

Outline

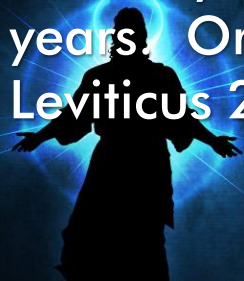
²⁴ "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*."

Seventy weeks = "seventy sevens" – 70 weeks of years or 490 years.

Daniel thinking about 70 literal years of captivity in Daniel 9:2

Jeremiah 25:11, 29:10. And the fact that the 70 years were the result of having violated 70 sabbatical years – a period of 490 years

The 70 years of captivity were possibly for violating 70 sabbatical years. Or 490 years. See 2 Chronicles 36:20-21; also Leviticus 25:1-7; 26:34-35.



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2 Chronicles 36:21 (NASB) 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."

1 week = 7 years 70 weeks = 490 years 70 weeks divided
into 3 periods: 7 weeks – 62 weeks – 1 week
7 Weeks = 49 years 62 Weeks = 434 years
(49 + 434 = 483 years) 1 week = 7 years



Outline (continued)

Three Negatives Dealing With Taking Away Sin

- 1 to finish the transgression,
- 2 to make an end of sin,
- 3 to make atonement for iniquity,

Three Positives Dealing With Bringing In Righteousness

- 1 to bring in everlasting righteousness,
- 2 to seal up vision and prophecy
- 3 and to anoint the most holy place.



Outline (continued)

Daniel 9:25 (NASB) 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."

"Decree" restore and rebuild Jerusalem 6 choices:


- 1 Could be Jeremiah 29:10 dated 598 BC
- 2 Jerusalem destroyed in 587 BC, some have taken this last figure as starting date.
- 3 Decree of Cyrus Ezra 1:1-4 538 B.C. Ezra 1:1-4; 6:3-5
- 4 Decree of Darius Ezra 6:1-12 517 B.C.
- 5 Decree of Artaxerxes 7th year of his reign Ezra 7:11-26 note especially vs 21 458/457 B.C.
- 6 Decree in the 20th year of Artaxerxes Nehemiah 2:1-8
Nisan 445/444 BC



Outline (continued)

Daniel 9:26 (NASB) 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."

"Messiah cut off" From 445/444 B.C. 69 weeks or 483 years takes us to Jesus the Messiah dying in A.D. 33 (using the calculation of prophetic years, Jewish calendar or 360 days per year) as opposed to the Roman "solar" calendar of 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days per year. If used solar years, the total would be 476 years.



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"Have nothing"

People of the prince who is to come the Antichrist little horn of
Daniel 7:8,20-21,25 the beast of Revelation 13:1-8,15
see also Revelation 11:2-3; 12:6,14; 17:8; 19:19-21;
2 Thessalonians 2:2-12



Outline (continued)

Daniel 9:27 (NASB) 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."

"He"

"Make a firm covenant with many"

"Middle of the week" "the great Tribulation" Matthew 24:21,29;
Revelation 7:14 the "time of Jacob's trouble" Jeremiah 30:7
Matthew 24:15-21



Outline (continued)

Conclusion: How am I to respond to prophecy in the Bible?
What difference does it make? So what?





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A Kingdom Worth Living For

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Daniel 9:24-27
(NASB)

Daniel 9:25
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Encouragement



What relevance does prophecy have to me?

Encouragement Warning



What relevance does prophecy have to me?

Encouragement
Warning
Hope



What relevance does prophecy have to me?

Questions

1. What's it like to do a jigsaw puzzle that has missing pieces?
Whose handwriting do you find near impossible to decipher?
2. Do you like to study the end times (prophecy, the second coming, eschatology)? What emotions are stirred up in you by focusing on this subject?
3. What six things happen within 'seventy sevens' (see Daniel 9:24)?
Do you think these were fulfilled by Jesus' first coming? Do you think these are fulfilled in individual believers today? Do you believe these are fulfilled when the Jewish people turn to Christ when He comes in His second advent? Do you believe they are fulfilled when Jesus comes the second time for all believers? Do you believe these are fulfilled in all of these ways (all of the above!)?



Questions (continued)

4. What do the "seven sevens" and the "62 sevens" and the "one seven" mean? What do you make of all the math in the message from Gabriel to Daniel? Are we to take them literally or symbolically?
5. What is the abomination that causes desolation (Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)? Is it idol-making? State-church war? Armageddon? In the gospels, what is it (see Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14)?
6. Who do you believe the Messiah is in Daniel 9:25-26? Is he the same person or a different person in vs 25 from the Messiah mentioned in vs 26?



Questions (continued)

7. Who do you believe "he" is in Daniel 9:27? What evidence from Daniel 7:8,20-21,25 and some of the other scriptures mentioned here helps to identify this "he"? Revelation 13:1-8,15 see also Revelation 11:2-3; 12:6,14; 17:8; 19:19-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:2-12; Matthew 24:15

8. The Pastor gave three practical applications for studying prophecy. Of these three, which one particularly speaks to your heart? See below for a refresher on the 3 points.



Questions (continued)

Encouragement:

The way in which the God of all comfort, (2 Corinthians 1:3-8) comforts us. Jesus in John 16:33 (NASB) 33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." letting us know about suffering so when it comes, we aren't surprised, or lose our faith in Him and His promises.

Cycles of Suffering



Questions (continued)

Warning:

Cycles of Judgment God dealing with Israel through Babylonian Exile, through Antiochus IV Epiphanes in 168-164 B.C., through Roman Emperor Titus destroying temple and Jerusalem in A.D. 70

Revelation: the 7 seals trumpets bowls

Repentance

Watch alert awake

Watch events and signs

Watch and pray for sin & temptation

Watch and pray – spiritual warfare prophetic Prayer

1 Peter 4:7 (NASB) 7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.



Questions (continued)

Hope: end of suffering / end of sin / end of sinners / triumph of righteousness

Righteousness = Holiness Temporal value, eternal value more important.

Rejoicing Romans 5:3-5 James 1:2-4

Redemptive Factor

Luke 21:28 (NASB) 28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Completion of redemption that was begun by Jesus on the cross and in your life when you were saved.

