

Bible Prophecy Made Easy - Daniel 9 and 12

Read all of Daniel 9 in a KJ or NKJ Bible, as they provide the best translation. This study focuses on verses 24-27. Try to put aside what you've been taught about the 70th week of Daniel, and let the Word of God speak to you.

The context of the 70 weeks of Daniel prophecy is that Daniel knew that the Jews 70 year captivity in Babylon was near its end, and he earnestly prayed to know what would happen to His people, and their city, Jerusalem.

Elohim was giving the Jews one last chance to repent of their evil ways before the Lord, which had caused their captivity, and to prepare for the promised Messiah. It has nothing to do with the end times or the antichrist.

They were told that after 69 weeks (483 years) had passed, their Messiah would appear, and that for seven years His covenant would be *confirmed* to the Jews. (70 weeks, 7 days in a week = 490 days. 1 day = 1 year, so 490 years)

The 490 year timeline started in 457 B.C., when Ezra left Babylon with the decree from Artaxerxes to restore levitical rule and the people to Jerusalem.

483 years later, in 27 A.D, Jesus started His ministry, when He was anointed at His Baptism and then in the synagogue He read the prophecy in Isaiah and proclaimed "*The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me.*"

So what covenant would the Messiah confirm to the Jews?

- The renewed Covenant which fulfilled the promise in Jeremiah 31:21, "*Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.*"
- The New Covenant, which Jesus ratified with His shed blood, when He was 'cut off', when He was crucified, as the Lamb of God on Passover, to atone for sin.
- The New Covenant, which brought *an end to* (the need for temple animal) *sacrifice and offering.*

Matthew 26:28 tells us that Jesus fulfilled this, '*And He (Jesus) said to them, "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*

In these words we find four things which agree with the prophecy of Daniel 9:27:

- "the One" who was to confirm the covenant, Jesus the Messiah;
- "*the covenant*" itself;
- that which "*confirmed*" the covenant, the blood of Christ;
- those who receive the benefits of the covenant, the "*many*" who believe in Him as their Messiah.

Isaiah 49:8 foretold that the Messiah would be a covenant to His people, "*Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and **give thee for a covenant of the people**, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages.*"

Jesus confirmed that it was He who was sent to be a covenant for the Jews, by his knowledge of the Words of God, by his miracles, by His shed blood, by His being sacrificed as the Passover Lamb, and by His resurrection.

Romans 15:8 says, "*Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to **confirm** the promises made unto the fathers.*"

Galatians 3:17 says, "*And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul **the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ**, that it should make the promise of no effect.*"

It's not just a 7-year covenant, it's the *eternal* covenant, which was offered to the Jews first for seven years.

After Jesus was crucified, resurrected and ascended to Heaven, His disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the Gospel was preached to the Jews, with 3,000 Jews coming to faith on the day of Pentecost.

The Apostles continued preaching the Gospel to the Jews daily in the temple area, and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Peter proclaimed that the Gospel was given to Jews first. *"To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."* Acts 3:26

They preached to the Jews, though the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, tried to stop them. *"many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand."* Acts 4:4

Even many Jewish priests came to accept Jesus as their Messiah. *"The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith."* Acts 6:7

When the Jewish leaders stoned Stephen the Apostle to death, it finalized their rejection of Jesus as their Messiah.

After Stephen was killed, Paul was converted to become the Apostle to the gentiles. Peter was given the vision to preach to the Gentiles, and they received the Holy Spirit.

At this point a shift occurred, where the Apostles and Early Church began preaching the Gospel to Gentiles too, which no doubt marks the end of the 7-year period of preaching to the Jews alone.

Many in the Early Church fled Jerusalem after Stephen's stoning, and began preaching the Gospel in the regions of Judea and Samaria.

Philip was directed to preach the Gospel to the Ethiopian Eunuch, then he preached in all the cities unto Caesarea.

Paul was converted to become the Apostle to the Gentiles and he started many Churches in other countries.

Here's a brief explanation of how the prophecy of the 70th week of Daniel was fulfilled:

Verse 25 tells us that *MESSIAH THE PRINCE* (Jesus) would arrive AFTER 69 weeks (483 years) had passed.

Jesus was anointed when He was baptized. We know this because at the beginning of His ministry, He proclaimed in the temple, *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me."*

Verse 26 tells us that the *MESSIAH* (still Jesus) *shall be cut off*, killed (not for His sins, but for the sins of others).

Verse 27 tells us that Jesus death occurred *in the middle of the week*, 3 1/2 years after He started His ministry, which history proves to be true.

Christ being "cut off" fulfilled Isaiah 53:8, *"For He was **cut off** from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken."*

Verse 26 tells us that *the people of the prince shall desolate the city and sanctuary*. The people were the Roman army of Prince Titus who desolated the city and temple in 70 A.D., because most of the Jews rejected Him as their Messiah.

Verse 27 tells us that *he* (still Jesus) *shall confirm a covenant with many for one week*. Jesus offered the New Covenant to the House of Israel during His ministry, and many believed in Him as their Messiah.

Verse 27 tells us that *He* (still Jesus) *shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering*. When Jesus died as the Passover Lamb of God, He fulfilled the Sinai Covenant, thereby ending the need for temple sacrifices.

If Christ, the Son of God, was destined to take the place of sinful man, and die the death of the cross, was it not reasonable that He should also be party to the agreement that would require His life?

In Hebrews 9:15-17, the covenant delivered to Abraham is identified as the New Covenant that Christ "*confirmed*" by the shedding of His blood. It identifies Christ not only as the One who validated that covenant, but also as its author!

*"And for this reason **Christ is the Mediator of the new covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. **For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator**. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since **it has no power at all while the testator lives.**"*

It's telling us that the Abrahamic Covenant could not be confirmed or ratified until the One who made it died.

Hebrews 9:28 states that "*Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many,*" which is a perfect match to Daniel 9:24-27. Jesus' sacrificial offering covered all of the sins that are listed in Daniel 9:24, and His sacrifice made to save many.

Hebrews 7:22 tells us, "*By so much was **Jesus made a surety of a better covenant.***"

The word "surety" means "*to pledge*" as a "*bondsman*". When Jesus co-created the Abrahamic Covenant, He agreed to be the surety, the blood sacrifice, that would confirm the covenant.

Hebrews 8:6 tells us, "*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.*"

Ezekiel 37:26-27 confirms that it was Jesus who made an everlasting covenant, that established peace between God and man. And He setup a spiritual temple that can never be abolished, which is made up of His people.

*"Moreover **I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**"*

Jesus the Messiah was the mediator, the messenger and the ratifier, of the covenant of grace which was confirmed with many, both Jews and Gentiles, so that the promise made to all nations in Abraham would be fulfilled.

Isaiah 42:6, "*I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; **I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles.**"*

It is not referring to an Antichrist covenant with Israel, which is totally out of context with the prophecy. It is not referring to the end times, as neither the 'Antichrist' or a '3rd temple' aren't mentioned in the text.

The deception of a future 70th week of Daniel, the supposed 7-year tribulation period, was created by the Jesuits of Rome in the 16th century, to deflect blame away from the Roman Catholic Church, which all of the Protestant Reformers had identified as the antichrist beast of Revelation, and the office of the Papacy, the Son of Perdition. By causing you to believe in a future one man antichrist, they cause you to not realize who the real enemy of Christ and His followers are, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, specifically the Jesuits of Rome.

Daniel 12 is about the fulfillment of the 70 weeks of Daniel prophecy, it is not about the end times.

The angel came to explain more about the fulfillment of the 70 weeks of Daniel prophecy, as Daniel was distraught after learning that His people, the Jews, would cause the Messiah to be killed, and that they would be desolated.

Daniel 9:26 "*And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.*"

Daniel 9:27 "*And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.*"

Here is a timeline of how those verses in Daniel 9 and Daniel 12 were fulfilled:

The Roman army (whose pagan ways were an *abomination* to the Jews) surrounded Jerusalem (the *Holy Place*) in 66 A.D., which was the *Abomination of Desolation*, the sign to the disciples to flee. See Luke 21:20

Then the army left for no apparent reason (the hand of God,) allowing Christians to escape to the mountains.

The second division of the Roman army led by Prince Titus surrounded the city, but due to the death of the Roman Emperor, they did not invade the city, so they camped around it and cut off the food supply.

This led to 100's of millions of deaths from infighting, crucifixion, *starvation* and *famine*. Josephus the Jewish historian records that people would sneak out of the city walls at night to find food, only to be caught by the Romans and crucified. So many were crucified that all of the trees had multiple bodies on them. A wealthy lady was caught eating her baby for food. Bandits roamed the city slitting people's throats, even in the temple area. One man, by consent of his family, killed his parents, his children, his wife and then himself, in order to not face a worse fate. And nobody buried anyone, as that would endanger their lives, so many bodies filled the city. This fulfilled Daniel 12:1 "*And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time.*"

In 70 A.D., after 1,290 days had passed from the sign of the Abomination of Desolation, the Roman army *flooded* the city, stopped the temple sacrifice, and *desolated* it, including destroying the temple as Jesus had proclaimed.

100's of thousands of Jews died by the Roman sword and 97,000 taken captive as slaves, fulfilling Luke 21:24

The killing stopped suddenly (Matt 24:22) when the last stronghold abruptly surrendered after 45 days (after 1,335 days total), which caused Christian captives to be set free, fulfilling Dan. 12:12 and Matt. 24:13

The desolation of Jerusalem, the temple and the Jews in 70 A.D. fulfills the following prophecies:

- Jesus Wedding Feast parable, where they rejected Jesus, and an army was sent to "*destroy them.*" Matt. 22:7
- Jesus warned the Jews leaders that all of the blood they shed "*will come on this generation.*" Matt. 23:35-36
- The Jewish leaders curse on themselves, that "*His blood be on us and our children.*" Matt. 27:25
- Jesus being led to the cross, "*do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.*" Luke 23:28
- More than 1 million Jews died around Jerusalem, but all of the elect who accepted Jesus as their Messiah were *delivered*, with not one recorded death, fulfilling the *Time of Jacob's trouble* in Dan. 12:1

Now that you understand the truth about the fulfillment of the 70th week of Daniel and Daniel 12, you know that anyone who is teaching a futuristic fulfillment of these prophecies, is either deceived or a deceiver.

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