

## **Explanation of the Seventy Weeks Daniel 9:24-27**

"Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for 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. {25} "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. {26} "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; 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. {27} Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. 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."

This passage of scripture extends from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem, down to the second coming of Jesus Christ -- from 457 B.C. to the end of the age.

### **The Six Great Components to This Prophecy.**

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| 1. To finish transgression.             | 4. To bring in everlasting righteousness |
| 2. To make and end to sin.              | 5. To seal up vision and prophecy.       |
| 3. To make reconciliation for iniquity. | 6. To anoint the Most Holy.              |

### **Bible Numerology For Interpreting The 70 Weeks.**

- **The seven year week - Genesis 29:27-28**

***Genesis 29:27-28*** "Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years." {28} Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave

*him his daughter Rachel as wife also.*

- **A year for a day - Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6.**

**Numbers 14:34** *'According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection.*

**Ezekiel 4:6** *"And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.*

### **The prophetic period of time divided into sections.**

The prophetic period of time here is divided into four sections.

1. 7 weeks or 49 years.
2. 62 weeks or 434 years.
3. First half of one week - 3 1/2 years.
4. Second half of one week - 3 1/2 years.

### **Unto the Messiah, the Prince was to be 69 weeks or 483 years.**

Jesus Christ became the Messiah at His baptism in the Jordan, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Hebrew word for Messiah is "Anointed." The Anointed One - Luke 3:21-23.

The simplest way of arriving at the date of the "Commandment to restore and build Jerusalem" is to measure backward from the anointing of Jesus.

- He was 30 years of age at the time of His anointing - Luke 3:23.
- Add this to 457 years B.C. at which time the commandment was given - Ezra 7:11-26. This gives us 487 years.
- Now subtract the 4 years mistake of our present Calendar. This leaves 483 years, or exactly 69 prophetic weeks.
- The last week is seven years.

When Jesus was "Anointed" 69 of the 70 weeks was in the past. But one week remained to be fulfilled.

**The 70th week was to be given for the confirmation of the Covenant.**

**The First half of the one week Jesus confirms the Covenant.**

The Covenant was to be confirmed for 1 week, or 7 years. Jesus Christ confirmed the Covenant the first 1/2 of the 70th week. From the time of the Messiah, anointing of Christ, to the end of His earthly ministry is exactly 3 1/2 years.

In the midst of the week He, Christ, was to cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease. This He did by the offering of Himself on the Cross. The sacrifice and oblations were those of the Law of Moses. Nothing could abolish those ordinances but the offering of the real antitypical Lamb of God - John 1:29. The sufferings of Christ satisfied every demand of the Law as it says in Romans 10:4. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Thus from the time of the "Going forth of the commandment" to the Crucifixion of Christ 69 1/2 full weeks of 486 1/2 actual years had passed.

Between the end of the first half of the 70th week and the beginning of the last half of the same week, the entire church age must intervene. Mistaken interpretations are responsible for the placing of the last week in the end of the present age. Just half of the 70th week remains to be fulfilled.

**The Second Half of the One Week the Two Witnesses Confirm The Covenant.**

***Revelation 11:3*** "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth."

The last half of the 70th week given over to the confirmation of the

covenant by the Two Witnesses, who confirm it by signs and wonders of the judgments of God. Even as Jesus confirmed it in the first half in signs and wonders of Grace as it says in Romans 15:8. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers.

Revelation 11-12-13 chapters bring the last half of the 70th week into view. It is variously designated as 1260 days, 42 months. Times, times, and a half time. It is 3 1/2 actual years.

**Revelation 11:2** *"But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city under foot for **forty-two months**.*

**Revelation 12:6** *Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**.*

**Revelation 12:14** *But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a **time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the serpent.*

**Revelation 13:5** *And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for **forty-two months**.*

**The Prophecies Of Daniel Are In Exact Accord With This Division.**

**Daniel 7:25** *He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a **time and times and half a time**.*

**Daniel 12:7** *Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left*

*hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a **time, times, and half a time**; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.*

The antichrist has no covenant to make with anyone neither Jew nor Gentile. The Covenant spoken of is The Covenant? And the Covenant, is the everlasting covenant which God made with Abraham.

The antichrist does not come up until the beginning of the great tribulation. See Revelation 13:1-18. Consequently he cannot make a covenant with the Jew seven years before the end of the present age. The period of the antichrist in the earth is but 3 1/2 years.

The generally accepted teaching that the antichrist will come seven years before the close of the present age and consummate a covenant with the Jews in a rebuilt temple, and make this covenant for a period of seven years, is without any foundation in the scripture.

Between the time of the ending of the first half of the last week at the cross, there intervenes this entire church age. The ending of the church age comes at the opening up of the great tribulation period of three and a half years. The period of the great tribulation is the last half of the seventieth week, and the full consummation of this great prophecy, for the end of the tribulation period brings the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the destruction of all ungodly flesh. The overspreading of abominations began immediately after the cross, and continues in ever-deepening apostasy and sin, until the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.

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## **End Notes**

The material from these notes was taken from the book, "God and His Bible or the Harmonies of Divine Relation" by Rev. W.H. Offiler, (c) 1946, Bethel Temple, Inc., Seattle, Washington. For further study this book is highly recommended.

The Book, "70 Weeks" by Kevin J. Conner is also highly recommended. It can be purchased by writing to KJC Publications, P.O. Box 300 Vermont, 3133, Victoria, Australia.