

What Is, and Was, and Is to Come...

A Biblical End Times and Prophecy Study

IV. The "Mystery" and the Missing Week

B. The Missing Week

If Israel is the critical component, then let's take a look at the prophecy concerning events that will finally signify the end of the "time of the Gentiles" and usher in one of the most significant and controversial periods of time in prophetic study.

Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years - Daniel 9

Many people do not realize that Daniel had just as significant visions and dreams concerning the future as John did. However, it is apparent that Daniel's prophecies, although impacting the entire world, were targeted specifically at Israel. In chapter 9, Daniel is given a vision concerning a specific period of time in Israel's future - the "70 weeks of years".

- Daniel's vision came about as a result studying of the Scriptures (*Daniel 9:1-2*) and prayer. (*Daniel 9:3-19*)
- God sent an angel (Gabriel) in a vision to give him a prophetic revelation. *Daniel 9:20-23*

The revelation

- Israel was being given 70 "sevens"/ "weeks"/ "weeks of years" (which equals **490 years**) during which God would accomplish His plan for them - including the end of transgression and sins, reconciliation (atonement) for iniquity, establishing righteousness, sealing up prophecy and anointing the Messiah. *Daniel 9:24*

- These years would be broken into 3 periods of time. The first 7 "sevens", or **49 years**, would be the period of time from the Persian king Artaxerxes' final decree allowing the Jews to begin rebuilding (again) Jerusalem (~453 BC) until the completion of the walls under Nehemiah's ministry (~404 BC). *Daniel 9:25*

Note: This prophecy was fulfilled by Ezra and Nehemiah.

- After that there would be a period of 62 "sevens", or **434 years**, until the time Christ was crucified (~30 AD) i.e. "Messiah shall be cut off"; after which would occur an unspecified period of time where Israel would be cut off dramatically and violently "like a flood", Jerusalem and the temple destroyed (70 AD) by the people of the prince to come (the Antichrist), and wars would continue (unrest in the Middle East) until a certain man appears on the scene. *Daniel 9:26a*

Note: This prophecy has also been fulfilled and is, technically, continuing to be fulfilled. This accounts for 483 (49 + 434) of the 490 years, and 69 of the 70 "sevens".

- At a specified time, that individual ("he", "the prince who is to come") will play a significant role in the final "seven", or **7 years**, of Israel's future. *Daniel 9:27*

*Note: This has not happened, YET. **Much more on this in later studies.***

This final, yet to happen, "missing week" will be the most incredible, earth-shattering, significant 7-year period in Israel's and the world's existence. It has been commonly, and some times erroneously, called the Tribulation, the Great Tribulation, the Time of Jacob's Trouble (*Jeremiah 30:7*) and many other names. For the purposes of our study and to prevent confusion, we will refer to this 7-year period of time as the [Daniel's] **70th week**.