

Daniel's 70 Weeks **Unsealed**

The myths exposed, and the truth revealed

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Ask any Believer on the street what “the tribulation” is, and the vast majority will tell you that it is a seven (7) year period of time, after the “rapture” of the church, when the Antichrist signs a treaty with Israel and the “many” for seven years. Then in the midst of the “week” of seven years he breaks the treaty with Israel (seen by most be the time of “Jacob’s trouble”), and forces the world to worship him, persecuting all who refuse to take his “mark.”

This interpretation of Daniel 9:24-27 came to us from Sir Robert Anderson, a fellow Plymouth Brethren with John Nelson Darby, the man who first popularized the pre-tribulation “rapture” theory at the Powerscourt Prophecy Conference in 1832.

Sir Robert, a Scotland Yard detective made famous by the unsolved “Jack the Ripper” murders, presented an interpretation of Daniel’s seventy weeks prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27) in his book, “The Coming Prince,” and it is his interpretation of Daniel 9:24-27 that the vast majority of western protestant Believers assume, without question, to be true.

Yet, Daniel was told by the Lord that the words of Daniel’s book were to be “***closed up and sealed till the time of the end,***” meaning that the Spirit of Truth would not unseal the revelatory intent of the prophecies given to Daniel until they would be revealed to the generation of Believers who would experience them.

This causes us to observe that Sir Robert Anderson was not included in that generation and, therefore, did not have an unsealed, revelatory understanding of Daniel 9:24-27.

The Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy is related to Daniel’s people, the Israelites, but at the resurrection of Christ the prophecy no longer relates to national, ethnic Israel but to spiritual Israel, the “Israel of God” in Christ. It also relates to the “holy city,” Jerusalem, which is not holy at this present time, and is described in Revelation 18 as “***the habitation of devils,***” but will become holy as the millennial capital of spiritual Israel and of the King of Kings.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city... (at the time of the prophecy)..., to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Daniel 9:24 KJV (insert is the author's)

It is important to understand that the entire seventy weeks of this prophecy are to fulfill the redemptive purposes of the Messiah and has nothing to do with the Antichrist. The covenant being confirmed, then, must conform to the entire construct and purpose of the seventy weeks.

The seven purposes of the seventy weeks (of prophetic years) are to:

- 1) finish the transgression;
- 2) make an end of sins;
- 3) make reconciliation for iniquity;
- 4) bring in everlasting righteousness;
- 5) seal up the vision;
- 6) seal up prophecy;
- 7) anoint the Holy of Holies (as King of Kings.)

The covenant being confirmed is specifically related to the seven purposes, and the seven purposes of the seventy weeks are related to God's redemptive purpose in Christ. Therefore, the perversion of this prophecy to supposedly reveal a seven year "treaty" between the Antichrist, Israel, and the many is intended by the originator of that doctrine, Satan, to conceal the true meaning of the prophecy to those for whom it is intended.

That we have not generally recognized this deception is proof of the fact that, until this present time, this prophecy has been "sealed" by the Spirit of Truth.

1st purpose: "*finish the transgression*"

The "transgression" is Israel's covenant rebellion against God and their rejection of the full manifestation of God's presence among them in the person of Jesus Christ. Transgression is not merely rejecting God. Transgression is the rejection of God by those who are in a covenant relationship with Him. Therefore, if the fullness of this prophecy was about national, ethnic Israel, then the first purpose has not, yet, been fulfilled. Because, with few exceptions, they are still in rebellion against God and are still rejecting the manifestation of His presence in and through Jesus Christ.

But the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ ended the rebellion of national, ethnic Israel, by ending their possession of the title-deed to the covenant and establishing the New Covenant with spiritual Israel, comprised of both Jew and Gentile as “one new man” in Christ.

The old covenant ended with the establishment of the new, and national, ethnic Israel’s covenant transgression against God ended at the same time, resulting in the dispersion of national, ethnic Israel into the nations and into the “abyss” of judgment.

“Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you...(national, ethnic Israel)...and given to a nation...(spiritual Israel, the “Israel of God,” which is the corporate body of Christ, a holy nation comprised of both Gentiles and Jews)...bringing forth the fruits...(of the kingdom of God) ...thereof.” Matthew 21:43 KJV (inserts and emphasis are the author’s)

With the transgression ended and “the” covenant now belonging to spiritual Israel, the Israel of God in Christ, there is no imaginable purpose for removing the church so that God can restore the covenant once again to national, ethnic Israel.

2nd purpose: “make an end of sins”

3rd purpose: “make reconciliation for iniquity”

4th purpose: “bring in everlasting righteousness”

The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ made an end of sins for those who receive Him by faith, and we who were once guilty of iniquity have been reconciled. Likewise, at His resurrection everlasting righteousness belongs to those who are spiritually incorporated in Him.

This specific purpose was initiated at Pentecost, but will not be completed until the last day resurrection of both the living and the dead saints. And the final three purposes of sealing up the vision and prophecy, and anointing the Most Holy are yet to be fulfilled.

Understanding the identity of “Messiah the Prince” and “the prince that shall come”:

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the

Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. Daniel 9:25,26 KJV

The coming of the Anointed One, “Messiah the Prince,” is not the event of His birth, or the 490 years would already have been completed. The coming of the Anointed One, a Prince, to confirm “the” covenant with many, is at the beginning of His earthly ministry shortly after being tested by Satan for forty days in the wilderness.

Based on the appointed times given to Israel, the forty days Jesus was tested by Satan in the wilderness began on 1 Aelul and ended on 10 Tishri. This includes the thirty days of Teshuva and ten days of awe, also called ten days of repentance, and it was on 10 Tishri, which is Yom Kippur or the day of atonement, an appointed Sabbath or feast day, but not a weekly Sabbath, that the Lord announced His ministry by reading Isaiah 61:1,2:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Therefore, 483 years or 69 weeks of years were fulfilled on 10 Tishri as the Lord read Isaiah 61:1,2, seen as follows:

7 weeks (49 years): from the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem by King of Persia (Ezra 7) to the dedication of the second temple > (at the beginning of a Jubilee year);

62 weeks (434 years): from the dedication of the second temple to the beginning of the Lord’s ministry as the scroll is opened on Yom Kippur and He reads Isaiah 61:1,2.

So...483 years or 69 “weeks” of years were fulfilled at the moment the Lord opened the scroll and read Isaiah 61:1,2, then said, ***“This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”***

Had the Lord fulfilled all the stated purposes of the seventy weeks of years, then His complete ministry would have begun on 10 Tishri (Yom Kippur) and ended seven years later, completing the 490 years. But this is NOT what happened.

After the 69 weeks, which ended on the day Jesus began His earthly ministry, Jesus was “cut off,” but His earthly ministry was not cut off immediately after the beginning of His earthly ministry. It was cut off in the “midst” of the week, which coincides exactly, to the day, with 14 Nisan, the day of His crucifixion.

He was “cut off” on 14 Nisan, not for Himself, but for the elect remnant of mankind who would be included in the eternal covenant planned by God from before the foundations of the world and fulfilled by the blood of His only begotten Son, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man, the last Adam, and our Messiah.

“Cut off” would be a strange metaphor to use for the death of Jesus Christ if it did not mean that He was “cut off” from His purpose of confirming “the” covenant with many and completing the seven stated purposes of the decreed 70 weeks or 490 prophetic years.

Therefore, three years beginning on 10 Tishri plus that part of the fourth year beginning on 10 Tishri and ending on 14 Nisan is exactly 42 prophetic months or 3.5 years, leaving 42 months or 3.5 years of Jesus confirming “the” covenant with many yet to be fulfilled in some future timeframe.

With only 3.5 years of confirming the covenant left to be fulfilled the supposed seven (7) year “tribulation” is demonstrated to be an erroneous concept without scriptural support.

Likewise, the Lord identified “*tribulation*” in the Olivet discourse as a non-specific time frame that includes His identification of the 4th, 5th, and 6th seals of Revelation, and we will all ultimately wish that “tribulation” was only seven years. At the same time “*great tribulation*” is identified as the specific 3.5 years of the 7th seal of Revelation.

The “gap,” then, is not between the 69 weeks and the last week (7 prophetic years during which “the tribulation” is supposed to occur). The “gap” is between the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ prior to His resurrection and a final period of approximately 42 months or 3.5 years (coinciding with the 42 months Antichrist is given to rule and reign on earth), which brings up numerous intriguing questions.

Surely, the final three events of confirming the covenant with many, 1) sealing up the vision, 2) sealing up prophecy, and 3) anointing the holy of holies (as King of Kings and Lord of Lords) will not take three and a half years.

How, then, will He confirm the covenant with many during the final 3.5 years of “*great tribulation*” as Daniel’s prophecy indicates?

What we note concerning this final three and a half years is that it is the same 3.5 years or 42 prophetic months that the Antichrist is given to rule and reign on

earth, so that Satan's full manifestation through the Antichrist strangely coincides with the remaining 3.5 years or 42 prophetic months of the Lord confirming the covenant with many, with the sealing and ministry of the 144,000, and with the opening of the 7th seal to begin that period the Lord identified as "*great tribulation*."

We are, therefore, instantly alerted that these events are specifically related to one another. But how?

Related events in the last 3.5 years or 42 prophetic months:

1. The 7th seal is opened;
2. The Antichrist rules, after declaring himself to be "God" and "Messiah";
3. "*great tribulation*";
4. The 144,000 are sealed and redeemed, but not removed from the earth as they bring in the harvest of an uncountable number from every nation, tribe, and tongue;
5. The "woman" is protected and nourished in the wilderness, also metaphorically identified as the Bozrah stronghold;
6. The Philadelphian church is "kept" from harm;
7. The remainder of the seven purposes of the Lord are fulfilled.

Immediately following the Gog-Magog prophecy (Ezekiel 38 and 39), the important detailed prophecy of Ezekiel 40-48 concerning the millennial temple, we are told that the "prince" of Israel (Jesus Christ) provides the daily burnt offering for the sins of the people, and on Passover, beginning on 14 Nisan, the same day on which Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, the "prince" makes both sin offerings and meal and oil offerings (provision) for seven days, metaphorically representing seven literal years of the Lord confirming "the" covenant with many.

Of secondary importance, we should note that the instructions given for the millennial temple worship and sacrifices follows after the Gog-Magog war (Ezekiel 38 and 39) indicating that the Gog-Magog war will take place prior to the second advent of the Lord as I have reported elsewhere.

Then in the 7th month, on 15 Tishri, the Feast of Tabernacles, He makes the SAME offering, for seven days.

This is a great mystery, and the Spirit of Truth who authored all biblical scripture leaves us with no doubt about the deliberate prophetic connection.

At the time of the seventy weeks prophecy the ONLY literal, future, seven year time frame that exists is the seven years from the first day of the Lord's earthly ministry until the seven purposes of the seventy years are fulfilled.

But, because He was “cut off” in the middle of the final seven years, the manner in which the Lord will finish confirming “the” covenant during this final 42 months or 3.5 years, which will begin at some point in the future, is a HUGE mystery and has been sealed until now.

And he...(Jesus Christ)... shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the ... (same)... week he...(Jesus Christ)... shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he...(Jesus Christ)... shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined...(as judgment)... shall be poured upon the desolate...(Daniel’s people who have rejected Christ.) Daniel 9:27 KJV
(inserts are the author’s)

We note that in the midst of the week of seven prophetic years, at His crucifixion, He, Jesus Christ, causes the covenant sacrifice and oblations (the continual burnt offerings) to cease. This passage does not mean that the literal sacrifice and offering ceased, but that the sacrifice and offering ceased to have any relationship with the covenant He was confirming, and the continued blood sacrifices of bulls and goats in the temple are from that point forward, an idolatrous “abomination” in the desolate temple.

On 14 Nisan, appointed by God as the final day of the first 42 prophetic months of “the” Prince making literal burnt offerings for the sins of the people, the future, literal burnt offerings in the temple ceased to have any meaning or purpose, and, when practiced by the other “seeds” of Abraham from that day forward, they are an idolatrous ABOMINATION.

At the moment of the Lord’s death, the heavy curtain in the temple between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was supernaturally torn (Matthew 27:51), indicating that the temple worship and sacrifice system no longer had any function, because the title-deed to the promises of God was no longer held by national, ethnic Israel. It was fulfilled to the One for whom it was always intended, the Son of God, Son of Man, the last Adam, Jesus of Nazareth and all those Jews and Gentiles who are spiritually incorporated in Him by faith, which is spiritual Israel, the “Israel of God.”

This also ended national, ethnic Israel’s covenant transgressions against God, but not their judgment in the form of decreed desolations.

The “...***he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation...***” means that even if the temple is rebuilt after the Gog-Magog war by the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful and a new Levitical priesthood initiates temple worship and sacrifices again, the temple will remain desolate and without the

presence of God all the way up to the consummation, the full measure of judgment on the transgressors, which takes place on the coming day of the Lord.

There is no time whatsoever after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, including the final three and a half years of “*great tribulation*” in which Jerusalem and national, ethnic Israel are not “*desolate*” all the way up to the great and terrible day of the Lord, when those who have pierced Him will look upon Him and grieve.

“Jacob’s trouble” does not start in the middle of “tribulation” and end 3.5 years later. “Jacob’s trouble” started at the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it will not end until His glorious return.

Going back to verse 26 we see that the people of the prince who will come, a different “prince,” one who will come after the original “Messiah the prince,” shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. However, the “*prince who will come*” is NOT the Antichrist, and there will be NO revived Roman Empire as many have foolishly speculated. The crown prince of Rome was Titus, who later became Emperor of Rome, and it was his “*people*” who destroyed the city and the sanctuary in 70 AD.

The end of verse seven is also the end of anything to do with the Roman Empire or its crown prince.

Going back to Ezekiel 45:25 we see that THE “*prince*” (Jesus Christ) is to make EXACTLY the same offerings for seven days during the Feast of Tabernacles, 15 Tishri to 21 Tishri. This is spiritual fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles in which THE “prince,” Jesus of Nazareth, celebrates the fulfillment and completion of the seven purposes of the seventy weeks with spiritual Israel, the Israel of God, ushering in the millennial reign of Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of God’s promises to the Israel of God, through their incorporation into the spiritual body of Christ by grace through faith.

Should it be a surprise to us that the final seven (7) prophetic years of Daniel’s prophecy relates to the Lord confirming “the” covenant with many? Or that the desolations decreed upon national, ethnic Israel for their rejection of the Messiah will continue until the consummation on the day of the Lord?

There is no dual covenant for the redemption of national, ethnic Israel apart from the New Covenant planned by God from before the foundation of the world. It is now, and has always been, God’s plan from the beginning to include the entirety of an elect remnant of fallen mankind, Jew and Gentile, “one new man,” in a single covenant between Himself and the man, Jesus of Nazareth, the only Israelite of the lineage of David to fulfill the law and the prophets and thus qualify as the sinless lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world.

All those who have accepted the non-revelatory interpretation of Daniel 9:24-27, presume that a gap exists between the end of the 69th year and the beginning of the last week of years (7 years). But the unsealed, revelatory understanding is that “the” covenant of verse 27 is God’s covenant with Israel (fulfilled to spiritual Israel, the Israel of God), which the Lord begins confirming on the day He takes the scroll, which is opened, not by Him, but by the one who hands it to Him, and He reads Isaiah 61:1,2.

This was the beginning of the Lord’s earthly ministry and the beginning of His confirming of the promised redemptive covenant with “*many*” that would be written in His blood.

The presumption that the “he” who would confirm “the” covenant with many as being the Antichrist signing a treaty with Israel and many other countries is completely false, and it is a deception specifically designed by the father of lies, to prevent the church from receiving the astonishing truth of Daniel’s prophecy.

The Antichrist will, in fact, dominate the political and spiritual Babylonian system, but he will begin his domination indirectly through the United Nations shortly after the Gog-Magog war when a large majority of sovereign country states surrender sovereignty to the United Nations, but not directly to the Antichrist.

The subject of Daniel 9:24-27 is about the statue kingdoms, beginning with national Israel’s return to Israel from the Babylonian captivity, then consecutively falling under the rule of the Medo-Persian empire, the Greek empire under Alexander, and the Roman empire under Titus, which is 483 prophetic years plus 3.5 prophetic years (1,260 days) of the Lord’s public ministry until His resurrection.

This is followed by the mysterious final 3.5 prophetic years (1260 days) of the Lord confirming “the” covenant with many beginning with the opening of the 7th seal, during which the uncountable multitude from every nation, tribe, and tongue are saved.

(See [The 144,000](#) and [The Woman Clothed With the Sun](#) for details related to the final 3.5 years of the Lord confirming THE covenant with many)

The true revelatory “gap” is between the 483 years from the decree to rebuild the temple plus the time of the Lord’s 3.5 years of earthly ministry confirming “the” covenant with many, and the final 3.5 years of His confirming of “the” covenant with many is seen in the following prophetic calendar:

Seven prophetic years equals 2,520 days:

Day 1: 10 Tishri (“Yom Kippur”) The Lord receives the scroll, opened to Isaiah 61:1,2 and declares that the prophecy is fulfilled, which is THE day on which His confirming of the covenant began.

Day 1260: 14 Nisan (Passover) The Lord is “cut off” from confirming the covenant with many.

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Day 1,261: 6 Sivan (Pentecost) The GAP between the first 3.5 years or 42 prophetic months and the final 3.5 years ends on some future Pentecost after the wise virgins, a.k.a. the end time Philadelphian church, have endured and persevered in their persecution by the Babylonian world system and the Antichrist, and they are sealed as the metaphorical 144,000. These are completely redeemed as the “*firstfruits unto God and the Lamb*” offering of the wheat harvest, and the 7th seal is opened, which is specifically identified by the Lord as the beginning of “*great tribulation.*”

Day 2,520: 1 Tishri (Feast of Trumpets) The sealed and redeemed 144,000 bring in the wheat harvest of an uncountable number from every nation, tribe, and tongue, as they minister in the earth in their resurrection bodies as the fullness of Christ for 42 prophetic months or approximately 3.5 years in the full presence of the Lord Himself as foreshadowed by the Hebrew children accompanied by the Lord in the “fire” after refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar, a forerunner of the Antichrist, as “God.”

On day 2,520 the Lord appears visibly in the sky with His angels to gather the elect, living and dead, in the last day resurrection of the elect remnant of mankind, and the confirming of the covenant with many is complete. The unbelieving world, including unbelieving Israel, witness the resurrection.

Day 2,565: 10 Tishri (Feast of Atonement) The “Day of the Lord” is fulfilled as Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords returns to the Mount of Olives to destroy His enemies at Har-Mageddon. The surviving individuals of the nations are judged by Genesis 12:3. Those that persecuted the church during “tribulation” and “great tribulation” are condemned as “goats.” Those who did not persecute, and actually aided Christians during “tribulation” and “great tribulation,” which includes both Jews and Gentiles, receive, and are received by, Jesus Christ, and they are allowed to enter into the millennial kingdom as regenerated men. These are those who will re-populate the earth during the 1000 years. The temple is re-

dedicated, and the Lord is anointed as King of Kings, fulfilling the final purpose of the seventy weeks of prophetic years as given to Daniel.

Author's note: The revelatory truth concerning Daniel 9:24-27 was only gained by me because others pointed the way, and I deliberately and diligently sought the fullness of this truth until it was confirmed to me by the Spirit of Truth. In this He sent me a dream in which I found a Clovis point, a rare, pre-historic Indian artifact. The Clovis point was beautifully crafted except for an unfinished point, which He caused me to understand was that sharp point of prophetic insight into Daniel's prophecy that He has not, yet, unsealed.

But the sharp point of this prophecy will be unsealed to this generation of Believers at the appropriate time.