

Daniel Chapter 9 Part 2

God Answers the Prayers of His People (9:20-23)

- Gabriel is sent again to answer Daniel's prayer and give him wisdom concerning God's future plans
 - *The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. // James 5:16*
 - *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. // James 1:5*
- A word went out = "an answer to your prayer"
 - *for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. // Matthew 6:8*

Daniel, Gabriel, and Christmas

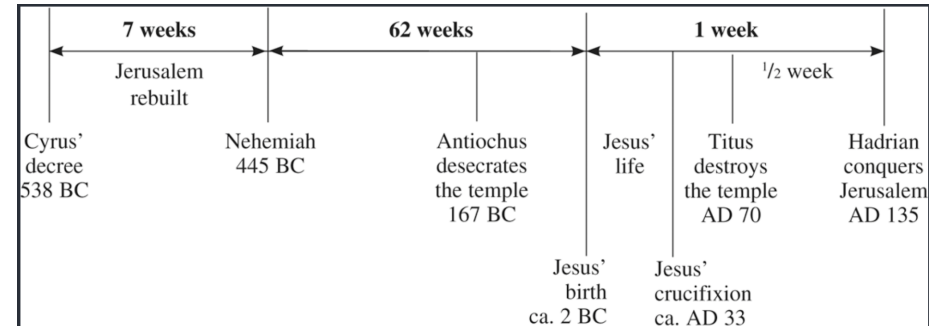
- *And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. // Luke 1:19*
- *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" // Luke 1:26-28*
- What every scholar agrees upon about the final verses of Daniel 9 is that they are Messianic verses.

70-sevens or "Weeks" (9:24-27)

- The major difficulty of interpreting these verses is the phrase "Seventy sevens"
 - Some interpret it as literally 70 sets of 7 day weeks
 - Some interpret it as 70 years
 - Some interpret it as 70 sets of 7 years (for a total of 490 years)
 - Some interpret it as a "period of time"

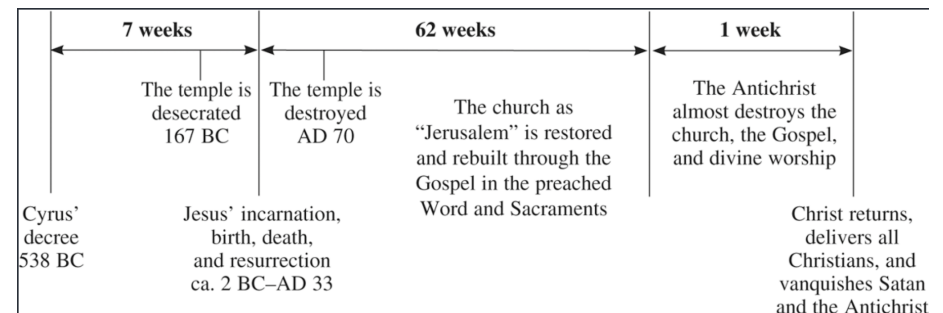
- *The "seventy weeks" in Daniel should be understood as having only symbolical import. They and their subdivisions do not predict an exact chronology. Instead, "week" has a symbolical significance that implies re-creation and the passing of the length of time determined by God to accomplish his re-creation. // Steinmann, Daniel (CPH)*

Traditional Messianic Interpretation



- The traditional messianic interpretation is the one held by Luther and Calvin

Typological Messianic Interpretation



- The typological messianic interpretation is held by many modern Lutheran scholars from the 19th and 20th centuries

What happens during the 70 sevens?

Gabriel's Words	Fulfillment
Seven Weeks	Rebuilding of Jerusalem (538-445 BC)
Sixty-two weeks when it will again have been built [with] plaza and moat	From Nehemiah to Jesus (445–2 BC).
Troubled times	The Hellenistic era (Daniel 11), especially the persecution of Antiochus (ca. 167–164 BC)
Messiah will be cut off" (after the sixty-ninth week and during the seventieth week	Jesus' crucifixion (ca. AD 33)
The city and the holy place will be destroyed with a Leader who is coming," the risen Messiah who will return	Roman devastations of Jerusalem under Titus (AD 70) and Hadrian (AD 135), which portend the end of the world at the return of Christ

The Final Week

Gabriel's Words	Fulfillment
The Messiah "will confirm a covenant for the many"	Jesus establishes the new covenant in his blood, shed for many
In the middle of the week, the Messiah "will cause sacrifice and	Titus conquers Jerusalem and destroys the temple, ending its

offering to cease	sacrifices (AD 70).
At the end of the seventieth week, there will no longer be a connection between Daniel's people and the holy city	Hadrian conquers Jerusalem and bans Jews from entering the city (AD 135).
There will be desolation until the final decree is poured out on the desolator (the end of the seventieth week and beyond	The Roman Empire falls (as predicted in Daniel 2 and 7). The Antichrist continues to persecute the church until he falls at Christ's return.

Forgiving like Jesus

Then Peter approached him and asked, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?" "I tell you, not as many as seven," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven. // Matthew 18:21-22