

# DISCERNING DANIEL

## God's Timetable

Text: Daniel 9

INTRODUCTION: Last week we saw how Daniel became a man of \_\_\_\_\_ – by going to the Word of God. After Daniel understood what was written in God's Word, he prayed a prayer of \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of his people, the Jews. In response to his prayer, God sent the angel Gabriel to reveal another vision to Daniel.

We can become men and women of understanding the same way that Daniel did. In fact, I told you last week that if you would become a serious reader and student of the Bible that you could understand a multitude of things, including God's timetable for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Many devoted students of the Scripture have referred to this passage as the single most \_\_\_\_\_ prophecy in the Bible. I do not think their appraisal is overstated. In just a minute we are about to read it. We are going to look at the prophecy line by line, and at times word by word. You can understand a great deal about God's timetable, which includes His timetable for the future.

### I. REMEMBER THE CONTEXT

In Bible study, Daniel discovered something wonderful. Jeremiah 25:11 And this whole land shall be a desolation *and* an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

#### A. The Captivity was determined by God to be for 70 years.

1. They had been in captivity for \_\_\_\_ years.
2. The captives of Judah were now under the authority of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire.
3. Daniel further read

Isaiah 44:28 Who says of Cyrus, '*He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."*'

#### B. Cyrus had been named by God, before he was king, before he was even \_\_\_\_\_, as the king who would let willing Jews return to their homeland and rebuild Jerusalem and the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. This discovery drove Daniel to \_\_\_\_\_ for his people and for his nation, as is recorded in Daniel 9:3-19.

**D. While he was praying, God sent the angel Gabriel, to bring a message to Daniel. That message is the prophecy revealing God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

Dan. 9:24-27 24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. 25 “Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, *There shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. 26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

## II. EXAMINE THE PROPHECY

Dan. 9:24 “Seventy weeks are determined

### A. Significance of 7's for Israel

1. 7 days/weeks – 7<sup>th</sup> day was holy – for \_\_\_\_\_ and worship (Sabbath)
2. Every seventh year was a Sabbath year – \_\_\_\_\_ was supposed to rest
3. 7 - 7 year periods – then came \_\_\_\_\_ (every 50 years) - slaves were freed, \_\_\_\_\_ forgiven, and lands returned.

### B. The Time Prescribed

1. 70 – 7's are determined (not literally \_\_\_\_\_)
2. Each 7 is 7 years
3. 70 – 7's = \_\_\_\_\_ years
4. God's prescription of prophetic time is 30 days/month, 12 months per year \_\_\_\_\_ days per year. (not our 365)

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### C. This prophecy is about the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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**FIVE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE 490 YEARS**

To finish the transgression, to make an end of sins,	<b>Sin and transgression shall reach their peak and be brought to an end.</b>
To make reconciliation for iniquity,	<b>Reconciliation between God and _____ will be provided.</b>
To bring in everlasting righteousness,	<b>Eternal _____ will be brought to the Jews.</b>
To seal up vision and prophecy,	<b>Vision and prophecy will be completed, never needed again.</b>
And to anoint the Most Holy.	<b>The Most Holy One will be _____.</b>

Dan. 9:25 “Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem...

**D. The starting point for counting the 490 years is from the command to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem.**

**1. There are 4 possible decrees**

- a. The decree of \_\_\_\_\_ in 536 B.C.
- b. The decree of Darius in 519 B.C.
- c. The decree of Artaxerxes in 458 B.C.
- d. The decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus in \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.

**Of these decrees only the \_\_\_\_\_ concerned the rebuilding of the city. The rest were only about the rebuilding of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

...until Messiah the Prince, *There shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

**E. 483 years after this command**

$$7 + 62 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$69 \times 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ years}$$

1. The streets and walls of \_\_\_\_\_ will have been rebuilt, even though it was done in troublesome times.
2. \_\_\_\_\_, the Prince shall come.

Daniel 9:26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

**F. After the completion of the 483 years, the Messiah will be \_\_\_\_\_ but not for \_\_\_\_\_.**

Daniel 9:26 ... And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

G. Also after the 483 years, \_\_\_\_\_ prince will come. The followers of that prince will \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem and the temple with great destruction and \_\_\_\_\_.

Then we come to the final period of \_\_\_ years.

Daniel 9:27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

H. A prince who is contrary to Messiah the Prince will confirm a \_\_\_\_\_ or treaty with the Jews.

1. He will honor the terms of the treaty for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
2. In the middle of the 7 years he will end the \_\_\_\_\_ and offerings in the temple.
3. He will commit the \_\_\_\_\_ of desolation – an act of blatant \_\_\_\_\_ and desecration in the temple itself.
4. This tragic state of affairs will continue until the \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PROPHECY AND THE AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S TIMETABLE.

70 weeks are determined for your people and your holy city.	God's plan for the _____ and Jerusalem will be accomplished over a period of 70 '7s' (_____ years).
To finish transgression, end sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, bring in righteousness, seal prophecy, and anoint the Most Holy.	In this period of time God will bring about an end to sin and a way for _____ with God by means of the Messiah.
<b>The 62 “7s” and 7 “7s”</b>	<b>The _____ 483 years</b>
From the command to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah will be 7 "7s" and 62 "7s".	From command of Neh. 2 by King Artaxerxes Longimanus until _____ entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was 483 years to the _____!
The street and wall shall be built again.	Jerusalem was rebuilt under _____.
After 62 "7s" (69 total) Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.	Jesus died on the cross for _____ sin a few days after entering Jerusalem.

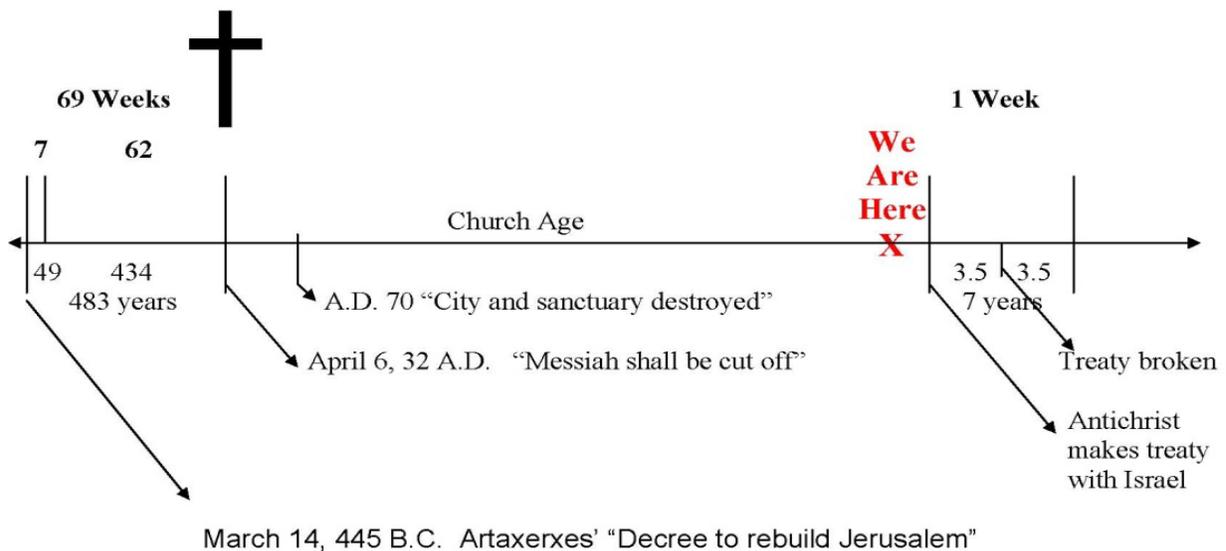
The people of the "prince to come" shall destroy Jerusalem and the temple.	The _____ destroyed the temple and Jerusalem in 70 A.D.
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But then the prophetic clock \_\_\_\_\_.  
 This prophecy is for the Jews and Jerusalem.  
 Rather than receive their king, they \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
 They cut Him off so He cut them off, for a \_\_\_\_\_.

The _____ "7"	The future 7 year _____
The "prince" will enter a covenant with Israel.	The _____ will enter a covenant (treaty) with Israel.
In the middle of the last "7" he will commit the abomination of desolations.	Antichrist will _____ the treaty at the _____ of the tribulation.
Until the consummation	This state continues until the Lord _____ at Armageddon.

Here is the whole picture in a graph.

# Daniel's Seventy "7s"



Conclusion: God's timetable has been perfect for \_\_\_\_\_% of this prophecy.  
 Don't you imagine the remaining \_\_\_\_\_% will be right as well? Are you ready?