desolations</u> and the <u>city</u> (Jerusalem) which is called by Your name; for <u>we</u> (Israel) are not presenting <u>our supplications</u> before You on account of any merits of <u>our own</u>, but on account of Your great compassion. Ezek 36:16-24,

**19** "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action!

For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay,

because Your city (Jerusalem) and Your people (Israel) are called by Your name."

Daniel <u>prayed</u> for the Lord's <u>anger</u> and <u>wrath</u> be turned away, so that Israel would be restored Daniel <u>prayed</u> for restoration of, the Lord's people, Israel Dan 9:15, 19, 20

Remembering how, the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt

Daniel prayed for restoration of, the Lord's city Jerusalem, the Lord's holy mountain, Dan 9:16, 9:19 the Lord's desolate sanctuary, Dan 9:17 (Ps 87:1-3, Joel 3:17, Zech 8:3)

Daniel's <u>prayer</u> about the Lord's people Israel and the Lord's city Jerusalem, was answered, in Dan 9:20-27 Daniel 9:24

24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed (by the Lord) for your (Daniel's) people Dan 9:15, 9:19 and (for) your (Daniel's) holy city (Jerusalem), Dan 9:16

to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint **the most** holy place (sanctuary). Dan 9:17

#### The Lord's Response to Daniel's Prayer: to give him Insight and Understanding

Daniel 9:20–23Concerning the Lord's People, the Lord's city Jerusalem, and the most holy place20 Now while I (Daniel) was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin

and the **sin** of <mark>my people Israel</mark>, Dan 9:3-19

and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God

in behalf of the holy mountain (Mt. Zion, Jerusalem) of my God, Dan 9:16

21 while I (Daniel) was still speaking in prayer, then the man (Angel) Gabriel,

whom I had seen in the vision previously, Dan 8:16

came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.

22 He (Gabriel) gave me instruction and talked with me and said,

"O Daniel, I (Gabriel) have now <u>come forth</u> (Reason) to give you insight with understanding.

23 "At the beginning of your <u>supplications</u>, Dan 9:3, the <u>command</u> was issued, Dan 9:3 and I (Gabriel) have <u>come to tell you</u>, for (Reason) you (Daniel) are highly esteemed;

so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision. 8:26, 8:15, 8:13, 8:1-2, 7:1

Daniel is praying "in behalf of the holy mountain (Mt. Zion, Jerusalem) of my God, Dan 9:16 while (Daniel) was still praying, the (Angel) Gabriel came to give Daniel insight with understanding. Gabriel came to answer Daniel's <u>Prayer</u> about his people Israel and Jerusalem and the Temple. Gabriel came to give Daniel <u>insight</u> with <u>understanding</u>, about the holy mountain (Mt. Zion, Jerusalem) Gabriel came to tell Daniel, a <u>message</u>, so he could <u>gain understanding of the vision</u>. Later Gabriel is sent from God to Mary announcing she will have a son named Jesus, Lk 1:26-38

# Seventy Week Decree: for Daniel's people and for Daniel's holy city Jerusalem Daniel 9:24

24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed (by the Lord) for your (Daniel's) people Dan 9:15, 9:19 and (for) your (Daniel's) holy city (Jerusalem), Dan 9:16

to <u>finish</u> the **transgression**, to <u>make an end of</u> **sin**, to <u>make atonement for</u> **iniquity**, to <u>bring in</u> **everlasting righteousness**, to <u>seal up</u> vision and prophecy and to <u>anoint</u> **the most holy place** (sanctuary). Dan 9:17

#### Q1: In 9:24, WHO is the <u>Decree</u> For ?

A: "Seventy weeks have been decreed (by the Lord) for your (Daniel's) people Dan 9:15-16, 9:19 and (for) your (Daniel's) holy city (Jerusalem) The 70 Weeks are about the Nation of Israel.

Q2: In 9:24, HOW Long is the <u>Decree</u> for and WHO is the <u>Decree</u> for and WHO is the <u>Decree</u> from ?
 A: the <u>Decree</u> is <u>Seventy weeks</u> Long and the <u>Decree</u> is for <u>Daniel's People</u> and <u>Daniel's City Jerusalem</u> and the <u>Decree</u> is from the Lord through <u>His Angel Gabriel</u>.

**Q3:** In 9:24, HOW Long is **Seventy weeks**? Is it (70 x 7 days = 490 days)?

A: "week" means 7 days in the Context of Dan 10:2-3, But not in the Context of Dan 9:24 Because 490 days does Not give enough Time for the 6 Events listed in Dan 9:24 to occur and 490 days does not fit the Context of the 6 Events listed in Dan 9:24.

Also, days to years is the <u>Reason</u> for **Israel's 40 years** in the **Wilderness**, **Read** Num 14:34 Also, days to years in Ezek 4:5-6 and Lev 25:8, where 7 **Sabbaths** of years equals 49 years.

Also, 490 days does Not give enough **Time** for finishing **Transgression**, Ending **Sin** and Atoning for **Sin**. But 70 x **7 years** = **490 years**, does give enough **Time** for these **6 Events** to occur.

These Future **490 years** go along with the Past **490 years** of **Sabbaths** <u>missed</u> by <u>Israel</u>, which is the <u>Reason</u> for the **70 year Exile**, in the first place. See <u>2 Chron 36:20–21</u> we just read.

Q4: But HOW else do you know "weeks" mean years ?

A: Read Gen 29:27, where a "week" means 7 years, for Jacob when he labored 7 years for Rachel. "week" in Hebrew, shabua, is the same word used in Dan 9:24 and in Gen 29:27

## The 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

## The First of 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

**Q5:** In 9:24, WHEN will the finish of transgression be for Daniel's People and Daniel's City Jerusalem ? A: To bring to an End or Finish the deliberate rebellion and disregard of the Lord by Israel,

#### will be within the **Seventy Weeks (490 years). Read** Ezek 36:27

#### The Second of 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

<mark>Q6:</mark> In 9:24, WHEN will there be "<u>an **end of sin**</u>", for Daniel's People and Daniel's City Jerusalem</mark> ?

 A: Read Jer 31:31-34, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." Heb 8:12, 10:17
 Read Rom 11:25-27, "all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "the deliverer will come from Zion, he will remove ungodliness from Jacob." "this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

## The Third of 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

**Q7:** In 9:24, WHEN will there be made "<u>atonement for iniquity</u>", for Daniel's People and Jerusalem ? A: Read Isa 53:4-6, where Israel's Prophet Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be <u>crushed for their iniquity</u>. Therefore, providing <u>atonement</u> (to cover or propitiate or turn away God's wrath by offering a payment)

## The Forth of 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

**Q8:** In 9:24, WHEN will there be brought in "**everlasting righteousness",** for **Daniel's People** and **Jerusalem** ? A: Read Jer 23:5-6, 'The LORD our righteousness.'

Jesus will reign in the Millennial Kingdom with Israel saved.

## The Fifth of 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

Q9: In 9:24, WHEN will "vision and prophecy" be "sealed up", for Daniel's People and Jerusalem ?
 A: "vision and prophecy" will be "sealed up", when <u>all prophecy is fulfilled</u> in the Future end Time when Jesus comes a Second Time and brings in the Millennial and Eternal Kingdoms.

## The Sixth of 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

Q11: In 9:24, WHEN will "the most holy place (sanctuary)", be "<u>anointed</u>", for Daniel's People and Jerusalem ?
A: "<u>anointed</u>", (to Consecrate, declare sacred, or make holy, in this case a Sanctuary, Holy place, or Temple)
For a "holy place (sanctuary or Temple)" to be "<u>anointed</u>", Israel must have a Temple ?
But Solomon's Temple was destroyed in 586 BC and Ezra's Temple was destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans.
Therefore, Israel has had No Temple for almost 2000 years. But Ezekiel who was in Babylon like Daniel, prophesied of a Future Temple, Ezekiel 41-46, often called Ezekiel's Temple.

## Conclusion: All 6 Aspects of the 70 Week Decree

All 6 Aspects listed in Dan 9:24, will be <u>initiated</u> and <u>carried out</u> by the Lord, they are <u>unconditional</u>. These 6 Events, then anticipate the establishment of Israel's <u>promised</u>, <u>covenanted</u>, and <u>prophesized</u> Millennial Kingdom under the authority of Israel's promised King, her Messiah. These 6 things <u>summarize God's</u> whole program to bring the Nation Israel the blessings that He promised them through His covenants with them.

(Abrahamic Covenant, Gen 15:18–21, Deuteronomic Covenant, Deut 29:1-30:20

Davidic Covenant, 2 Sam 7:1-7, New Covenant

#### Seventy Week Decree: for Daniel's people and for Daniel's holy city Jerusalem

Daniel 9:25 Gabriel speaking to Daniel

25 "So you (Daniel) are to know and discern that

from the issuing of a <u>decree</u> to **restore** and **rebuild Jerusalem** until **Messiah** (anointed one) the Prince there will be seven weeks (49 years) and sixty-two weeks (434 years);

it (Jerusalem) will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

#### Seventy Weeks (490 years) would begin,

with "the issuing of a **Decree** to **restore** and **rebuild Jerusalem**", Dan 9:25

The 4 Decrees made by Persian Rulers Chart

The First <u>decree</u> was King Cyrus' <u>decree</u> in 538 BC (2 Chron 36:22–23, Ezra 1:1–4, 4:3, 5:13, 6:3). 2 Chronicles 36:23

23 "Thus says Cyrus King of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house (Temple) in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever there is among you of all **His people**, may **the LORD his God** be with **him**, and let **him** go up!" Then **Ezra** and the **people** traveled 900 miles to **Jerusalem**, and built the **Altar**, in **538 BC**, Ezra 3:1-2

Then All the people Began Work on the Temple, and laid the Foundation, in 536 BC, Ezra 3:8-11

But this **<u>decree</u>** was "to build Him a house (Temple) in Jerusalem" and Not to build Jerusalem itself. 9:25

Then Israel's enemies, stopped their Building until King Darius I, from 536 BC to 486 BC, Ezra 4:4-5

Then Second <u>decree</u> was the <u>decree</u> of <u>King Darius I (522–486)</u> in <u>520 BC (Ezra 6:1-12)</u>. "and the <u>Temple</u> was completed", after 5 years, in <u>515 BC</u>, Ezra 6:15

But this **decree** was "to build Him a house (Temple) in Jerusalem" and Not to build Jerusalem itself. 9:25

Then 57 years later, Ezra returned to Jerusalem a second time, in 458 BC, Ezra 7:7-9

The Third decree was the decree of King Artaxerxes Longimanus (464–424) in 457 BC (Ezra 7:11–26).

But this **decree** was "to build Him a house (Temple) in Jerusalem" and Not to build Jerusalem itself. 9:25

The Fourth <u>decree</u> was also by King Artaxerxes Longimanus, issued Nisan (Mar-Apr) 444 BC (Neh 2:1–8). Then the King sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem, to rebuild the City Gates and Walls, Neh 2:5, Then the City Gates and Walls were completed in 444 BC, Neh 6:1, 6:15, 7:1.

This <u>decree</u> was "the issuing of a <u>decree</u> to <u>restore</u> and <u>rebuild Jerusalem</u>" in our text of <u>Daniel 9:25</u>. Therefore, <u>Nisan (Mar-Apr) 444 BC</u> is the Beginning of the <u>Seventy Weeks (490 years) decree</u>.

Daniel 9:25 Gabriel speaking to Daniel

25 "So you (Daniel) are to know and discern that

from the issuing of a **decree** to **restore** and **rebuild** Jerusalem until Messiah (anointed one) the Prince there will be <mark>seven weeks</mark> (49 years) and <mark>sixty-two weeks</mark> (434 years);

it (Jerusalem) will be <u>built</u> again, with plaza and moat, even in times of **distress**.

Q1: In 9:25, HOW LONG will it be "until Messiah (anointed one) the Prince" ?

A: If the (490 years) begins in 444 BC, then (49 years) + (434 years) = 483 years "until Messiah (anointed one) the Prince".

Therefore, **444 BC** + 483 years should take us to the Time of Messiah ?

But (444 BC – 483 years = 39 AD) which takes us to about 39 AD after the Death of the Messiah ? Therefore, this can not be "until Messiah (anointed one) the Prince" ?

How can 444 BC to 33 AD (Lk 3:23) be the Time of the Messiah and be equal to 483 years ?

	e Years or Prophetic Years Chart Years or Prophetic Years are 360 days and Not 365 1/4 days (365.251) as in our calendar.
	day years in Noah's Flood 's Flood started on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Month, 17 <sup>th</sup> day of the Month, Gen 7:11
	nd of the 150 days was on the 7 <sup>th</sup> Month, 17 <sup>th</sup> day of the Month, Gen 8:3-4
This r	neans 150 days for 5 months or 150 days/5 months = <b>30 day</b> months x <b>12</b> months = <b>360 day years.</b>
360	day years in Daniel and Revelation
Danie	el 7:25, The Antichrist will be given "a time, times, and half a time" or 3 1/2 years
	2:14, The Woman will be given "a time, times, and half a time" or 3 1/2 years
	1:2, The Nations will be given "42 months" or 3 1/2 years
	1:3, The Two Witnesses will be given "1260 days" or 3 1/2 years
	<b>3:5,</b> The <b>Antichrist</b> will be given "42 months" or 3 1/2 years
Т	herefore, if 3 1/2 years = 42 months = 1260 days, then 1260 days/42 months = <b>30 day</b> months
	and <b>30 day months</b> x <b>12 months = 360 day years.</b>
<b>483 Years</b> - from Artaxerxes <u>decree</u> to <u>Messiah's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem</u> In 9:25, "there will be <u>seven weeks</u> (49 years) and <u>sixty-two weeks</u> (434 years)" or 483 years How can 444 BC to 33 AD be equal to 483 years ? (444 BC – 483 years = 39 AD ?) These years, are <b>Prophetic Years</b> consisting of 360 days each, as noted above.	

#### Determining Prophetic Year days within 483 Years

A: 483 Prophetic Years x 360 days/Prophetic Year = 173,880 Prophetic/days within 483 Years .

Determining WHEN, in Calendar Days, the 483 years or the 173,880 days Begin
The fourth decree was by King Artaxerxes Longimanus, and issued on the 20<sup>th</sup> year of his reign<sup>2</sup>, "The first month of the year" in the Jewish calendar was Nisan (Mar/Apr) (Ex 12:2), and since no day is given, it is reasonable to assume it the first day of Nisan or Nisan 1. Hence, in the Julian calendar, the corresponding date would be March 5, 444 B.C.
This was the day of Artaxerxes decree was issued to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. Dan 9:25

Setting Calendar Date of Messiah's Triumphal Entry and Messiah's Death on Passover Now if the Passover was on Friday, April 3, 33 AD and "6 days before Passover" was Sunday, Jn 12:1, and "the next day" was Monday, Jn 12:12, then the Triumphal Entry occurred on March 30, 33 AD.

Determining, Calendar Years from the Decree to Messiah's Triumphal Entry from Artaxerxes' Decree 444 BC to 33 AD Messiah's Triumphal Entry
A: 444 BC to 33 AD (444 + 33 = 477 years) but No year zero, then use 476 Calendar years

- Determining, exact Calendar Year/Days in 476 years by using Solar Year/days from Artaxerxes' Decree 444 BC to 33 AD Messiah's Triumphal Entry A: 476 calendar years x 365.24219879 days/Solar Year = 173,855 days
- **Determining**, days from **Artaxerxes' Decree** March 5, 444 BC to **Messiah's Triumphal Entry** March 30, 33 AD **A:** First take the **173,855 days** and **then** Add the **25 days** for (March 5 and March 30)

(173,855 days + 25 days = 173,880 days) "until Messiah the Prince", Dan 9:25

Then **173,880 days** agrees with our stating point of **173,880 days** for the (March 30, 33 AD) **Triumphal Entry** Then 5 days later, "the **Messiah** will be **cut off (killed)**", Dan 9:26, on (April 3, 33 AD)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Artaxerxes reign, overlaps 445 BC and 444 BC. In Neh 1:1, the 20<sup>th</sup> year is in the month of Chislev (Nov/Dec), 445 BC and in Neh 2:1, the 20<sup>th</sup> year is in the month of Nisan (Mar/Apr), 444 BC, 4 months later.

Conclusion: 173,855 days actually transpired, between March 5, 444 BC and March 30, 33 AD That means that Messiah's triumphal entry "until Messiah" was on Monday, March 30, 33 AD and Messiah was "Cut Off" or Killed on Friday, April 3, 33 AD Chart – Decree Dates



## 49 Years - from the decree for Jerusalem to be Built Again

"there will be <mark>seven weeks</mark> (49 years)

**Q2:** In 9:25, WHEN will "<mark>it</mark> (Jerusalem) will be <u>built</u> again" ?

A: If the City of Jerusalem's Building began in 444 BC,

then the (49 years) of **Building** during the **Time of Nehemiah** was from (444BC to 395 BC)

We know Jerusalem was being populated, lived in, and being Built up, by reading Neh 11:1-24.

#### Daniel 9:26 Gabriel speaking to Daniel

In 9:25, "there will be <mark>seven weeks</mark> (49 years) and <mark>sixty-two weeks</mark> (434 years)" or 483 years

26 "Then <u>after</u> the sixty-two weeks (483 years) the Messiah (anointed one) will be cut off and have nothing, and the people (Romans) of the prince (Antichrist) who is to come

(Romans) will <u>destroy</u> the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary (holy place).

And its (Jerusalem's) end will come with a flood; Lk 21:20-24

even to **the end** there will be **war**; desolations are determined (decreed).

Q1: WHEN will "the Messiah will be cut off" or Killed ?

A: after the sixty-two weeks (434 years) + (49 years) = 483 years as when "the Messiah will be cut off" This agrees with, the 483 years "until Messiah the Prince" in 9:25

That means that **Messiah's triumphal entry** "until **Messiah**" was on Monday, March 30, 33 AD and **Messiah** was "**Cut Off**" or **Killed** on Friday, April 3, 33 AD

Q2: WHO are "the people of the prince who is to <u>come</u>" that destroy the City and Sanctuary ?
A: We know from History that the people who destroyed the Jerusalem were the Romans in 70 AD.
"the people" are the Roman (Iron) Empire of Dan 2:40 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Beast of Daniel 7:23–28
Therefore, Israel has had No Temple for about 2000 years. But Ezekiel who was in Babylon like Daniel, prophesied of a Future Temple, Ezekiel 41-46, often called Ezekiel's Temple

Q3: WHO is "the prince who is to come"?

A: the people who destroyed the Jerusalem were the Romans in 70 AD.

But "the prince who is to come" is the Antichrist, the Little Horn, the Beast, Dan 7:11-12, Rev 11:7, Rev 13:7





Chart – Decree 483 years

Lord appoints King Cyrus to build Temple Only, 538 BC, Ezra 1:1-4, Finished, 515 BC, Ezra 6:15 King Artaxerxes decree, Mar-Apr, 444 BC, <u>Neh</u> 2:1 The City > Walls - Gates, Begun, 444 BC, <u>Neh</u> 3:1, in 52 days, Finished, 444 BC, <u>Neh</u> 6:15, 7:1

The City > Buildings, Begun, 444 BC, 48+ years, Finished, 395 BC, Neh 11

## 70 Weeks Decree: 483 years & 7 years

Chart – Decree 49 years



Chart – Decree 483 years + 7 years

#### Daniel 9:27 Gabriel speaking to Daniel

- 27 "And he (Antichrist) will make a firm covenant with the many for one week (7 years),
  - but in the **middle of the week** (3 ½ years) **he** (Antichrist) will put a <u>stop</u> to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of **abominations** will come **one** who makes <u>desolate</u>,
    - even until a complete <u>destruction</u>, 9:26, 11:36, 11:45, 12:11 one that is <u>decreed</u>, is poured out on the one who makes <u>desolate</u>."
- Q1: WHO is "he", in "he will make a firm covenant"?
- A: "he" refers back to "the prince who is to come" who is the Antichrist, the Little Horn, in Dan 9:26

**Q2:** WHAT do we know about "a **firm covenant** with **the many** for **one week**"

- A: First we Know that the Antichrist "he will make a firm covenant"
  - This implies that the Antichrist initiates the Covenant making.
  - Second we Know that the Antichrist "will make a firm covenant with the many"
    - "the many" are Daniel's people Israel, the subject/context of this prophecy, Dan 9:24
  - Third we Know that the Antichrist "will make a firm covenant with the many for one week" "one week" is in the context of the seventy weeks (490 years)
  - The seventy weeks (490 years) includes:

seven weeks (49 years) and sixty-two weeks (434 years) and the "one week" (7 years) Conclusion: the Antichrist will make a firm covenant with Israel for "one week" (7 years)

Q3: In 9:27, WHEN is "the middle of the (one) week"

A: "the middle of the week is the middle of the 7 year covenant with Israel or (3 ½ years)

**Q4:** In 9:27, WHAT will the **Antichrist** do at this 3 ½ year point in the **covenant**?

- A: he the Antichrist will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering This implies that there is sacrifice and grain offering going on and that it must be in a Temple. This says that he the Antichrist is the one who does the stopping of sacrifice, Dan 7:8, 9:27, 11:35-39, 12:11, Matt 24:15, 2 Thes 2:1-10,
- Q5: In 9:27, WHAT Temple is this, that the Antichrist will stop sacrifice in ?
- A: Solomon's Temple was destroyed in 586 BC and Ezra's Temple was destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans. and Israel has had No Temple for almost 2000 years ?
- But during this **Time of the Antichrist, the Jews** must have built a **Temple**, within this 3 ½ year period. This can then be called the **Third Temple**, Not to be confused with **Ezekiel's Future Temple**, Ezekiel 41-46
- Q6: In 9:27, WHAT is "and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes <u>desolate</u>, even until a complete <u>destruction</u>, one that is <u>decreed</u>, is poured out on the one who makes <u>desolate</u>."

A: "on the wing of abominations will come one who makes <u>desolate</u>" this is the "one" Antichrist Matthew 24:15

15 "Therefore when you see the abomination of <u>desolation</u> which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (the Temple),

#### Daniel 12:11

11 "From the **time** that the regular **sacrifice** is **abolished** and the **abomination of desolation** is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

From these 3 Verses,

- the Antichrist will put a stop to or abolish sacrifice and grain offering, Dan 9:27, Dan 12:11
- the Antichrist is the abomination of desolation, Dan 9:27, Dan 12:11
- the Antichrist will be "standing in the holy place (the Third Temple)", Matt 24:15
- the Antichrist will come and is the one who makes <u>desolate</u>, even until a complete <u>destruction</u>, Dan 9:27 "until Messiah the Prince" "the one that is <u>decreed</u>, Dan 9:25
  - is poured out on the **one** (the **Antichrist**) who makes <u>desolate</u>." Dan 9:27

## The Antichrist according to Paul

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

#### 1 Now we request you, brethren,

with regard to (Context) the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

- 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that **the day of the Lord has come**.
- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- **4 who** opposes and exalts **himself** above every so-called god or object of worship, so that **he** takes **his seat** in **the temple of God**, displaying **himself** as being **God**.
- 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?
- 6 And you know what <u>restrains him</u> now, so that in his time he will be <u>revealed</u>.
- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;
  - only **he** who now <u>restrains</u> will do so until **he** is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be <u>revealed</u> whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan,
- with all power and signs and false wonders,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish,
  - because **they** did not receive the love of the truth so as to be **saved**.

## A Detailed description of the Antichrist, 2 Thes 2:1 Chart – Antichrist

The apostasy, the man of lawlessness, the Antichrist comes first, at the beginning of the 7 years. Then the day of the Lord comes, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him

#### the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth the lawless one, the Antichrist, at the end of the 7 years. The Antichrist according to Paul, 2 Thes 2:1–10

the Antichrist is: tied to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 Thes 2:1 the Antichrist is: tied to the day of the Lord has come, But the apostasy comes first, 2 Thes 2:2 the Antichrist is: the apostasy, the man of lawlessness, the son of destruction, the lawless one, 2 Thes 2:3, the Antichrist: the apostasy comes first, and will be revealed, then the Lord comes, 2 Thes 2:3 the Antichrist: you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. 2 Thes 2:6 the Antichrist: he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. 2 Thes 2:7 the Antichrist: lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with His mouth 2 Thes 2:8 the Antichrist: is brought to an end by the appearance of His coming; 2 Thes 2:8 the Antichrist: who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, 2 Thes 2:4 the Antichrist: the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, 2 Thes 2:9 the Antichrist: with all power and signs and false wonders, 2 Thes 2:9 the Antichrist: with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, 2 Thes 2:10

#### Summary of the Antichrist in the 70th Week

- The **One Week** or the **70**<sup>th</sup> **Week** is clearly **the end of the age**, when the **Antichrist** is revealed, **he** makes a **7** year **Covenant** with **Israel**, and then after **3** ½ years **he** breaks that **Covenant**.
- At that time **he** stands and seats **himself** in the **Temple** of **God**, declaring **himself** to be **God**, which is the **abomination of desolation** and the **apostasy**.
- He will come with all power and signs and false wonders and with all the deception of wickedness. This deception is toward those who perish or toward unbelievers.

He, the one (the Antichrist), whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, the Dragon in Rev 12.

This sounds very much like the Book of Revelation in Rev 4- Rev 19