



Tonight we are going to look at the 7 year tribulation. We will confirm where it is located in the bible, how do we now it is 7 years and when is it going to happen according to Gods Word. This period of time is often referred to as the 70th week of Daniel and there are portions of this prophecy that have already been fulfilled exactly as Daniel said it would.

This speaks to the plurality of biblical prophecies meaning, when one prophetic passage has been fulfilled it often answers many questions or a plurality of prophecies as we will see tonight.

Many times not just in the bible but in our own lives we have seen opportunities for God to fulfill His Word when we think He should. But, He chooses His Time, which is always perfect in order to be Truthful to His Word. God loves us and it is His desire that we love Him and trust Him in all that we do. This requires faith in how He performs His Will and Plan for not just our lives but for everyone.

Last week we finished speaking of Joseph who went through a difficult time of refining. God was not just concerned about Joseph but for a whole nation. In Genesis Chapter 37 who had been hated by his own brothers, stripped of his coat of many colors, left in a pit, sold to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver...look what happened to him and how he responded to his brothers.

Genesis 50:20 KJV

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Genesis 50:20 GNT

20 You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened.

If Joseph had not been in Egypt, had not been in position to be used by God the Hebrew people would of died. So, God has a plan and a purpose to everything.

Now, back to Daniel... By the time we get to Chapter 9 we discover that the Medes and Persians have taken over Babylon. Also, the jews are getting the urge to go back home to Israel.

Daniel understood something about this. According to the prophet Jeremiah there would be 70 years of captivity then God would bring the children of Israel back out.

Jeremiah 25:11-12 KJV

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

Jeremiah 25:11-12 GNT

11 This whole land will be left in ruins and will be a shocking sight, and the neighboring nations will serve the king of Babylonia for seventy years. 12 After that I will punish Babylonia and its king for their sin. I will destroy that country and leave it in ruins forever.

Let's begin Daniel chapter 9...

Daniel 9:1-2 KJV

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;

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.

Daniel 9:1-2 AMP

1 In the first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus, of the offspring of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans

2 In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the books the number of years which, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass by before the desolations [which had been] pronounced on Jerusalem should end; and it was seventy years.

Daniel has a scroll of Jeremiah and realizes in chapter 25 and 2 other places that he says 70 years are going to be determined of captivity and then God is going to bring you back.

As Daniel is looking at the scroll he starts praying a prayer from Daniel Chapter 9:3-19. In this prayer Daniel is repenting for the sins of Israel, the judges, the priests etc, asking God to be merciful unto His people and bring them back to the holy city in the way He said to Jeremiah that He would.

Daniel 9:3-19 KJV

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

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;

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:

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.

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.

8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In the midst of this prayer, the 70 years of captivity is about to end, God is going to restore the city of Jerusalem and the temple. Then the angel of the Lord, Gabriel appears to him...

Daniel 9:21-22 KJV

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.

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

Daniel 9:21-22 AMP

21 Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the former vision, being caused to fly swiftly, came near to me and touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice.

22 He instructed me and made me understand; he talked with me and said, O Daniel, **I am now come forth to give you skill and wisdom and understanding.**

Daniel 9:21-22 GNT

21 While I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came flying down to where I was. It was the time for the evening sacrifice to be offered.

22 He explained, “Daniel, **I have come here to help you understand the prophecy.**”

Note: The angels in throughout the bible appear during the time of the morning and evening sacrifices which is 9am and 3pm.

The angel of God, Gabriel tells him the captivity is up and God is going to keep His Word. But there is more instruction...

Daniel 9:24-27 AMP

24 Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish and put an end to transgression, to seal up and make full the measure of sin, to purge away and make expiation and reconciliation for sin, to bring in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy and prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies.

25 Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Anointed One, a Prince, shall be seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it shall be built again with [city] square and moat, but in troublous times.

26 And after the sixty-two weeks [of years] shall the Anointed One be cut off or killed and shall have nothing [and no one] belonging to [and defending] Him. And the people of the [other] prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood; and even to the end there shall be war, and desolations are decreed.

27 And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.

The first thing we are going to do is find out what Daniel is speaking about when he says 70 weeks are decreed upon or determined upon.

Daniel 9:24-27 AMP

24 Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem] ...

Daniel 9:24-27 KJV

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city

When I think of a week I think of 7 days, 7 days equals one week. But in Hebrew, “weeks” also refer to 7 weeks of years or 7 years and not just 7 days. Now, let me explain to you why.

In Daniel, the hebrew word for weeks (70 weeks) is *shabua* (shaw-boo'-ah) and it is used 6 times in the book of Daniel. It is used 4 times in Daniel 9:24-26 and 2 times in Daniel 10:2-3. Normally a week would be 7 days.

For example in Daniel chapter 10:2-3, he was fasting for 3 weeks. Now, he was not fasting for 21 years but 21 days. This is a reference to where this word refers to days. (3weeks = 3, 7 day/weeks=21 days).

Daniel 10:2-3 KJV

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

But when you look at Daniel Chapter 9, he is not referring to 70 weeks of days which is 490 days (70 7 (day/weeks)). Daniel is talking about 490 years here. Once again, weeks means: 7 days or 7 years. (70 weeks = 70, 7 year/weeks = 490 years).

Daniel 9:24 AMP

24 Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem]...

Another way to prove that this (weeks) is 7 years and not 7 days we can go to the book of Genesis 29:15-30 and discover that Jacob worked for 7 years to get the wife (Rachel) he wanted but still got the wrong one (Leah). His future father in law Laban gave him the wrong one and this is what Laban says to Jacob in order to get Rachel.

Genesis 29:27-28 KJV

27 Fulfill her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

In verse 30, he didn't work 7 days, he worked 7 years.

Genesis 29:30 KJV

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

This became known as the time of Jacobs Trouble. The time of Jacobs trouble was the fact that he worked for 7 years and got the wrong women. He didn't want Leah he wanted Rachel but then had to work 7 more years to get her. The prophets speak of this time, Jacobs Trouble in Jeremiah 30:7. But Jacob, shall be saved out of it.

Jeremiah 30:7 KJV

7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

This is not referring to the book of Genesis where Jacob had to work for 7 years, but its taking that time of 7 years and referring to a time in the future that we now know as the tribulation which is 7 years in length which is a time of Jacobs Trouble or Israel's Trouble.

Genesis 32:28 KJV

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

I want to make this real clear. In studying the New Testament, God has spoken to us, the church about this End Time.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 KJV

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Revelation 3:10 KJV

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Luke 21:36 KJV

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

The 7 years of mans final government on earth, the 7th and 8th empires which releases the antichrist during the tribulation is not for the church/the raptured church. It is a time of Jacobs Trouble or Israel's Trouble. This will be a time of trouble for Israel. In the book of Daniel Chapter 12, Michael is the archangel for the jewish people.

Daniel 12:1 KJV

12 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1 GNT

12 The angel wearing linen clothes said, "At that time the great angel Michael, who guards your people, will appear. Then there will be a time of troubles, the worst since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, all the people of your nation whose names are written in God's book will be saved.

In the book of Daniel, it is a prophecy for the Jews, Jerusalem and for the nation of Israel. All of Daniel deals with that and it reveals Gentile nations that will affect Israel throughout it's history. This also includes a final kingdom, which will be the kingdom of the beast or the kingdom of the antichrist which begins with globalism (first 42 months) with the antichrist ruling from Mystery Babylon and the final 42 months where he (antichrist) reveals who he really is and dominates/rules like iron.

So, let's break down this passage in Daniel in order to show you the plurality of bible prophecy taking place and proving the accuracy of Gods Word not just at the Time Of The End but in all "things".

Gabriel will also be telling Daniel of the approximate time that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will come and be "cut off" or "crucified". He will also give the exact number of years of Israel's continued existence which equal 490 years. Then will skip thousands of years going into the period of time which has not yet come to pass - the "Tribulation period".

Daniel 9:21-27 King James Version

21 "Yea, while 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.”

Daniel 9:24-27 Amplified Bible (AMP)

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22 He instructed me and made me understand; he talked with me and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and wisdom and understanding.

23 At the beginning of your prayers, the word [giving an answer] went forth, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved. Therefore consider the matter and understand the vision.

24 Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish and put an end to transgression, to seal up and make full the measure of sin, to purge away and make expiation and reconciliation for sin, to

bring in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy and prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies.

25 Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Anointed One, a Prince, shall be seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it shall be built again with [city] square and moat, but in troublous times.

26 And after the sixty-two weeks [of years] shall the Anointed One be cut off or killed and shall have nothing [and no one] belonging to [and defending] Him. And the people of the [other] prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood; and even to the end there shall be war, and desolations are decreed.

27 And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.”

First, let's break this down a little bit so we can start to understand what is happening.

Daniel 9:21 King James Version

21 “Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man (angel/masculine) 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”.

The phrase, “Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer,” proclaims to us the vast significance of faith filled prayer.

Daniel 9:22 King James Version

22 “And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.”

The phrase, “and he informed me, and talked with me” proclaims a Message of vital significance; therefore an angel was sent.

The phrase, “and said, O Daniel” presents the fact that the Lord not only knows your name, but as well, some of us are discussed in heaven, even as was Daniel.

The phrase, “I am now come forth to give you skill and understanding” pertains to Israel in the last days, with the beginning of those days having already begun.

Daniel 9:23 King James Version

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.”

The phrase, “at the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth,” proclaims the fact, that from the beginning of his petition before the Lord, God had been listening and answered.

Note: This is also the pattern that is continued in chapter 10 or the Daniel Fast chapter.

Daniel 10:1-14 Amplified Bible (AMP)

1 “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar. And the word was true and it referred to great tribulation (conflict and wretchedness). And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three whole weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant or desirable food, nor did any meat or wine come into my mouth; and I did not anoint myself at all for the full three weeks.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was on the bank of the Great River Hiddekel [which is the Tigris],

5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz.

6 His body also was [a golden luster] like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet like glowing burnished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the noise of a multitude [of people or the roaring of the sea].

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision [of this heavenly being], for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me, for my fresh appearance was turned to pallor; I grew weak and faint [with fright].

9 Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep, with my face [sunk] to the ground.

10 And behold, a hand touched me, which set me [unsteadily] upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

11 And [the angel] said to me, O Daniel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you and stand upright, for to you I am now sent. And while he was saying this word to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he said to me, **Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind and heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence of [and in response to] your words.**

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. **Then Michael**, one of the chief [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I have come to make you understand what is to befall your people in the latter days, for the vision is for [many] days yet to come.”

Back to Daniel 9:23...

Daniel 9:23 King James Version

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.”*

The phrase, “at the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth,” proclaims the fact, that from the beginning of his petition before the Lord, God had been listening and answered.

The phrase, “I am come to show you” proclaims, as well, the fact that already the wheels were in motion, so to speak, to bring to fulfillment that for which Daniel had sought - and more.

The phrase “For you are greatly beloved,” proclaims to the Prophet a witness of personal assurance from God.

The phrase, “Therefore understand the matter, and consider the Vision,” was meant not only for Daniel, but for every believer thereafter.

Daniel 9:24 King James Version

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.”*

The phrase, “seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon the holy city,” literally means “70 sevens”. The Hebrew word for “week” is “shabua,” meaning “seven”. The “seventy weeks” translates into 490 years.

The phrase, “to finish the transgression” refers to Israel's rebellion against God, and more particularly, the Crucifixion of Christ, which has placed them in a state of “transgression” from that day until this.

The phrase, “and to make an end of sins,” refers to the Second Coming of Christ, with Israel then accepting Him, and what He did at the Cross that man might be saved, including Israel.

The phrase, “and to make reconciliation for iniquity” means that He will pay for or atone/cover our sins at the Cross. The word reconciliation actually means “atonement”.

The phrase, “and to bring in Everlasting righteousness,” refers to the fact that Israel, having accepted Christ, will stray no more. Their imputed righteousness will be everlasting.

The phrase, “to seal up the vision and the prophecy,” means that all of these things will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ.

The phrase, “and to anoint the most holy,” refers to the building of the Millennial Temple, which Ezekiel graphically describes in the last nine chapters of his book.

Daniel 9:25 King James Version

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.”

The phrase, “know therefore and understand,” presents the explanation.

The phrase, “that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem,” actually pertains to that for which Daniel had been praying. Gabriel plainly tells him that the seventy years dispersion is now coming to an end and that Jerusalem is to be restored and rebuilt.

The phrase, “unto the Messiah the Prince” refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, who was to come and, in effect, as approximately the time that He would come.

The phrase, “Shall be seven weeks” refers to 49 years.

The phrase “after three score and two weeks,” refers to 434 years with both numbers totaling 483. But as we shall see, this is a gap between the two periods.

The phrase, “the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times,” has to do with the difficulty in the wall and the city being restored. All of this is recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah, which has to do with 7 weeks of years or 49 years.

Daniel 9:26 King James Version

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.”

The phrase, “and after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off”, refers to the Crucifixion of Christ, and the time it would happen. Consequently, from this description given by Gabriel, it was known as to when the Messiah would be born and when he would die.

The phrase, “but not for Himself,” refers to the fact that Jesus did not die for crimes He had committed, for He committed none. He died for mankind, taking upon Himself man’s deserved penalty.

The phrase, “and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary,” has a double meaning. It refers not only to Rome, which would destroy Jerusalem and the Temple, but, as well to the coming Antichrist, who will do the same.

The phrase, “and the end thereof shall be with a flood,” reverts now to Rome, and what she will do in destroying the city. It would be a “flood” of destruction.

The phrase, “and unto the end of the war desolations are determined,” pertains to the fact that Israel, which is in perpetual war with the Lord, will have desolations determined upon her until the end of that war, which will take place at the Second Coming.

Daniel 9:27 King James Version

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.”

The phrase, “and he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week”, refers to the antichrist making a seven year covenant with Israel and other nations, which he will do at the beginning of the Tribulation.

The phrase, “and in the midst of that week (7 years) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,” means that he will actually turn on Israel, breaking his covenant with her, attacking her, actually taking over Jerusalem and the Temple, which will stop the sacrificial worship, etc.

The phrase, “and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate”, refers to the fact that he will actually set up a statue of himself in the Temple, and demand that all worship the statue, i.e. that all worship him.

The phrase, “even until the consummation,” refers to the conclusion of the seven year Tribulation.

The phrase, “and that determine shall be poured upon the desolate,” refers to all the prophecies being fulfilled regarding the great suffering that Israel will undergo through the last three and a half years of this “one week” or seven years.

We know, by confirming Gods Word, by study, that the term "week" is being used to describe a 7 year period in this passage. So, 70 weeks is equal to 490 years in the vision that Daniel had.

Daniel 9:25 King James Version

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.”

Now, we must find the date that the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem occurred so as to have a starting point of the 490 years.

Nehemiah 2:1-8 King James Version

1 “And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.”

The twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king was 445 BC. The angel told Daniel that from the date of the order to rebuild Jerusalem, unto the arrival of the long awaited Messiah would be 69 of the 70 weeks (483 years). So, the angel told Daniel that from 445 BC to this Messiah would be 483 years.

There are 360 days in a Jewish year. Based on this, it is 483 years or 173,880 days from the order to rebuild Jerusalem unto this long awaited Messiah. When you do the math, it is incredible to find that the time period ends the exact day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem, just days before His crucifixion and resurrection proving Jesus is the Messiah.

We just found out 69 of those weeks (483 years) has past. But we are looking at the 70th tonight and a total of 70 weeks or 490 years was predicted by the angel in verse 24 to bring in everlasting righteousness and anoint the most Holy.

Since we discovered that it was only 483 years from the order to rebuild Jerusalem, to the day Jesus entered Jerusalem, that leaves this extra week, or 7 year period. What is this 70th Week?

There is a simple explanation for this. The Bible makes it clear that when Jesus was crucified and resurrected, that Israel's "time clock" stopped and it now began a time period known as the "time of the Gentiles" that is spoken of in Gods Word.

Luke 21:24 King James Version

*24 "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the **times of the Gentiles** be fulfilled."*

Romans 11:25 King James Version

*25 "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the **fulness of the Gentiles** be come in."*

It is the period of time which begins after Jesus' resurrection but before the promised 1000 years of peace on earth known as the Millennium. Just before the Millennium, there will be a 7 year time period known as the "End Times" or "Tribulation".

From the time of Jesus' resurrection to these "End Times", is the period of time known as the "Time of the Gentiles", a time where Gentiles (individuals from any nation other than Israel) have been given the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior.

How do we know that the "Time of the Gentiles" didn't begin until the death of Jesus?

Matthew 10:5-7 King James Version

5 "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As you can see, the LORD has allotted a specified period of time for the Gentiles to accept Jesus as their Savior which began at His Resurrection and the start of the New Covenant and continues until the "End Times".

Galatians 4:4-5 King James Version

4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

This fulness of time refers to the Time of the Jewish people who were under law given by Moses.

John 1:17 King James Version

17 “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

When you read Romans Chapter 11, you’ll find that anyone of God’s chosen people of Israel can be saved during the “Time of the Gentiles” as well. The New Covenant (which would include the gentiles) could not begin until the Testator of it Died,

Hebrews 9:15-17 King James Version

15 “And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

*17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the **testator** liveth.”*

The New Testament and the “Time of the Gentiles” began after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now, we are going to look at the Biblical timeline to better understand this “Time of the Gentiles”.

We see that Abraham, who was called by God to become the Father of God's chosen people, was born around 2000 AA (after Adam). If God's chosen people of that time period got from 2000 AA until 4000 AA which is 2000 years then that would suggest that 2000 years would be given as the Time of the Gentiles as well.

In short, the Jewish people received a certain amount of time to choose God, but chose their selfish ways instead and then Jesus was sent from Heaven, but the Jewish people did not accept Him as Lord. Their time period stopped and the time of the Gentiles began.

The Bible says that at this time all other nations and races (Gentiles) would receive the same amount of time (2000 years) to accept the Lord. When the "Gentiles" time period ends, it will bring about the last "week" or seven year period that we spoke of earlier. This 7 year period of time is called ... The End Times.

It is interesting that in the book of Revelation:

- o The Antichrist reigns terror for 3 1/2 years (Chapter 13)
- o The two witnesses prophecy for 3 1/2 years (Chapter 11)
- o The woman in the wilderness is hidden for 3 1/2 years (Chapter 12) ... Is it coincidental that 3 1/2 years is exactly half of 7 years?

It is obvious that the End Times are split into two, 3 1/2 year periods (the 7 remaining years from the 490 years). There will be an End Times period for the Gentiles, then a gathering and "Rapture" of those believing Christians. Then an End Times period for the Israelites and a gathering and a "Rapture" for the Jewish believers and those who became Christians during the second 3 1/2 years.

Daniel 9:26-27 King James Version

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.

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.”

This prophecy tells of "the people of the prince that shall come" (Antichrist's empire) "confirming a covenant" (deal or treaty) with Israel for 7 years, but will break the covenant in the "midst" of the 7 years and set out to destroy Israel.

This means that these countries will "confirm" or agree with a peace treaty made between Israel and then break the deal during the 7 year time period.

Be on the look out for any peace treaty made with Israel.