

## The 70 Weeks of Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27)

Verse	Bible text (JND)	Explanation
24	<i>Seventy weeks</i>	That is: weeks of year (in Hebrew: shavua = Unit of seven) ⇨ 1 week = 7 years ⇨ 70 weeks = 490 years  To be divided in 3 time periods: a) 7 weeks of years = Building of Jerusalem b) 62 weeks of years = from the end of construction until Messiah (rejection) ----- time of grace ----- c) 1 week of years = tribulation
	<i>are apportioned out upon <b>thy</b> people and upon <b>thy</b> holy city</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That is: Israel/Jerusalem (“thy”)</li> <li>• Area with which the prophecy has to do (The church is not subject of the prophecy)</li> </ul>
	<i>to close the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make expiation for iniquity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The foundation was laid on the cross of calvary.</li> <li>• Reconciliation of the people as a whole still future (Rom. 11, 25ff)</li> </ul>
	<i>and to bring in the righteousness of the ages</i>	In the millennium (see Isa. 1, 26; 32, 1); not fulfilled at the first coming of the Messiah!
	<i>and to seal the vision and prophet</i>	Fulfilment and completion of all prophecy
	<i>and to anoint the holy of holies</i>	That means a new sanctuary (Hesk. 40-48)
25	<i>Know therefore and understand: From the going forth of the word</i>	„Going forth of the word“ = year 445 B.C.; Permission of Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem in the 20th year of his reign (Neh. 2)  Historical name for Artaxerxes: Artaxerxes I Longhand
	<i>to restore and to build Jerusalem</i>	Zerubbabel did return earlier (under Cyrus), but no command/permission to rebuild the city as in Neh 2; at the time of Zerubbabel and Ezra rather the temple and the altar in the foreground
	<i>unto Messiah, the Prince</i>	Jesus Christ (Joh. 1, 41)
	<i>are seven weeks</i>	Rebuild of Jerusalem completed
	<i>and sixty-two weeks.</i>	Time until the Messiah and his appearance in Jerusalem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 69 weeks x 7 = 483 years</li> <li>• 445 B.C. + 483 years = 32 A.D.</li> </ul>
	<i>The street and the moat shall be built again, even in troubling times</i>	the obstacles and threats the people faced during the rebuild (Neh. 2ff).
26	<i>And after the sixty-two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, and shall have nothing</i>	The rejection of Christ at the cross on Golgotha; 5 days after his appearance in Jerusalem
		Between the 69 <sup>th</sup> and 70 <sup>th</sup> week is a period of indeterminate duration. For Israel, it is filled with war and devastation. Israel is set aside as the people of God. The reason: the Messiah was rejected. Therefore, the Kingdom of Peace could not (yet) be established. The time period that is still present is the time of grace.

		The prophetic clock has stopped for an indefinite time, but will start again.
	<i>and the people of the prince that shall come</i>	People = Roman army under Titus the prince that shall come = not Titus himself, but "he" (verse 27)
	<i>shall destroy the city and the sanctuary</i>	Destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple 70 A.D. (cf. Matt. 22, 7; 24, 2)
	<i>and the end thereof shall be with an overflow</i>	That means: torrential destruction
	<i>and unto the end</i>	= Time of the end Preconditions for the occurrence of this time among others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covenant between the prince and the many, i.e. between Israel (Antichrist) and Europe (the Roman leader) (cf. verse 27).</li> <li>• a built temple</li> </ul>
	<i>war, -- the desolations determined.</i>	Jewish diaspora (Luk. 21, 24)
<b>27</b>	<i>And he</i>	That is: future Roman ruler (Dan 7, 8.24f; Rev 13 first beast)
	<i>shall confirm a covenant with the many [for] one week;</i>	Covenant as protection against the invasion of the King of the North, the Assyrian (cf. Isa 28, 15.18). "many" = mass of the Jewish people (the believing remnant no part of it) their ruler = the Antichrist "one week" = tribulation period (7 yrs.)
	<i>and in the midst of the week</i>	= after 3.5 years (cf. Dan. 12, 7; Rev. 12, 14; Rev. 11, 2.3)  3.5 years = 42 Months = 1260 days = time, times, and a half = 3.5 week of years = the great tribulation (Matt. 24, 20-22; Jer. 30, 7; Dan. 12, 1)
	<i>he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease</i>	Roman prince will have himself worshiped (have his own image = "abomination of desolation" set up in the temple (cf. Matt. 24, 15; Rev. 13, 8.15; Dan. 12, 11). The sacrificial temple service is discontinued.
	<i>and because of the protection of abominations [there shall be] a desolator, even until that the consumption and what is determined shall be poured out upon the desolate.</i>	because of this idolatry, which takes the place of the sacrificial service (cf. Matt. 12, 43-45). "the desolator" = the Assyrian or king of the north (Jer. 6, 22.26).

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