

WHICH WAY, AMERICA?

Night 7 • Part 2

An Analysis of the 70 Week Prophecy

Daniel 9:24 – 70 weeks are “determined” for the Jews. 70 weeks = 490 years (See Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 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 2,300 days. Thus the “70 week” period is the first portion of the longer “2,300 day” period of Daniel 8:14. When would this “70 week / 2,300 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 and eighty-three (483) years from 457 BC bring us to AD 27 (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 AD 27] shall Messiah be cut off.” Jesus was “cut off,” crucified, because of our transgressions (Isaiah 53:5, 8).

Daniel 9:26b – “And the people [the Romans] of the prince [Prince Titus] that shall come [AD 70] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.” Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in AD 70 (Matthew 24:1–2; Luke 21:20)

Daniel 9:27a – “And he [Jesus Christ] shall confirm [Romans 15:8] the covenant with many [Matthew 26:28] for one week [the last 7 years of the 490 - from AD 27 to AD 34]. In the midst of the week [between AD 27 and AD 34] he [the Messiah – Jesus Christ] shall cause the sacrifice... to cease.” (See Matthew 27:50–51). In AD 34, 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.)

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 AD 70. (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 seven year period of “tribulation.” Many books on Bible prophecy express this view. Here are seven reasons why this “Future 70th Week of” Daniel 9:27 Theory is NOT true:

1. **“70 weeks”** does not imply a 2000 year **“gap”** between week 69 and 70.
2. It is logical 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 seven 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.



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