

WHICH WAY, AMERICA?

Night 7 • Part 3
Israel in Bible Prophecy

Who is Israel?

1. In the Old Testament, God made promises to **“the seed of Abraham.”**
2. This **“seed”** would continue in Isaac.
3. Isaac was born through faith.
4. Isaac represents those who have faith.
5. All who have faith—Jews and Gentiles—**“are counted for the seed.”**
6. This seed is the **“Israel”** of God.
7. God will fulfill His promises to this Israel ... and therefore:
8. **“The word of God”** to Israel has not been made of **“none effect”** even though many natural Jews do not believe.

10 reasons why the “one week” of Daniel 9:27 DOES NOT apply to a future 7-year period of tribulation.

1. The entire prophecy of Daniel 9:24–27 covers a period of **“70 weeks.”** This period applies to one complete, sequential block of time. This prophecy would start during the Persian period and end during the time of Messiah.
2. Logic requires that the 70th week follow immediately after the 69th week. If it does not, then it cannot properly be called the 70th week.
3. It is illogical to insert a 2,000 year gap between the 69th and 70th weeks. No hint of this gap is found in the prophecy itself. There is no gap between the first seven weeks and the following 62 weeks. Why insert one between the 69th and 70th weeks?
4. Daniel. 9:27 says nothing about a seven-year period of tribulation or about any antichrist.
5. The focus of this prophecy is the Messiah, not the antichrist. Modern interpreters have applied **“the people of the prince”** who would come to **“destroy the city and the sanctuary”** (vs. 26) to the antichrist. Yet the text does not say this. In the past, that sentence has been applied to the Romans, who under Prince Titus did **“destroy the city and the sanctuary”** in AD 70.
6. **“He shall confirm the covenant.”** Jesus Christ came **“to confirm the promises made unto the fathers”** (Romans 15:8). Nowhere in the Bible is the antichrist ever said to make or confirm a covenant with anyone! The word **“covenant”** always applies to the Messiah, never to the antichrist.
7. **“He shall confirm the covenant with many...”** Jesus said, **“This is my blood of the new testament [covenant], which is shed for many”** (Matthew 26:28). Jesus used the same words, because He knew He was fulfilling Daniel 9:27.

8. **“In the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease.”** The 70th week was from AD 27 to AD 34. After 3.5 years of ministry, Christ died in AD 31, **“in the midst [middle] of the week.”** At the moment of His death, **“the veil of the temple was rent [torn] in twain from the top to the bottom”** (Matthew 27:51). This act of God signified that all animal sacrifices had ceased to be of value at that moment. The Great Sacrifice had been offered.
9. **“For the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate.”** Jesus plainly applied this **“abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet”** (Matthew 24:15) to the time when His followers were to flee from Jerusalem before the destruction of the second temple in AD 70. Jesus told His 12 disciples, **“When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies”** [the Roman armies led by Prince Titus], then know that its desolation is near (Luke 21:20). Those disciples did **“see”** those very events. Christ’s very last words to the Pharisees from inside the second temple were, **“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate”** (Matthew 23:38). Thus Daniel’s prophecy about Jerusalem becoming **“desolate”** was exactly fulfilled in AD 70!
10. The angel, Gabriel, said that the 70-week prophecy specifically applied to the Jewish people (Daniel 9:24). From AD 27 to AD 34, the disciples went only **“to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”** (Matthew 10:6). At the end of 70 weeks, in AD 34, Stephen was stoned by the Jewish Sanhedrin (Acts 7). Then the gospel began to go to the gentiles.



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