



Digital Bulletin

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**Big Idea:** Prophecy is an important and interesting topic, yet there isn't a prophetic model that's question free. Some have more difficult questions to answer than others. Though prophecy is vital to understand it is **secondary to salvation**, and as a secondary issue, liberty and charity should be expressed towards those who see prophecy differently.

### One-Day Missions Experience

Join us to hear from the following missionaries:

- Doug Martin - Director of EveryEthne for ABWE
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- Sydney Spielbauer - ABWE Missionary to Romania
- Aaron and Stephanie Boon - Directors of Missionary Care for ABWE
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**Why is Prophecy difficult to interpret?** (1) finite minds are studying infinite truths (2) the nature of prophecy is futuristic with symbolic language (3) some prophecy has a dual fulfillment, a short-term partial fulfillment, and a long-term complete fulfillment.

### Daniel's prayer 9:3-19

### Daniel's prophecy 9:20-27

**The Christian Sabbath is Sunday, the Lord's Day.** Christians gather for corporate worship, including fellowship, prayer, singing, preaching, and giving, all in honor of GOD. It's a public display that our lives were purchased by and belong to Christ!  
**Hebrews 10:24-25**

- **Daniel was grieved** over his people's rebellion, chapter 9 records his prayer as he humbly placed himself *among his people, not above them.*
- Mountain of Blessings or of Cursing - **Deuteronomy 27-28**
- Daniel acknowledged that the **basis** of prayer is God's **mercy.** re: **9:18**

"What I'm about to now unfold for you (Daniel 9:24-27) will annoy some, disappoint others, confuse many, and perhaps encourage a few." – Alistair Begg

**Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people (Jews) and for your holy city, (Jerusalem)** \*It's crucial to realize this context – the Jewish people's future! (1) *To finish the transgression,* (2) *To make an end of sins,* (3) *To make reconciliation for iniquity,* (4) *To bring in everlasting righteousness,* (5) *To seal up vision and prophecy,* (6) *And to anoint the Most Holy.*

**"The first three** negative parts of it point to the cross. The second three positive points go beyond the cross to the Kingdom. That implies there's a time gap between the First Coming and His Second Coming" – John MacArthur 1939-2025

**The Old Testament** doesn't make a distinction between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ, nor did the prophets see the church age. That's why some struggle in teaching a Rapture.

**Daniel 9:25-27** "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. <sup>26</sup>"And after the sixty-two weeks **Messiah** shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. <sup>27</sup>Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

- Not all of the Bible was **written to us**, but all of it was **written for us!**

**Jeremiah 25:11** And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of **Babylon seventy years.**

**Jeremiah 29:10-11** For thus says the LORD: **After seventy years** are completed at **Babylon**, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (note context of this promise)

- The ultimate deception requires the ultimate plan and the ultimate deceiver.
- A seven-day treaty doesn't make sense... Seven (7) years align with **Revelation 11, 13, and Daniel 12**: when a peace agreement is broken, it's followed by persecution with no historical comparison. **Matthew 24, Daniel 12**

#### **Daniel breaks the 70 weeks of 7 into three units:**

7 weeks of 7 = 49 years and 62 weeks of 7 = 434 years

- There seems to be an underdetermined time gap between weeks 69 and 70

1 week = 7 years (70<sup>th</sup> Week = The Tribulation, Time of Jacob's Trouble)

- Xerxes's decree to Nehemiah in 445/444BC (Nehemiah 1-2)
- You have 7 weeks of 7 = 49 years/62 weeks of 7 = 434 years to total 483 years, **and the Messiah shall be cut off (killed)**
- **Daniel's 69** weeks align with the date that Jesus presented Himself as King to the Jewish people, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. – John MacArthur
- **"By whatever set of calculations** one makes, the point is that by the end of the sixty-nine weeks of years (or shortly after) the great work of the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ for sin should be completed."  
James Boice 1938-2000

**There's no dispute about Messiah being cut off at week 69...** The debate is over whether there's a gap between weeks 69 and 70. If there is no gap, you take the path of Post and Amillennialism; if there is a gap, you take the path of pre-millennialism.

- *Regardless of which path you take, **every** view **ends with Jesus Christ visibly and physically coming again!***
- **Presently, God** is transforming people; in the future, He will transform the planet – make sure you are a part of GOD's plan, be prepared!