

A MAN AND A BOOK CALLED

# DANIEL

## PART 27: DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS

*Reading: Daniel 9:24 - 27*

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### **Introduction**

- After being in Babylon for many years Daniel wondered if and when the Jews would be allowed to return home.
- Reading Jeremiah he learned the captivity was to last 70 years. [Jeremiah 29:10].
- In [vs 3] we notice how he prayed.
- In [vs 4 - 19] we see what he prayed.
- In [vs 20 - 23] Gabriel gives him the vision of '*the 70 weeks*'.
- We believe the verses are relevant to Christ's 1st coming.
- Futurists believe [vs 27] is to do with Christ's 2nd coming.

### **1 The Composition Of The 70 Week Period**

- The total 70 weeks is made up of 3 unequal portions.
- The first 7 weeks + the second 62 weeks + the third one week = 70 prophetic weeks.
- The Key to unlocking the vision is to remember one prophetic day = one literal year of time.[Ezekiel 4:6]
- 7 weeks = 49 prophetic days = 49 literal years.
- 62 weeks = 434 prophetic days = 434 literal years.
- 1 week = 7 prophetic days = 7 literal years.
- NB. In this time frame of 70 weeks/490 literal years the 5 things in [vs 24] must happen.

### **2 When Do The 70 Weeks Begin?**

- [Vs 25] "from the command to go forth to restore and rebuild Jerusalem."
- That date is 457 BC. (Key date).

### 3 The Three Different Periods

- Beginning with 457BC.
- 457BC + 49 years = 408BC by which time Jerusalem and temple were rebuilt.
- 408BC + 434 years = AD27 (NB allow one for change from BC to AD)
- ***“Until Messiah the Prince.”***
- The last week of 7 years begins with anointing of Jesus at His baptism. [Mark 1:14].

### 4 The 70th Week

- Remember 5 things of [vs 24] must have happened by the end of the 70 weeks.
- ***‘to finish the transgression.’*** [Isaiah 53:5].
- ***‘to make an end of sins.’*** [Hebrews 9:26].
- ***‘to make reconciliation for iniquity.’*** [Ephesians 2:16].
- ***‘to bring in everlasting righteousness.’*** [2 Corinthians 5:21].
- ***‘to anoint the Most Holy.’*** [Luke 4:18].
- NB. The second half of [vs 26] is to do with the consequences of the Jews rejection of Jesus in AD70.
- In [vs 27] the ***‘He’*** is the Lord Jesus. He is the subject of the passage.
- He establishes the new covenant by His death in the middle of the 7 years.
- An end of temple sacrifices.
- The remaining 3 and ½ years ends with death of Stephen and the release to take gospel to Gentiles.
- NB. Week 70 follows immediately at the end of week 69.

### 5 Dispensational Futurists

- The ***‘futurists’*** accept the first two time periods up to AD27 with Jesus being anointed.
- But then they introduce a ***‘gap’*** instead of allowing week 70 to immediately follow week 69.
- They project the 70th week into the future.
- For them it starts with Jesus coming in the Rapture, a future antichrist, breaking a covenant with the Jews and a period of tribulation.
- They make ***‘antichrist’*** the subject of [vs 27] instead of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Their 70th week ends with Jesus coming to judge the world.
- If the futurist is right then there is of necessity 3 Comings of Jesus
- Nowhere does Bible indicate 3 advents.

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