

## **God's Timetable Daniel 9**

### **I. 70 Years in Exile – 9:1-2**

1. First year of Darius the Mede – 1  
Now king over the realm of Chaldeans  
Reign of Babylon ended with Belshazzar – Dan. 5
2. Daniel read what Jeremiah wrote – 2  
God told Jeremiah exile would last 70 yrs. –  
Jer. 25:11-12  
Jerusalem would lay in ruins & Israel would be in  
Babylon  
But God would defeat Babylon & release Israel
3. Daniel turned to God in prayer – 9:3-15  
Confessing their sin & acknowledging God's discipline
4. Praying for God's forgiveness & His mercy – 9:16-19  
Asking God to act for His own name-sake

### **II. 70 Weeks are Determined – 9:20-24**

1. Angel Michael appears to Daniel – 20-23  
Comes to reveal God's message  
Assuring God's love for Daniel
2. 70 sevens (heptads) any group of 7 – 24  
Similar to "dozen" in English  
While 70 years of exile is over,  
God is not finished with Daniel's people  
or with their holy city (Jerusalem)
3. God's purpose for Israel goes deeper – 24  
Sin has broken fellowship between God and man  
This is true for Israel and all of sinful humans  
"To finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to  
atone for iniquity"  
A sacrifice for sin must be offered with God's  
acceptance
4. God's plan is more than negative - 24  
"To bring in everlasting righteousness"  
Reconciliation means righteousness must prevail  
If humans are to live eternally with a righteous God
5. God's plan must include perfect fulfillment  
"To seal both vision & prophet"  
Every promise of God must come to fulfillment  
"To anoint a most holy place"  
A place where Holy God & Redeemed humans can  
meet
6. God's commitment to Daniel must fit within 70 x 7 –  
24  
By the time we come to the end of 70 weeks  
The 70<sup>th</sup> week brings us to the return of Jesus Christ

### **III. 7 Weeks, Return & Rebuild – 9:25**

1. God's plan must assure return from exile – 25  
And rebuilding of the Temple and the City
2. 49 years to build Temple & City  
First return authorized by Cyrus, King of Persia  
This was prophesied by Isaiah – Isa. 44:28  
Permission granted to rebuild the Temple  
Led by Zerubbabel & Ezra – Ezra 6:15-18

3. City walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt  
Under leadership of Nehemiah  
Permission granted by King Artaxerxes – Neh. 2:1-8  
Rebuilding was faced by resistance  
But the walls were completed around the city in 52  
days – Neh. 6:15

### **IV. 62 Weeks to Messiah – 9:26**

1. 62 x 7 = 483 years unto presentation of Messiah  
Messiah here is called "Anointed One"  
Zechariah predicted His coming on a donkey –  
Zech. 9:9  
He shall "be cut off" rejected as the Messiah  
And He shall be crucified  
God's plan required this sacrifice of His Son  
This deals with the removal of the sin issue
2. This rejection will create a break in the 70 weeks  
Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and announces the break  
– Lk. 19:41-44  
Weeps because they could have known this event  
from Daniel 9  
Note Jesus had said "My time is not yet"  
He now says "you missed the time of your visitation"  
Destruction of Temple & Jerusalem by Titus – 70 ad
3. Daniel also notes this break in time – 9:26  
"People of the prince who is to come shall destroy the  
city and the sanctuary" This will. Not come until 70 ad.  
"Its end shall come with a flood"
4. "And to the end there shall be war."  
"Desolations are decreed"  
The Prince of Peace has been cut off  
This includes all of the battles Israel has faced since  
Their return

### **V. One Week Remains – 9:27**

1. "He" "Prince who is to come" – 26-27  
He is linked with those who destroyed the city & the  
sanctuary  
The Gentile nations who have dominated Israel  
"He shall make a strong covenant with many for one  
week"  
This the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel's prophecy. This is a  
7 year period  
This covenant may give Israel permission to have a  
temple
2. He shall break the covenant at half – 27  
"By putting an end to sacrifice and offering"
3. He turns on Israel as a desolator  
Note the warning of Jesus – Matt. 24:15-22  
This brings on the Great Tribulation – 3 ½ years
4. God will bring judgment on this desolator - 27  
This desolator is called "Anti-Christ" in N.T.
5. The 70<sup>th</sup> week ends the Tribulation – Rev. 19:11-16  
With the return of Jesus Christ to reign – 19:16  
He comes with heaven's army  
To cast this desolator into the lake of fire – 19:20

