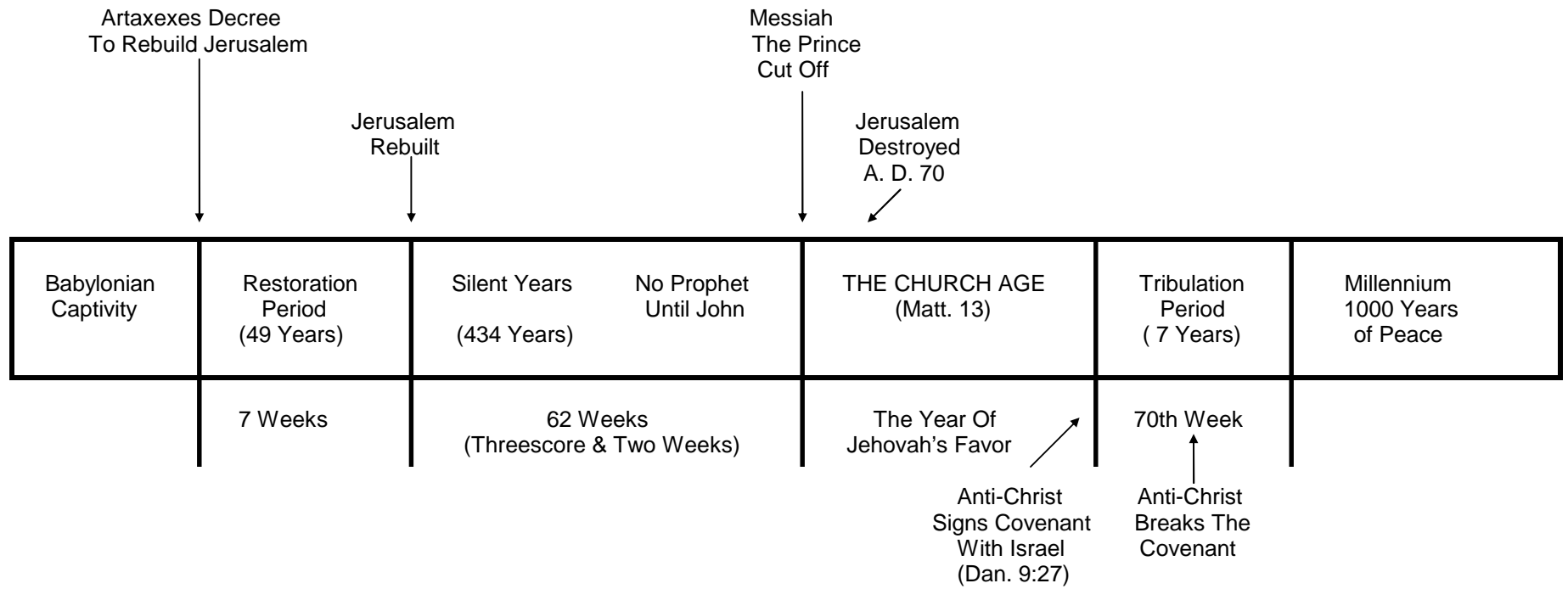


THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL

Daniel 9:24-27



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SEVENTY WEEKS ARE DETERMINED

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24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

God gave Daniel this prophecy so that the Hebrews would know what to expect in the future, as well as leaving a message to the church after Jesus' ascension. The vision is prophetic and is specific in detail just when certain events are to take place.

Prophetic time in the Bible is generally given in days that equate to years in real time. Hence, one week in Daniel's vision will equate to seven years. With this in mind, the various stages of the prophecy can be presented as follows.

Seventy weeks - 70×7 equals 490 years. This is the total length of the prophecy. During these 490 years, the Jews are to, "... finish the transgression, make an end to sin, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision of prophecy, and to anoint the most holy."

The time to do these things is broken into three specific time periods.

1. From the commandment to restore Jerusalem until Jerusalem is rebuilt will be 7×7 , or 49 years. (Nehemiah 2:1-5)

2. From the restoration of Jerusalem to the cutting off of the Messiah will be 7×62 , or 434 years. (John, Chapter 19)

3. The covenant with the prince that shall come (the antichrist) will be 1×7 , or 7 years. (Revelation, Chapters 4 –19)

4. In the middle of the seven-year period, the prince who will come will cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease. This is the middle of the Tribulation period.

The first two parts of this prophecy have been fulfilled. The last part is yet to take place. While this prophecy doesn't specifically address the Church Age, it is implied in the phrase, "unto the end". This is an indeterminate period that is well addressed by Jesus and the apostles throughout the New Testament.

Daniel's prophecy goes something like this. The Jews will rebuild Jerusalem, there will be a time of waiting for the Messiah to come to set them free, they will reject the Messiah, this will usher in the Church age, and at the end of this age, Israel will accept Jesus as the Messiah. However, there will be a false Messiah that many will accept. This false Messiah will come on as an advocate of peace for the first part or the last seven years. After that, he will show his true colors as the antichrist.

The duration of the Church age is not given anywhere in Scripture. Jesus said that even He didn't know how long it would be, but He gave us many signs to look for as the time closes to an end. Matthew Chapter 24 is clear about these signs.

1. Many shall come saying that they are the Christ.
2. There shall be wars and rumors of wars.
3. There shall be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes.
4. Christians will be persecuted.
5. There will be many false prophets.
6. Iniquity shall abound.
7. And when the Gospel is preached to the entire world, then the end shall come.

It is well for the church to be aware that all the prophecies concerning the return of Christ have been fulfilled. There are shadows of the tribulation everywhere. Jesus' admonition to watch and be ready is especially appropriate for today's world.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Matthew 24: 44)

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