

## 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;

- 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.**

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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*)

- 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:

- 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.

**Exo 32:30** And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. **31** And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. **32** Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written. **33** And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book.

- The righteous suffer because of the unrighteous but are refined by trial.

**Neh 1:4** And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, **5** And said, I beseech Thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and observe His commandments: **6** Let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel Thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against Thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. **7** We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which Thou commandedst Thy servant Moses.

**Neh 1:8** Remember, I beseech Thee, the word that Thou commandedst Thy servant Moses, saying, *If* ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: **9** But *if* ye turn unto Me, and keep My commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set My name there.

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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)

**2Ki 24:15** And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. **16** And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. **17** And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. **18** Zedekiah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and **he reigned eleven years** in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. **19** And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. **20** For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until He had cast them out from His presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

**2Ki 25:1** And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about. **2** And the city was besieged **unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.** **3** And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

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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.

**Exo 9:13** And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let My people go, that they may serve Me. **14** For I will at this time send all My plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like Me in all the earth. **15** For now I will stretch out My hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. **16** And **in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee My power; and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth.**

- 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.

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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.

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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;

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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.

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.*

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads.

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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.

- 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.
- 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?])
- 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).
- evening oblation-

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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.

**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.

- Gabriel's mission was to give Daniel wisdom and understanding.
- Gabriel was sent as soon as Daniel began to pray.
- greatly beloved- because of Daniel's humility expressed in his supplication, the meaning of the vision was given to him.

**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.

- 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.

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.**

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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.

**Lev 25:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. **3** Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; **4** But in the **seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land**, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

**2Ch 36:20** And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: **21** To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, **until** the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for as long as* she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil **threescore and ten years**.

- **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."*
- At this point I have found that we can deduce that the seventy times seven cannot be taken literally without having to use "some pretty impressive scriptural gymnastics" ([grandbychurchofchrist.org](http://grandbychurchofchrist.org)). **Wayne Jackson's** use of 457 BC as the starting point of his literal 70 x 7 explanation speaks of that time in history when **Ezra** took "a company from Babylon to Jerusalem". This fits his explanation on the time frame but fails when we put it into the context of when **Cyrus** gave the original decree to rebuild (538 BC). The seventy years the **Israelites** spent in captivity began in (*aprox.*) 606. With **Cyrus'** decree in 538 the end of the

captivity would have been near (*by aprox. 2 years*). If we go by the idea of the literal beginning of the 70 x 7 as being 457 BC (*when Ezra lead that company from Babylon to Jerusalem*) the Babylonian captivity would have lasted 149 years and not the literal 70 (*v. 2; Num 14:34*). Also, if the captivity was a literal seventy years then the seventy weeks (*even if week meant 7 years-Heb.7620*) would also have to be taken literally. Since we can't do that, then the 490 weeks/years are to be taken as figurative. (*see timeline below*)

*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 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. **33** Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? **34** Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city: **35** That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. **36** Verily I say unto you, **All these things shall come upon this generation.** **37** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have



gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! **38** Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. **39** For I say unto you, Ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, **Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**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.

- make an end of sins-

**Heb 1:3** Who being the brightness of *His* glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had **by Himself purged our sins**, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**Heb 10:4** For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins

**Heb 10:12** But this man, after He had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;

**Rom 5:11** And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom **we have now received the atonement.**

**Rom 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh:**

- make reconciliation for iniquity-

**Rom 5:6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **8** But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by** the death of **His Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**2Co 5:17** Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **18** And all things *are* of God, who hath **reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. **20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. **21** For He hath **made Him to be sin for us**, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

**Col 1:20** And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to **reconcile all things** unto Himself; by Him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. **21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath He **reconciled** **22** In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in His sight:

**Heb 2:17** Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to **make reconciliation** for the sins of the people.

- bring in the everlasting covenant-

**Jer 23:5** Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will **raise** unto David a **righteous Branch**, and a King shall **reign and prosper**, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. **6** In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

**Heb 8:6** But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a **better covenant**, which was **established upon better promises**.

**Heb 8:12** For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I **remember no more**.

**Heb 12:27** And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those **things that are shaken**, as of things that are made, that those **things which cannot be shaken may remain**. **28** Wherefore we **receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved**, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: **29** For our God *is* a consuming fire.

- seal up the vision- "*to bring in the fullness of the revelation.*" It is at this point, all the prophecies 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.**

- anoint the most Holy- The Most Holy here is referring to the Messiah or the Christ.

**Joh 1:41** He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the **Messias** (*Gk.3323-Christ*), which is, being interpreted, the **Christ** (*Gk.5547-anointed*).

**Act 4:27** For a truth against Thy holy child **Jesus, Whom Thou hast anointed**, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people

of Israel, were gathered together, **28** For to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done.

**Act 10:38** How God **anointed Jesus** of Nazareth **with the Holy Ghost** and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

- 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**.

**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.

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**.

**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;

**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.

**Isa 44:28** That saith of 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.

**Isa 45:13** I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build My city, and he shall let go My captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

**2Ch 36:22** Now in the **first year of Cyrus** king of Persia, that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, 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, **23** Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and He hath charged me to build Him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all His people? The LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

**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.

- *"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!***

- 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.

- 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**.

**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.

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:) (*Holy place here refers to the church where refuge was/is.*)

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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:

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

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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, **nailing it to His cross**;

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;

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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**

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| <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>                |

"After a somewhat in depth study with various sources the above timeline is what I've come up with. This is what fits, in my opinion, the best of the literal captivity of seventy years (606-536 BC) and the figurative seventy sevens from the time of the rebuilding to the crucifixion of Christ (538 BC-30 AD)." Charli Yana

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