

2300 Day Prophecy

Daniel 9:24 – 70 weeks are “determined” for the Jews. 70 weeks = 490 years (See Eze. 4:6; Num. 14:34). The word “determined” means “cut off of” or “amputated from.” Thus the 70 weeks were to be “amputated” from a former time period, *which must be the 2300 days*. Thus the “70 week” period is the first portion of the longer “2300 day” period of Daniel 8:14. When would this “70 week / 2300 day” timeline begin? *Gabriel tells us in the next verse!*

Daniel 9:25 – Gabriel said, “*Understand... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem.*” The Jews were still in captivity, scattered throughout the Persian empire, and their city, Jerusalem, lay in ruins. In 457 BC, the Persian King Artaxerxes issued a “decree” to “restore” the Jewish state. See Ezra 7:11-26. From 457 BC, “until the Messiah [the Anointed One] the Prince [Jesus Christ] shall be 7 weeks [49 years], and 62 weeks [434 years].”

$$49 + 434 = 483$$

Four-hundred, eighty-three (483) years from 457 BC comes to 27 AD (remember there is no “zero” year), *which was the exact year Jesus Christ was baptized and anointed by the Holy Spirit*. (See Luke 3:1,22-23; Acts 10:38). Then Jesus said, “*The time is fulfilled.*” (Mark 1:15), referring to the time prophecy of Daniel 9.

Daniel 9:26a – “After 62 weeks [after 27 AD] shall Messiah be cut off.” Jesus was “cut off,” crucified, because of our transgressions (Isaiah 53:8,5).

Daniel 9:26b – “And the people [the Jews] of the Prince that shall come [Jesus the Prince of Peace] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.” By rejecting the Messiah, the Jews thus forfeited God’s protection (Deuteronomy 28:15, 25) and essentially brought desolation to their own city & sanctuary (Matthew 21:36-45, 22:2-7). Jerusalem and the temple were literally destroyed in 70 AD by Titus and the Roman armies. (Matthew 24:1-2; Luke 21:20)

Daniel 9:27a – “And he [Jesus Christ] shall confirm the covenant [Romans 15:8, Malachi 3:1] with many [Matthew 26:28] for one week [the last 7 years of the 490 years that was from 27 AD to 34 AD]. In the midst of the week [between 27 AD and 34 AD] he [the Messiah – Jesus Christ] shall cause the sacrifice... to cease.” (Matthew 27:50,51). In 34 AD, the 70-week period (490 years) for the Jews ended. Stephen was stoned and the gospel went to the gentiles. (See Acts 7:59; 8:1-4; 13:46. See also Matthew 18:21,22).

Daniel 9:27b – “For the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate.” Jesus told the Jewish leaders, “Your house is left... desolate.” (Matthew 23:38). The prophecy of the “abomination of desolation” was fulfilled by “the armies” of Rome in 70 AD (See Matthew 24:15; Luke 21:20-22)

"The Tribulation & the 70th Week of Daniel 9:27 Theory"

It is a popular theory in the Christian world today, that the "he" in the beginning of Daniel 9:27 is the Antichrist who will "confirm a covenant" with the Jews during a future 7 year period of "tribulation." Many books on Bible prophecy express this view. Here are 7 reasons why this "Future 70th Week of Daniel 9:27 Theory" is unbiblical and cannot be true:

1. "70 weeks" does not imply a 2000 year "gap" between week 69 and 70!
2. It is logical & contextual for the 70th week to FOLLOW the 69th week.
3. The focus of Daniel 9:24-27 is Jesus Christ, not the Antichrist.
4. Daniel 9:27 does not mention the Antichrist or 7 years of "tribulation."
5. Nowhere in the Bible does the Antichrist make a "covenant" with anyone.
6. It is only the Messiah who makes "a covenant". This is what Jesus did.
7. The above Scriptures reveal that Daniel 9:27 has been perfectly fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus Christ!

The Great Focus: Jesus Christ in His Heavenly Temple

As 70 weeks = 490 years, so 2300 days = 2300 years. With our starting date of 457 BC, we trace down 2300 years, we come to 1844 (remember there was no "zero" year). Gabriel said, *"then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."* Jesus Christ is our High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary. (See Hebrews 8:1-2, 6, 8-10). In the Old Testament, "the cleansing of the sanctuary" occurred when the High Priest entered the Most Holy Place and sprinkled blood upon the ark containing the Law of God which symbolized a cleansing of the people from "all their sins." (See Leviticus 16:15, 30). In 1844, "the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his covenant." Revelation 11:19. *Now, in "the time of the end,"* Jesus is working to cleanse His people by His blood from "all their sins" of breaking the Law of God! (See Daniel 12:4, 10; Revelation 12:17; 14:7,12; 22:11-12). Two-thousand years ago, many Jews misinterpreted Daniel 9:27 and missed the Messiah. *Today, many Christians are misinterpreting the same important prophecy!*