

## **Lesson: The Seventy Weeks of Daniel**

**Key Text: Daniel 9:24-27**

**“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.” (*Daniel 9:24, KJV*)**

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### **I. Introduction**

#### **A. Context of Daniel’s Prayer**

- 1. Background: Daniel, while in Babylonian captivity, was studying Jeremiah’s prophecy that said Israel’s captivity would last 70 years (Jeremiah 25:11-12).**
- 2. Daniel prays for Israel’s restoration (Daniel 9:1-19).**
- 3. Gabriel appears to Daniel with a prophecy about Israel’s future (Daniel 9:20-23).**

#### **B. The Meaning of "Seventy Weeks"**

- The word "weeks" comes from the Hebrew word “shabuim”, meaning a set of seven.**
  - In prophecy, a week = 7 years.**
  - So, 70 weeks =  $70 \times 7 = 490$  years of prophecy concerning Israel and Jerusalem.**
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### **II. The Prophetic Timeline**

**Daniel’s prophecy spans 490 years, broken into three sections:**

- 1. First 7 weeks (49 years) – Rebuilding of Jerusalem.**
  - 2. Next 62 weeks (434 years) – Until the Messiah is "cut off."**
  - 3. Final 1 week (7 years) – The Tribulation period.**
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### **III. Verse-by-Verse Explanation**

## **1. Daniel 9:24 – The Purpose of the Seventy Weeks**

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**God’s purposes for these 490 years:**

- 1. To finish the transgression – Israel’s rebellion against God will end.**
  - 2. To make an end of sins – Sin will be judged.**
  - 3. To make reconciliation for iniquity – Fulfilled in Christ’s sacrifice (Isaiah 53:5).**
  - 4. To bring in everlasting righteousness – Will be fulfilled in the Messianic Kingdom.**
  - 5. To seal up vision and prophecy – All prophecy concerning Israel will be fulfilled.**
  - 6. To anoint the Most Holy – This could refer to the dedication of the Millennial Temple (Ezekiel 40-48).**
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## **2. Daniel 9:25 – The First 69 Weeks (7 Weeks + 62 Weeks)**

**“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.”**

- Start of the 70 Weeks: The prophecy begins with a decree to rebuild Jerusalem.**
- When was this decree issued?**
  - 445 BC – Decree by Artaxerxes to Nehemiah (Nehemiah 2:1-8).**
- First 7 weeks (49 years): Jerusalem is rebuilt during difficult times (Ezra, Nehemiah).**
- Next 62 weeks (434 years): Leads up to the coming of Messiah.**

### **Mathematical Calculation**

- 1. 7 weeks + 62 weeks = 69 weeks (483 years)**

2. 483 years from 445 BC (using Jewish prophetic years of 360 days per year) leads to approximately 32-33 AD – the time of Jesus' triumphal entry and His crucifixion.
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### **3. Daniel 9:26 – Messiah Cut Off & Destruction of Jerusalem**

**“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.”**

- **Messiah is "cut off" – Jesus is crucified (Isaiah 53:8).**
  - **“Not for himself” – Jesus died for the sins of others (John 3:16).**
  - **The people of the prince to come destroy the city – The Romans, led by Titus, destroyed Jerusalem & the Temple in 70 AD.**
  - **The prince that shall come – A reference to the future Antichrist, who comes from the revived Roman Empire.**
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### **4. Daniel 9:27 – The Final Week (The 7-Year Tribulation)**

**“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.”**

**This one week (7 years) is the Tribulation Period, broken into:**

1. **First 3.5 years – Antichrist makes a peace treaty with Israel.**
  2. **Midpoint (3.5 years) – The Abomination of Desolation (Matthew 24:15).**
  3. **Last 3.5 years – God’s judgments intensify (Revelation 16).**
  4. **End of the 70th Week – The Messiah returns (Revelation 19:11-16).**
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## **IV. The Gap Between the 69th and 70th Week**

- **Daniel 9:26 shows a gap between the 69th and 70th week.**

- This gap is the Church Age, where the Gospel is preached to the world (Ephesians 3:2-6).
  - The 70th week (7 years of Tribulation) begins when the Antichrist confirms a covenant with Israel.
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## V. Future Fulfillment of the 70th Week

Event	Time	Scripture Reference
Covenant Confirmed	Beginning of Tribulation	Daniel 9:27
Temple Rebuilt	Early Tribulation	Revelation 11:1-2
Antichrist Breaks Covenant	Midpoint (3.5 years)	Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15
Great Tribulation Begins	Last 3.5 years	Revelation 13:5-7
Jesus Returns	End of 70th Week	Revelation 19:11-16

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## VI. Conclusion

1. The 69 weeks (483 years) were fulfilled exactly, leading to Messiah's crucifixion.
  2. The 70th week (final 7 years) is yet to be fulfilled and refers to the Tribulation.
  3. This prophecy confirms God's precise timing and points to the soon return of Jesus Christ.
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## VII. Discussion Questions

1. How does the accuracy of Daniel's prophecy strengthen our faith?
2. What evidence shows that the 70th week is still future?
3. How should believers prepare knowing that the 70th week is coming?

## The Last Week of Daniel (Daniel 9:27) Split into Two Halves

If we assume:

1. **Jesus left in 33 AD** (Ascension)
2. **2000 years later would be 2033 AD** (potential return)
3. **The 70th week of Daniel (7 years) is divided into two halves:**
  - o **3.5 years (first half) for the Antichrist's rule**
  - o **3.5 years (second half) for God's intervention and wrath**

Then, the **final 7 years** before **2033 AD** would begin around **2026 AD**.

### Timeline Forecast (2026 AD - 2033 AD) Based on Scripture

Year	Event	Scripture Reference
2026 AD	<b>Covenant Confirmed</b> (Beginning of the 70th week) – The Antichrist makes a covenant with many for 7 years.	<b>Daniel 9:27</b> – "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week..."
2026 - 2029 AD	<b>First 3.5 Years – Antichrist's Rule</b>	
2026 AD	<b>Temple Rebuilt in Jerusalem</b> (Possibly in Progress or Completed)	<b>Revelation 11:1-2</b> – "Rise, and measure the temple of God..."
2027 AD	<b>The Two Witnesses Begin Their Ministry</b> (They Prophecy for 1260 Days – 3.5 Years)	<b>Revelation 11:3</b> – "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days..."
2028 AD	<b>Great Deception, Global Control, and Persecution of Saints</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians 2:3-4</b> – "That man of sin be revealed...so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God."
2029 AD (Midpoint of the 7 Years)	<b>Abomination of Desolation: Antichrist Declares Himself God, Persecution Begins</b>	<b>Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15-22</b> – "In the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease."
2029 - 2033 AD	<b>Last 3.5 Years – Great Tribulation and God's Wrath</b>	
2029 AD	<b>Flight of the Faithful (Remnant Flees to the Wilderness for 1260 Days)</b>	<b>Revelation 12:6</b> – "The woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God."
2030 AD	<b>God's Wrath Begins – The Seven Trumpet Judgments Begin</b>	<b>Revelation 8-9</b>
2031 AD	<b>Mark of the Beast Mandated for All Humanity</b>	<b>Revelation 13:16-17</b> – "He causeth all...to receive a mark."
2032 AD	<b>Final Plagues and Vials of Wrath Poured Out</b>	<b>Revelation 16</b> – "Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Scripture Reference</b>
<b>2033 AD</b>	<b>Messiah's Return – Jesus Comes Back as King of Kings</b>	<b>Revelation 19:11-16</b> – "Behold, a white horse... and he shall rule them with a rod of iron."
<b>2033 AD</b>	<b>Battle of Armageddon – Antichrist Defeated</b>	<b>Revelation 19:19-21</b> – "The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet."
<b>2033 AD</b>	<b>Satan Bound for 1000 Years – Beginning of the Millennium</b>	<b>Revelation 20:1-3</b> – "And he laid hold on the dragon...and bound him a thousand years."

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## **Conclusion**

If Jesus left in **33 AD** and returns exactly **2000 years later in 2033 AD**, then:

- The **final 7 years** (Daniel's 70th week) would begin in **2026 AD**.
- The **Antichrist would rise and rule from 2026 - 2029 AD**.
- **God's wrath would dominate the last 3.5 years from 2029 - 2033 AD**.
- **Jesus returns in 2033 AD** to establish the **Messianic Kingdom for 1000 years**.