

**Daniel:** Chapter 9

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Chapter 9:1-27: Around 539 BC; 66 years after Daniel was taken captive in 605.

**Dan 9:1** In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

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- Darius- (see notes at 5:31)
  - first year- (third year of Cyrus?- 10:1)

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Ezr 4:4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, 5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, **all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.** (*Emp. added*)

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**Dan 9:2** In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

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Jer 29:10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

Ezr 1:1 Now in the **first year of Cyrus king of Persia**, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. 3 *Who is there* among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and **build the house of the LORD God of Israel**, (He *is* the God,) which *is* **in Jerusalem.** (*2 Chron 36:20-23*) (*Emp. added*)

- understood by books- after reading the writings of Jeremiah, Daniel understood the number of years.
- accomplishing of the desolations- when Israel was to fulfill his captive state (*70 years*) from beginning to end. (609-539 BC)

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**Dan 9:3** And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

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- Daniel took his praying seriously.

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**Dan 9:4** And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments;

**Dan 9:5** We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments:

**Dan 9:6** Neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, which spake in Thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

**Dan 9:7** O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto Thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither Thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against Thee.*

**Dan 9:8** O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion (*shame*) of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee.

**Dan 9:9** To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him;

**Dan 9:10** Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

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- *"In this confession we have a Jew who loved Jews but who confessed that the Jews had radically departed from God despite His graciousness and repeated warnings."*

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- Daniel, like Moses, identifies himself with the people. Read Exo 32:30-33.
- The righteous suffer because of the unrighteous but are refined by trial. Read Neh 1:4-9.

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**Dan 9:11** Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy Law, even by departing, that they might not obey Thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the Law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.

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- Daniel puts *"the stamp of divine authority on the law (of Moses)."*

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**Dan 9:12** And He hath confirmed His words, which He spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

**Dan 9:13** As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand Thy truth.

**Dan 9:14** Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all His works which He doeth: for we obeyed not His voice.

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- Up until that point God had not punished Israel as He did here (*thus the reason for Daniel's prayer here*) because of Zedekiah's lack of honoring God and his rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar. There would be a later siege that would make this one seem small in comparison. The Roman siege of 70 AD. (The Destruction of Jerusalem- by Ray Murray Jr., The Siege, pgs. 14 and 15) Read 2 Kin 24:15-20; 25:1-3.

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#### Concerning 70 AD

Eze 5:8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, *am* against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. 9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. 10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the

sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.  
 11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled My sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish *thee*; neither shall Mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

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**Dan 9:15** And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought Thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten Thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

**Dan 9:16** O Lord, according to all Thy righteousness, I beseech Thee, let Thine anger and Thy fury be turned away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us.

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- Daniel here reminding God (*as if He really needed reminded*) how He became known to the world because of bringing Israel out of the bondage of the Egyptians. God was not the One actually being reminded here. He was using this incident to remind Daniel of why the children of Israel were being held in captivity by a king other than Pharaoh. It was because of their sin in forgetting God as God that got them in trouble in the first place as it was here. Ex 9:13-16

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- Remember when Moses also tried to remind God of this very thing (*only Moses was the one being reminded*)?

Exo 32:11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth Thy wrath wax hot against Thy people, which Thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? 12 **Wherefore should the Egyptians speak**, and say, For mischief did He bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from Thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against Thy people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants, to whom Thou swarest by Thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for ever. (*Emp. added*)

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**Dan 9:17** Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Thy servant, and his supplications, and cause Thy face to shine upon Thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

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- Daniel's concern was for both the city (6:10) and the sanctuary (*temple-which was located in Jerusalem*) which served as a focus of worship toward God.

1Ki 8:41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of Thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for Thy name's sake; 42 (For they shall hear of Thy great name, and of Thy strong hand, and of Thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and **pray toward this house**; 43 Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to Thee for: **that all**

**people of the earth may know Thy name, to fear Thee, as do Thy people Israel;** and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by Thy name. *(Emp. added)*

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**Dan 9:18** O my God, incline Thine ear, and hear; open Thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by Thy name: for we do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousnesses, but for Thy great mercies.

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- "We don't call on You because of our righteousness but because we need Your mercy".

Tit 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy** He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; *(Emp. added)*

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**Dan 9:19** O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God: for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name.

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- hear/forgive/do- why? Because Your city (*Jerusalem*) and people (*Israel*) are owned by You! In other words, we don't want to be an embarrassment to You. John wrote concerning "spiritual" Israel.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will **write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem,** which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and *I will write upon him My new name.* *(Emp. added)*

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**Dan 9:20** And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

**Dan 9:21** Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

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- whiles I was speaking- Gabriel interrupts Daniel's prayer after Daniel had made his point of asking for forgiveness for his people Israel and for himself.

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- Gabriel- Archangel (?) mentioned four times in the Bible. (Dan 8:16; 9:21, Lk 1:19, 26) *(Even though Gabriel is never mentioned as being an archangel it doesn't say that he isn't. – 10:13 [Was Attila the Hun the only Hun?])*

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- fly swiftly- from two Hebrew words: 3286-to tire (as from wearisome flight [*Webster: flight 6. a soaring above the ordinary*]) and 3288-fatigue (adverbially utterly exhausted). Gabriel was in a state of weariness when he came to Daniel (10:20).

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- evening oblation-

#### H4503 מִנְחָה minchâh *min-khaw'*

From an unused root meaning to *apportion*, that is, *bestow*; a *donation*; euphemistically *tribute*; specifically a sacrificial **offering** (usually **bloodless** and **voluntary**): - gift, oblation, (meat) offering, present, sacrifice.

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**Dan 9:22** And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

**Dan 9:23** At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

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- Gabriel's mission was to give Daniel wisdom and understanding.

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- Gabriel was sent as soon as Daniel began to pray.

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- greatly beloved- because of Daniel's humility expressed in his supplication, the meaning of the vision was given to him.

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**Dan 9:24** 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.

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- Seventy weeks- (70 x 7). Week- (*Heb.7620-literally sevened, that is, a week [specifically of years]*)

Seven is a number of completion...

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were **finished**, and all the host of them. 2 And on the **seventh day** God **ended** His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from **all** His work which He had made. 3 And God blessed the **seventh day**, and **sanctified it: because** that in it He had rested from **all** His work which God created and made. (*Emp. added*)

Seventy times seven then equals the ultimate in completion. It was this formula that Jesus used to show how we are to forgive when asked. It is to be a **complete** forgiveness.

Mat 18:22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until **seventy times seven**. (*Emp. added*)

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- In verse 2 we find that the Babylonian captivity was to last a literal 70 years, and since there was no evidence that Israel kept the law of the seventh year sabbath of the land, it is understood that this was how God convicted them of this sin. Read Lev 25:2-4; 2 Chr 36:20-21.

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- Wayne Jackson: *"If each of the seventy captivity-years represented a violation of the sabbatical-year requirement (every seventh year), as 2 Chron 36:21 appears to suggest, this would indicate that Israel had neglected the Divine injunction for approximately 490 years. The captivity era therefore looked **backward** upon five centuries of sinful neglect. At the same time, Daniel's prophecy telescoped **forward** to a time -some 490 years into the future- when the "Anointed One" would "make an end of sins"(9:24). Daniel's prophecy seems to mark a sort of midway point in the historical scheme of things."*

*Thus, "A final decree, a decree which will embody all the necessary elements to fulfill all the promises and bring an end to the commonwealth of Israel under Moses."*

*"When these seventy weeks have run their course God will have finished altogether His work with the Jews as a [Mosaic] commonwealth."*

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Isa 44:28 That saith (v.24 Thus saith the LORD...) of (concerning) Cyrus, He is My shepherd, and shall perform all My pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Ezr 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia (539 BC), that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Who is *there* among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (He is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

Ezr 6:14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

*(See also 2 Chron 36:22-23)*

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- finish transgression- From two Hebrew words: 3607- to restrict, by act (*hold back or in*) or word (*prohibit*) and 6588- a revolt (*national, moral or religious*):-rebellion, sin. *"To let transgression reach its peak or limit."* Mat 23:32-39

Gal 3:19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added **because of transgressions, till the seed should come** to Whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. (*Emp. added*)

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- make an end of sins- Heb 1:3; 10:4, 12; Rom 5:11; 8:3
  - make reconciliation for iniquity- Rom 5:6-10; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Col 1:20-22; Heb 2:17

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- bring in the everlasting covenant- Jer 23:5-6; Heb 8:6, 12; 12:27-29
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- seal up the vision- "to bring in the fullness of the revelation." It is at this point, all the prophesies of Daniel have been fulfilled. If anyone were to use Daniel to explain some modern day event, he is to be considered a false prophet.

Luk 24:44 And He said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in the prophets*, and *in the psalms*, concerning Me. (*Emp. added*)

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- anoint the most Holy- The Most Holy here is referring to the Messiah or the Christ. Act 2:27-28; 10:38
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- In the Old Testament there were three groups of individuals who were to be anointed; prophets, priests and kings.

Examples:

Exo 28:41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt **anoint them**, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me **in the priest's office**. (*Emp. added*)

1Ki 19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou **anoint to be king** over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou **anoint to be prophet** in thy room. (*Emp. added*)

Jesus was/is all three.

Mat 24:21 For then (*70 AD*) shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Heb 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even Jesus*, made an high **priest** for ever **after the order of Melchisedec**. (*Emp. added*)

Heb 7:1 For this **Melchisedec, king** of Salem, **priest** of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; (*Emp. added*)

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**Dan 9:25** 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.

**Dan 9:26** 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.

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- Concerning Cyrus- Isa 44:28; 45:13; 2 Chr 36:22-23; Ezr 1:1-2
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- "About the time Daniel is reading the prophets, Cyrus gives the command." **Rebuild!** From the time of Cyrus' decree to the **completion** of the rebuilding of Jerusalem is **7 weeks**. From the completion to the coming of Christ was **62 weeks!**  $7 + 62 = 69!$

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- troubulous times- (See Nehemiah 4)
- $7 + 62 = 69$  weeks! **After** the **62nd** week is completed, on the **70th** week (*70 weeks x 7 days in each week = 70 x 7 = completion*) the Messiah is **cut off** (*here speaking of Christ's crucifixion*).

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for **He was cut off** out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken. (*Emp. added*)

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- prince- the first Prince refers to Christ. The people of the prince were the Romans under Titus (prince) the son of Vespasian (a.k.a. Caesar) in 70 AD. That was when Titus led the Roman army in destroying Jerusalem and the temple thus ending the Mosaic commonwealth of Israel.

Heb 8:13 In that He saith, A new *covenant*, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. (Written pre 70 AD)

- All by divine decree "*the city and the sanctuary will go down in judgment*".
- the flood- the military might of Rome over Jerusalem as was Assyria over Judah.

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Isa 8:7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the **waters of the river, strong and many**, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. (*Emp. added*)

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) (*Emp. added*)

"Titus now began to attack the city from the north. Three walls were used here to defend the city, but the first was breached within 15 days. Some soldiers during this early breakthrough were able to go all the way to the Temple and put up the Roman Eagle and their battle standards in the Temple (\*abomination... standing in the Holy Place). The Romans were repulsed. At about this time, Titus sent Josephus as an emissary to try and get the Jews to peacefully surrender the city and save further loss of life. He also withdrew the siege. It was at this point that all the Christians in the city fled to Pella. They did this because of the warning given by Jesus to flee when they saw the city surrounded by the armies. As far as we know all Christian were able to flee. The Jews rejected the offer of Titus and the siege began again for the last time. 4 By July of 70 AD the fortress of Antonia had been captured. Yet the gates of the Temple held for one more week. Even after breaching the walls of the Temple grounds, the inner court held out for one

more day. The Temple finally fell on the anniversary day of the capture of the Temple by the Babylonians in 586 BC.” (\*mine) *from: The Destruction of Jerusalem by Ray Murray, Jr.*

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**Dan 9:27** 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.

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- covenant- new covenant means new agreement.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: (*Emp. added*)

Mat 26:28 For this is My blood of the **new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (*Emp. added*)

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- one week- the **70th week**, in which:
  1. the commonwealth of Israel ends,
  2. the Messiah is cut off, resulting in...
    - a. the blessings of verse 24,
    - b. the destruction of the temple and city (70 AD),
    - c. sacrifices and oblations cease **at the cross**.

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nauling it to His cross**; (*Emp. added*)

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *even the law of commandments contained* in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (*Emp. added*)

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- Because of the "overspreading" (*Heb 3761-an edge or extremity*) of Israel's sins, Rome comes as God's pawn to bring a full end of the commonwealth of Israel under Moses. Physical Israel survived the Babylonian captivity but only spiritual Israel the Roman occupation, destruction and persecution.

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### Timeline (*approx.*)

**Solomon** (*reigned 970-930 BC*) built the original temple.....**957 BC**

**Babylonian captivity** began.....**606 BC**

**Solomon's temple** completely destroyed by the Babylonians.....**586 BC**

**Cyrus** called for reconstruction of the temple.....**538 BC**  
(Due to some opposition the construction was halted.)

**End of Babylonian captivity** (*70 years from its start*).....**536 BC**

<b>Darius</b> resumes reconstruction.....	<b>521 BC</b>
<b>Temple reconstruction</b> finished.....	<b>518/517 BC</b>
<b>Temple dedication</b> .....	<b>516 BC</b>
<b>Herod</b> began his renovation of the temple.....	<b>20-19 BC</b>
<b>Birth of Christ</b> .....	<b>3 BC</b>
<b>Herod's temple completed</b> .....	<i>(aprox)</i> <b>26 AD</b>
<b>Crucifixion/resurrection of Christ</b> .....	<b>30 AD</b>
<b>Herod's temple destroyed</b> by the Romans.....	<b>70 AD</b>

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