

## THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF DANIEL 9 FULFILLMENT SUMMARY

The 70th week of Daniel 9 is the only prophecy that foretold when Messiah would start His ministry and die for our sins. The context of Daniel 9 is that the Jews are at the end of their 70-year captivity, and Daniel is inquiring about what will happen to them. Daniel was not seeking information about the end times or the antichrist, just about the destiny of the Jewish nation. Daniel 9:24-27 gives the answer.

Seventy Shemitah cycles are determined for the Jewish people. It points to seventy 7-year cycles, 490 years, which started with a command from Persian King Artaxerxes in 457 BC, so the 70<sup>th</sup> week occurred from 27-34 AD, which is the timeframe we know Messiah carried out His ministry and died for our sins. The 457 BC starting year is validated by the book of 1 Esdras, which is an extension of the book of Ezra. And it's verified by the Shemitah and year of Jubilee cycles, as a year of Jubilee took place in 457 BC when the captive Jews were set free.

Some people cite Nehemiah 2:1-8 to point to a later starting year of 445 BC, but that command by Artaxerxes was to restart the rebuilding of Jerusalem, as it had been stopped, which is why Nehemiah was sad. The original decree was given in 457 BC.

Daniel 9:24 defines six things to be fulfilled during the 490 years. The Jews cannot fulfill them. Our Messiah did with His blood atonement that paid for transgressions and reconciled the Jews, and us, with the Father. Isaiah 53 foretold Messiah being *wounded for our transgressions*, our *iniquities* when He was 'cut off.'

In Daniel 9:25-27, you see how the 70-weeks are structured. It starts with 7-weeks (one Jubilee cycle), during which the Jews were empowered to rebuild Jerusalem. Then 62 weeks of mostly silence from the prophets. Then the pinnacle of the prophecy, the last 7-years of the 70<sup>th</sup> week.

Daniel 9:25 points to *Messiah the Prince* appearing after 69 weeks. Daniel 9:26 points to Him dying after the 69 weeks, meaning in the 70<sup>th</sup> week. His multi-year ministry occurred in the 70<sup>th</sup> week, starting with His Isaiah declaration in the synagogue and anointing at His baptism.

Daniel 9:27 points to the timing of His death, in the middle of the 7-years. It caused the need for temple animal sacrifices to cease, as He is the one-time atonement for sin. The Father validated this when He tore the temple curtain in two, though the rebellious Jewish leaders continued sacrifices until their judgment in 70 AD.

Daniel 9:25-26 points to *Messiah the Prince*, so the 'he' in Daniel 9:27 is still Messiah, who came to ratify the *everlasting covenant* in the middle of the 70<sup>th</sup> week. The word 'prince' in Daniel 9:25 and 9:26 is the same Hebrew word, *nagiyd*. It makes no sense for the word *prince* to point to two different people. Many Jews believed in *Messiah the Prince*, 3,000 on Pentecost, and more were added daily. Messiah's Ekklesia was built on a foundation of Jews.

Messiah *confirmed* the everlasting *covenant* of Daniel 9:4. Daniel confessed that the Jews had failed to keep their agreement to obey the Heavenly Father's commands, and he knew that more punishment was coming on them, so he pleaded with the Heavenly Father to remember His covenant of mercy to those who love Him.

Daniel is pointing back to the covenant that was made with Abraham, who believed by faith. When Abraham took Isaac up to sacrifice him, Isaac asked, '*where is the lamb?*' Abraham told him that the Heavenly Father would provide a lamb. After seeing Abraham's faithfulness, the Heavenly Father provided a ram caught in the thicket to sacrifice. But Abraham and Isaac understood that the Spotless Lamb would come to *confirm* the everlasting *covenant* with His blood to atone for their sins.

The word '*for*' in Daniel 9:27 is added by the translators, making it seem to point to a 7-year covenant. It's simply pointing to the last week of seven years. The word *confirmed* tells us that it preexisted. Abraham looked to the spotless Lamb to *confirm* the *covenant* with His blood. The New Testament has many verses about Messiah and the covenant that He ratified with His blood as the Spotless Lamb, and no verses about the antichrist making a covenant.

Matthew 26:28 says *For this is my blood of the new testament (covenant), which is shed for many for the remission of sins.* In these words, we find four things that agree with the prophecy of Daniel 9:27. The One who was to *confirm the covenant*, Messiah. The *covenant* itself, which was mentioned in Daniel 9:4, the everlasting covenant. That which *confirmed* the covenant, the blood of Messiah. Those who receive the benefits of the covenant, *the many* who believe in Him.

Hebrews 7:2 tells us that He is the *surety of the covenant*, that He is the bondsman who *ratified* it with His blood. Hebrews 8:6, 9:15-17, 12:24 say that He is the *Mediator of the covenant*. Hebrews 13:20 says that we're saved through the blood of the *everlasting covenant*, shed by Messiah. Romans 15:8 says that He was sent to *confirm the promises made unto Abraham*. Galatians 3:17 points to Him *confirming the covenant*.

The '*people*' are the Jews, who are declared in Daniel 9:24 as '*thy people.*' *Messiah the Prince* is of the tribe of Judah, so the Jews are '*the people of the prince.*' The Jews caused Jerusalem and the temple to be destroyed as it was their punishment for rejecting Messiah and delivering Him up to be killed. Titus wanted to save Jerusalem and the temple, but the Jews' wickedness in killing their own people caused Titus to destroy them.

When you see how the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 prophecy validates the authority of the Bible and the deity of Messiah; when you see the glory of Messiah carrying out His ministry in the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel and dying in the middle of the seven years as the Spotless Lamb to atone for our sins; then you see the grand deception that's based on this prophecy.

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