

"The Seventieth Week of Daniel"

Daniel 9:24ff

24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place. (Dan. 9:24 NIV)

Time:

1. Seventy _____ = *heptads* (a group of seven of anything) = 70 7's or shabu'im shabim, (שַׁבְּעִים שַׁבָּעִים). This could be 70 groups of 7 days (1 week) or 7 groups of weeks, or 7 groups of years.

It is determined to be "weeks (sabbaths) of _____" or 70 groups of 7 years based on Daniel 9:2 with Jeremiah 29:10. _____ end-time program consists of 70 7-year periods or 490 years. Cp. 2 Chronicles 36:21, Leviticus 25:2, and Genesis 29:27.

Note: The Babylonian captivity began in approximately 597 B.C. [The first deportation that took the royal and noble families, i.e. Daniel; 2 Kings 24:12]. The foundations of the temple were built by permission of Cyrus the Great in 535 B.C. (62 years). However, Daniel 9:24/25 is not based on the rebuilding of the temple but the walls of Jerusalem. This took place in 444/445 B.C. under Artaxerxes Longimanus as decreed and recorded in Nehemiah 2:1ff – another 90 years later.

Plan:

2. Are _____ –

Target:

3. For your _____ –

4. And your _____ -

Purpose:

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Question: How many of these have been fulfilled?

Answer:

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(2)

25 "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. " (Dan. 9:25-10:1 NIV)

Time: Two interpretations

1. Seven-sevens = 49 years, [_____] sixty-two sevens – 434 years. [literal Hebrew translation and position of many scholars.]

In this interpretation, _____, the High Priest during the time of Zerubbabel, is the first anointed one. _____, the High Priest during the time of _____ is considered the second anointed one. He was murdered (put to death) and his brother Jason selected to take his place.

The people (_____) of the ruler to come (Antiochus E. IV) did come to destroy the city and the second temple.

The _____ referred to is the one that wicked Jews made with the Antiochus – one that he would break approximately three and half years later. Antiochus would stop the _____ and _____ at the temple as well as set up a stature of _____ in the wings thus defiling or causing desolation.

Antiochus dies, according to _____, through the direct hand of God. He inflicted a horrible intestinal disease which eventually caused him to fall out of his chariot violently killing him.

The _____ of the text fits better. In Hebrew, there is a clear separation between the seven sevens and the sixty-two sevens indicating that they are two separate things.

Problems:

1. There are several _____ / _____ issues with this theory.
 2. It does not account for the missing _____.
 3. Antiochus does not destroy the _____ or the _____.
 4. Antiochus is the one who makes a _____ with the people, not the other way around.
2. Seven-sevens = 49 years and sixty-two sevens = 434 years; total = 483 years.

In this interpretation there is no _____ between the seven-sevens and the sixty-two sevens.

The first forty-nine years Jerusalem is restored and as Nehemiah wrote, it was accompanied with trouble from the surrounding people. (Neh. 4-6)

The anointed one is _____ who comes 434 years later. He comes on April 6th, A.D. 33 – his _____
_____. He is then killed.

The people who are to come are the _____ under _____ who will destroy the city and the Temple in A.D. 70.

In the end times, one from a revived _____ empire will come who will be a _____ of Antiochus Epiphanes IV. He will make a

covenant with the Jewish people or...they with him, for seven years. Half-way through he will violate this covenant, stop the sacrifices and offerings and desecrate the third temple.

He will have a divine destruction as well.

A _____ fulfillment of the last "seven" is found between verse 26 and 27.

There are the normal prophetic interpretive problems with this theory, but the dates seem to line up better.

Question: Why is this important to our study in Revelation?

¹⁹ "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. (Rev. 1:19 NIV)

What you have seen = _____

What is now = _____

What will take place = _____

Answer: We are entering the "what will take place" next phase of Revelation which, per the second interpretation of Daniel 9, is the _____ week of Daniel.

Positions of Revelation 4-22:

The Historicist will see this as the beginning of the fall of _____.

The Preterist will see this as the fall of _____ under Titus Augustus.

The Futurist will see this as future events revealing the _____ of the Church, the redeeming of the remnant of Israel, the coming Anti-Christ, and the _____ of Jesus to set up his earthly kingdom.

The Idealist will see this as a _____ of God dealing with man through extended grace and mercy, and man's cycles of rebellion.

Excursus: Diagram of circles

Dispensational –

Progressive Dispensational –

Replacement Covenantal –

Jewish Covenantal –

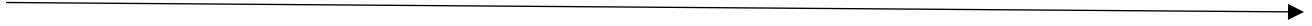
Rapture Positions:

Through the Futurist position, five rapture positions have developed that describe times/events that will take place within the 70th week.

Pre-tribulation Rapture:



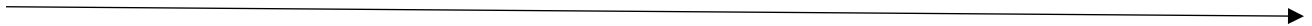
Partial-tribulation Rapture:



Mid-tribulation Rapture:



Pre-Wrath Rapture:



Post-tribulation Rapture:

