

COUNTING
— THE —
DAYS
— TO —
MESSIAH

RECOGNIZE THE PROMISED MESSIAH

*We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly
and rebelled, turning aside from
your commandments and rules.*

*We have turned away
from you and have not
obeyed you.*

(v. 3)

*We have not listened
to your servants
the prophets.*

(v. 6)

*We have not obeyed
the LORD our God
by keeping the laws
he gave us.*

(v. 10)

*We have not brought
before you our
offerings and gifts.*

(v. 10)

*We have not honored
your name.*

(v. 6)

*We have not kept
the Sabbath.*

(v. 14)

*We have not shown
mercy to the needy.*

(v. 14)

*We have not turned
from our evil ways.*

(v. 14)

*We have not
shunned the nations
and their abominations.*

(v. 16)

DANIEL 9:5-16

20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God,

21 while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.



INCLUSIO OF DANIEL 9:1-27



9:1-2

THE BEGINNING

In the first year of Darius, Daniel understood from the books the number of the years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, would come to an end, namely, seventy years.

FOCUSED ON
70 YEARS
OF JERUSALEM'S EXILE

THE HEART

9:3-23

DANIEL SEEKS THE LORD
IN PRAYER AND GABRIEL
BRINGS UNDERSTANDING



9:24-27

THE END

Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint a most holy place.

FOCUSED ON
70 SEVENS
(490 YEARS)
OF GOD'S REDEPTIVE PLAN

FROM THE END OF 70 YEARS
OF EXILE (v. 2)



TO THE 70 SEVENS (490 YEARS)
OF GOD'S PURPOSE (vv. 24-27)

THE FIRST SEVEN WEEKS

Restoration of Jerusalem

DANIEL 9:25a

“From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
until Messiah the Prince...”



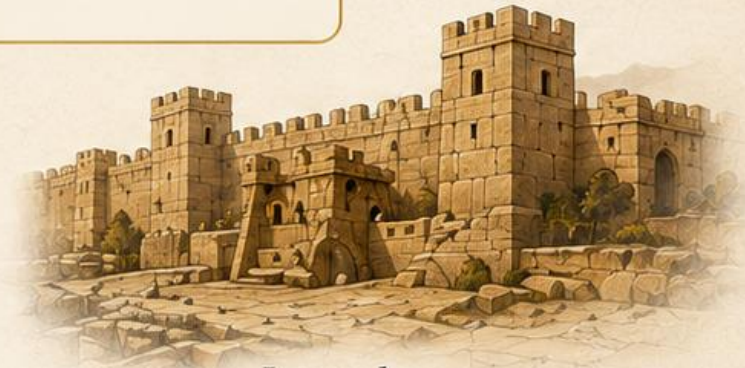
Starting Point:

The decree of Artaxerxes I
to Nehemiah
(Nehemiah 2:1–8)

445 BC

7 WEEKS
(49 YEARS)

From the decree to the
restoration of Jerusalem.
(In times of distress)
Daniel 9:25a



Jerusalem
restored and
rebuilt

396 BC

← 49 YEARS →



Purpose: To restore Jerusalem with its streets and walls.
(cf. Ezra 7:11–26; Nehemiah 2:1–6)

THE NEXT SIXTY-TWO WEEKS

Jerusalem to Messiah

DANIEL 9:25b

“...and sixty-two weeks until Messiah the Prince.”

62 WEEKS
(434 YEARS)

From the restoration of Jerusalem
to the coming of Messiah the Prince.
Daniel 9:25b

434 YEARS

396 BC

AD 32/33



Messiah the Prince
appears in Jerusalem
(Triumphal Entry)



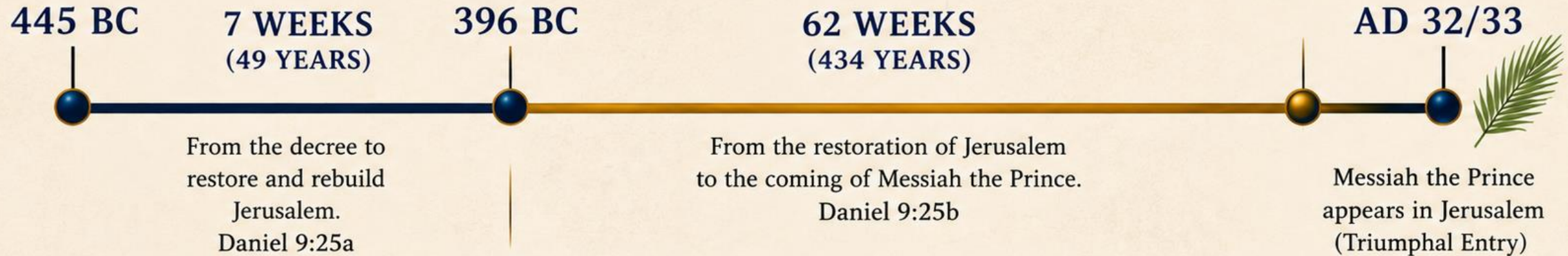
Purpose: The time between the restored city and the appearing of Messiah.
(cf. Luke 19:28–40)

THE SIXTY-NINE WEEKS TOGETHER

A Single Prophetic Timeline

DANIEL 9:24–25

“Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and your holy city...”



69 WEEKS = 483 YEARS
(7 WEEKS + 62 WEEKS)



Key Truth: The 69 weeks are a continuous period from the decree to restore Jerusalem until the appearing of Messiah the Prince.

WHAT COMES AFTER THE SIXTY-NINE WEEKS?

Daniel 9:26–27

THE TEXT RAISES THE QUESTION

69 WEEKS COMPLETE

(483 YEARS)

DANIEL 9:26

“After the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off and have nothing.”

(Events: Messiah cut off, city and sanctuary destroyed, people of the prince to come.)

GAP (UNCERTAIN LENGTH)

(The Church Age)

DANIEL 9:27

“And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week...”

(The final week of years.)

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ANDERSON'S PROPOSAL

The 70th Week Follows After a Gap

69 WEEKS (483 YEARS)

Messiah the Prince appears
(Triumphal Entry)
AD 32/33

DANIEL 9:26

(Messiah cut off, city destroyed, prince to come)

CHURCH AGE (GAP)

(Unknown length of time)

70TH WEEK (7 YEARS)

Daniel 9:27

According to Sir Robert Anderson, the final (70th) week is a future 7-year period for Israel. It begins after the Church Age and the Rapture.



Different scholars propose different starting points and calculations.
We must let Scripture guide our understanding.

COUNTING — THE DAYS TO — MESSIAH

RECOGNIZE THE PROMISED MESSIAH

457 BC



DECREE
TO RESTORE
JERUSALEM

DANIEL 9:25

408 BC



JERUSALEM
RESTORED
AND REBUILT

DANIEL 9:25

AD 27



MESSIAH
THE PRINCE
APPEARS

DANIEL 9:25

AD 30



MESSIAH
IS CUT OFF

DANIEL 9:26

AD 70



JERUSALEM
AND THE TEMPLE
DESTROYED

DANIEL 9:26

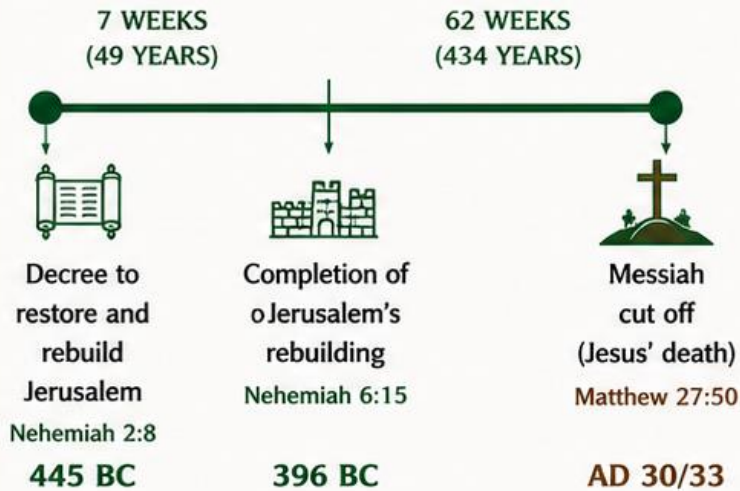
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The Time of the Gentiles

The Great Parenthesis Between the 69th and 70th Weeks of Daniel

“Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy Place.” Daniel 9:24

THE FIRST 69 WEEKS (483 YEARS)



THE TIME OF THE GENTILES (THE GREAT PARENTHESIS)

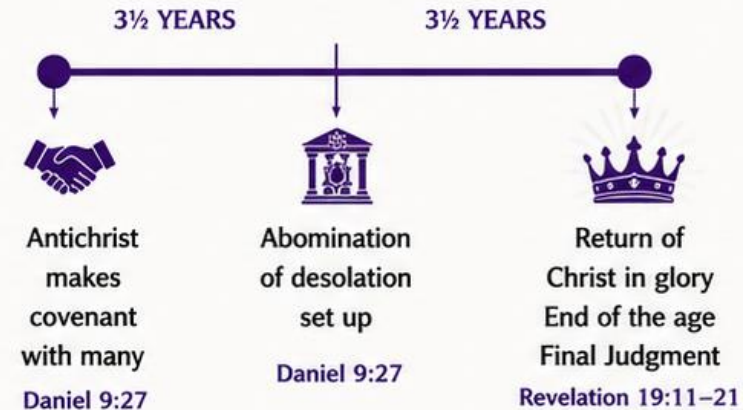


The Gospel goes to all nations
(Matthew 28:19–20)
Israel is set aside for a time while
God calls out a people from among the Gentiles.
Luke 21:24

The Fullness
of the Gentiles
(Romans 11:25)

PROPHETIC CLOCK PAUSED
(Mystery revealed in the Church Age – Eph. 3:1–6)

THE 70TH WEEK (7 YEARS)



HOW IT WORKS

- The first 69 weeks (483 years) were fulfilled literally in history.
- The Messiah was “cut off,” and the program for Israel was paused.
- The “time of the Gentiles” began.
- In the future, God will resume the 70th week (7 years) to fulfill the final events.

SUMMARY TIMELINE



KEY SCRIPTURES

- Daniel 9:24–27 – The 70 weeks
- Luke 21:24 – “The times of the Gentiles”
- Romans 11:25 – Until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in
- Ephesians 3:1–6 – The mystery revealed: Gentiles are fellow heirs
- Revelation 19:11–21 – Christ returns to reign

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” Romans 11:29

The Physical Jerusalem Rejected Jesus, and Has Been Eclipsed by the Church, *the Spiritual Jerusalem*



HAGAR
Mount Sinai
(Arabia)
Children for
Slavery



SARAH
The Jerusalem
Above
Mother of
the Free

GALATIANS 4:23–26

- 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise.
- 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from **Mount Sinai**, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar.
- 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the **present Jerusalem**, for she is in slavery with her children.
- 26 But **the Jerusalem above is free**, and she is **our mother**.

The physical Jerusalem (Mount Sinai) corresponds to slavery.
The spiritual Jerusalem above corresponds to freedom.

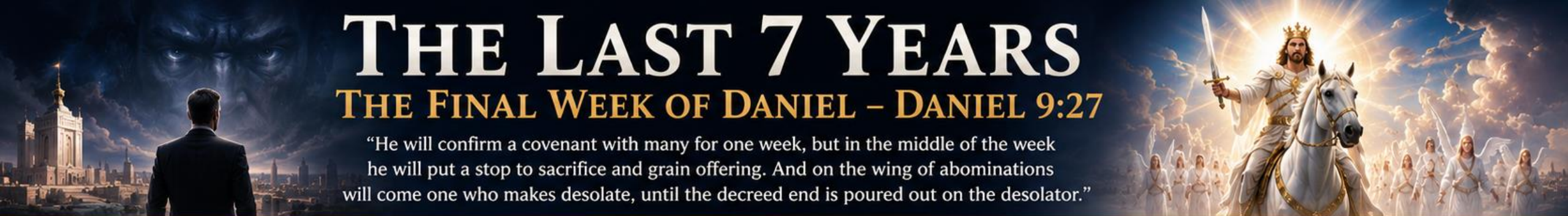
BUT IS THIS PERMANENT?

ROMANS 11:25–29

- 25 I do not want you to be ignorant of **this mystery**, brothers, so that you will not be conceited: A **hardening in part** has come to Israel, **until the full number of the Gentiles** has come in.
- 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:
- “The Deliverer will come from Zion;
He will remove godlessness from Jacob.*
- 27 *And this is My covenant with them
when I take away their sins.”^h*
- 28 Regarding the gospel, they are **enemies** on your account; but regarding election, they are **loved** on account of the patriarchs.
- 29 For God’s gifts and His call are **irrevocable**.



A current hardening is temporary.
When the fullness of the Gentiles comes in,
God will turn again to Israel and save “all Israel.”



THE LAST 7 YEARS

THE FINAL WEEK OF DANIEL – DANIEL 9:27

“He will confirm a covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering. And on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”



“UNTIL THE DECREED END IS POURED OUT ON THE DESOLATOR.” Daniel 9:27

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THE SPIRIT
BEHIND THE
ANTICHRIST
(2 Thess. 2:9)

THE ANTICHRIST
“THE DESOLATOR”
(Dan. 9:27)

THE DECREED END
IS POURED OUT
JUDGMENT ON THE DESOLATOR

THE RETURN
OF CHRIST
IN POWER AND GLORY
(Rev. 19:11-16)

NEW LIGHT DAWNS

RIGHTEOUSNESS DWELLS.
GOD’S KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED.
HIS GLORY FILLS THE EARTH.
(Isa. 60:1-2; Rev. 21:4)



EVIL JUDGED. CHRIST VICTORIOUS. GOD’S PURPOSE FULFILLED.

