

"Remember the former things of old, for I am God and there is no other; I am God and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying 'My counsel shall stand and I will do all My pleasure.' **Isa 46:9,10**

In this study – Our objective is to understand *HOW WE CAN BE CERTAIN* the length of 70th Wk of Daniel = 7 yrs

Or – more clearly stated, ***HOW WE KNOW*** that the Tribulation period is 7 years long

In fact... ***HOW WE KNOW*** the Tribulation period is 7 X 360 days / or 2520 days long

Key Event to look for: Matthew 24:15-22 "Therefore when you see the '**abomination of desolation**,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Daniel 9

Daniel's Prayer vv1-19 RE: **Jer 25 & 29**
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The "70 Weeks" of Daniel

The Scope v24
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 The (interval) v26
 The 70th Week v27

Seventy Weeks – note that the entire passage is ONLY RELEVANT TO the nation of Israel and city of Jerusalem

The most of the major events listed in v24 are yet to be completed

Key to understanding the passage is to realize the 70 "weeks" are not all contiguous

WEEKS: Of Days Of Weeks (Feast of weeks/ Pentecost) Of Months (Tishri to Nisan) Of Years (Land, etc.)

Point A to Point B – So what is POINT A? – What is the "decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem?"

GREAT RESOURCE: "The Coming Prince" By Sir Robert Anderson, 1894

1. Decree of Cyrus 537 BC, **Ezra 1:2-4**
2. Decree of Darius, **Ezra 6:1-5,8,12**
3. Decree of Artaxerxes 458 BC **Ezra 7:11-26**
4. Decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus March 14, 445 BC **Neh 2:5-8, 17, 18** (*The Coming Prince*, Sir Robert Anderson)
 Decrees 1, 2 & 3 authorized the **building of the Temple**. Only decree #4 was to **rebuild the City**

(Dan 9:25b) "UNTIL..." What is "POINT B?" Messiah the Prince / Messiah the King / Messiaha HaNagid
Only one time in history works for this: The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

69 "Weeks" of Daniel

Jewish month = 30 days / Jewish year = 12 mos = 360 days **(This changed in 701BC Kg Hezekiah changed calendar)**
 69 "weeks" of years = 69 x 7 = 483 years
 483 yrs X 360 days = 173,880 days
 Decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus March 14, 445 BC **See Nehemiah 2:5-8, 17, 18**

445 BC to 32 AD = 476 365-day years (remember, no year "0")

476 yrs. x 365 days = 173,740
 March 14 to April 6 = 24
 Leap years (476 / 4) = 119
Leap year correction except every 4th century -3
 TOTAL DAYS = 173,880

Important to Understand That Israel's History Can be seen in Four 490 year periods:

1. **Call of Abram to the Exodus** 505 yrs minus 15 yrs Ishmael = 490 years
2. **Exodus to the Temple** 601 yrs minus 111 yrs servitude in Judges = 490 years
3. **Temple to Edict of Artaxerxes** 560 yrs minus 70 yrs of Babylonian Captivity = 490 years (Why 70 yrs captivity?)
4. **Artaxerxes to Second Coming of Christ: 490 years (*Although it looks like 2463 years so far*)**
 483 years from Edict of 445 BC to April 6, 32 AD Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem
 Church interval = So far, at least 1984 years
 7 years (the 70th week) of Tribulation

One week (7 yrs) remains – Does this prophecy help explain how a dispersed people return to the Land of Israel?

It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea. He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. **Isaiah 11:11,12**

But does this type of math work for any other prophecy?

Ezekiel 4:1-8 One of the stranger prophecies in the Bible... what do the days that equal ____ years represent?

Initial context is how YHWH will punish Judah for their sins, and since the punishment is ____ years in Babylon, consider subtracting $430 - 70 = 360$. But what do we do with that number?

Consider an important verse **Lev 26:18**

“And after this, if you do not obey me, I will punish you 7 times more for your sins.”

Should we take God literally? And consider the number of Israelites who didn't return to the Land at **Cyrus' decree**:

Only 42,360 returned! 100s of thousands or a million may have remained (consider that when you read Esther).

2483 x 365	=	906,295 days
9 months x 30	=	270
21 days	=	21
Leap Years - 2483/4	=	621
		-18 Subtract from total leap yr. days three excess days every 4 centuries
		+11 Eleven leap yr days removed in Gregorian Reform Sept 4-14, 1572
		614
2520 x 360	=	907,200 days = 2483 years 9 months 21 days

Great! But what do we do with this very big number?

3 sieges of Nebuchadnezzar against Judah – 606, 595 and 586 BC

1 st Siege 606	Against land of Judah	Jehoiakim made vassal / his son Jehoiachin replaces him	70 year captivity
	Known as the “Servitude of the Nation”	Occurred 9 th of Av or July 23, 606 BC	
		Ended 9 th of Av or August 6, 537 BC	
2 nd siege 595	Against king & false prophets; temple treasures taken / Jehoiachin taken prisoner / Zedekiah become vassal		
3 rd siege 587	Against Jerusalem and against the temple – Jerusalem destroyed	70 year captivity	
	Known as the “Desolations of Jerusalem”	Occurred 9 th of Av or July 29, 587 BC	
		Ended 9 th of Av or August 15, 518 BC	

Contemporary significance:

1. Add 2483 yrs, 9 months & 21 days to the end of the **“Servitude of the Nation”**

...and Israel is officially declared an independent state on May 14, 1948 (David Ben Gurion PM, citing Ezekiel 36 & 37)

2. Add 2483 yrs, 9 months & 21 days to the end of the **“Desolations of Jerusalem”**...and Israel miraculously wins back the old city and Temple Mount on June 7, 1967 (Moshe Dayan / Rabbis)

