

## “Is It the End?”

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### Scripture

#### Daniel 9:24-27

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### Intro Video & Commentary

The World's View of the End -> Laughing Matter

The Church's View of the End -> No Laughing Matter

### Introduction to the End Times Study

Overview of Why we study the End-times -> "Blessed" if you read and heed Revelation

Not exclusively the Book of Revelation but throughout Scripture

1900s marked a change in End Times study

### The Basic Questions

Who / What / Why / Where / How -> all answered in Scripture

When?

Bible is a Jewish Book -> But now we're in "The Times of the Gentiles"

### Romans 11:25-27

“For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery-- so that you will not be wise in your own estimation-- **that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;** and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB. THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

We are currently in the "Times of the Gentiles"

Babylon conquered and took many of the young, the best and brightest, from Israel to be "reprogrammed"  
Incidentally, we see Russia doing the same to Ukrainian children over the last two years

God allowed that to happen to Israel because of its unfaithfulness to Him

Jeremiah prophesied that Israel would be in captivity for 70 years

## Daniel 9 Overview

Daniel is one the young, best and brightest

The Babylon regime is now over -> Media and Persia have conquered Babylon

Daniel wants to know what is going to happen to his people

## Daniel 9:15-19

"And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day-- **we have sinned, we have been wicked.** "O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.

17"So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary. "O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion. "**O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action!** For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

Does God answer Daniel?

Yes, He sends the angel Gabriel to answer Daniel's request for clarity about Israel's future

## Israel's Future Is Assured

### Daniel 9:23

"At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for **you are highly esteemed**; so, give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision."

Daniel learns that there's a plan for Israel going forward

### Zechariah 13:7-9

"**Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the man, My Associate,**" Declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; and I will turn My hand against the little ones. "**It will come about in all the land,**" declares the LORD, "**That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.** "And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. **They will call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, they are My people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'**"

A third of Israel will be a remnant

They will be refined through the fire

They will be tested

They will respond to the call of the Lord and once again be His people

They will claim the Lord as their God

### Daniel's Prophecy of the End

Gabriel brings the message to Daniel:

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Weeks of Years -> “shabua” – a heptad -> a period of seven

The original language records 70 sets of seven periods

There are 70 seven-year periods in Israel's future

That's 490 specific, prophetic years

There are SIX specific prophetic events that will happen:

1. To finish the transgression
2. To make an end of sin
3. To make atonement for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up the vision and prophecy
6. To anoint the most holy place

The first three of these were fulfilled during Christ's ministry on Earth

**Finish the transgression** -> Jesus's presence in the Gospels brought Israel to a recognition of sin

#### John 15:22

“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.”

**To make an end of sin** -> to finally judge sin, to call it out directly and confront Jewish unbelief

**To make atonement for iniquity** -> Jesus's sacrifice on the cross made atonement

The remaining three will be fulfilled during His return to the Earth

**To bring in everlasting righteousness** -> the coming Kingdom will be a righteous one

**To seal up the vision and prophecy** -> all prophecy will be fulfilled -> all questions will be answered

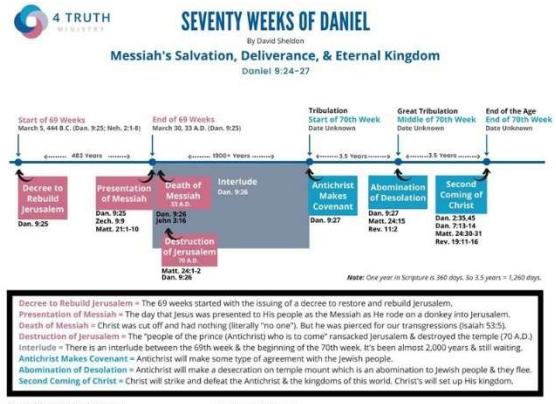
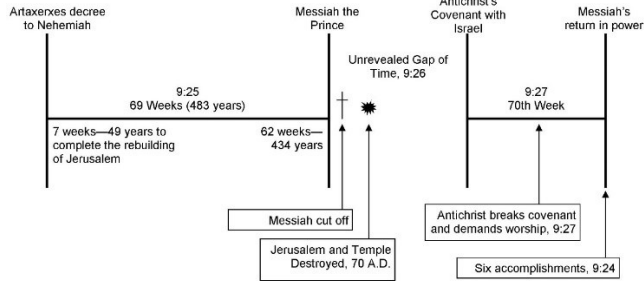
**To anoint the most holy place** -> the new Jerusalem coming down from Heaven and the Lord is the Temple

## Daniel 9:25

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Referencing the timelines in the bulletin

*"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city"*  
Daniel 9:24-27



Artaxerxes asked by Nehemiah to allow him to go rebuild Jerusalem (**Nehemiah 2:1-8**)

Artaxerxes began to rule in 465 BC -> 20<sup>th</sup> year of his reign would have been ~445 BC.

We understand that as weeks of years so seven "weeks" is 49 years and 62 "weeks" is 434 years

69 weeks total is 483 years

It took 49 years to rebuild Jerusalem -> read the Book of Nehemiah and Ezra for those details

After Jerusalem is rebuilt, there was a further 434 years until Jesus came into the city for the last Passover

## Daniel 9:26

"Then after the sixty-two weeks **the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.** And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined."

Jesus, the Passover Lamb, was crucified on the cross (He was cut off) and have nothing

Satan's people celebrated and came and destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70 with the temple being destroyed

Jesus prophesied that this would happen:

## Matthew 24:1-2

"Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

The Western Wall or the Wailing Wall, is the only remnant of Solomon's temple

"Even to the end there will be war" -> nothing but war in the Middle East since

And now, to what is in the future:

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Gabriel's message continues with a prophecy still in our future

**We are in the times of the Gentiles now**

There is a remaining week of prophecy for Israel -> the 70<sup>th</sup> week is on pause, for now

One last 7-year period of time that we call the Tribulation

**When will the Tribulation start?**

The period will start when there is "a **firm covenant with the many for one week**"

A firm covenant is a peace treaty with the many -> all the nations will agree to a 7-year treaty

The orchestrator of the agreement (the "he") refers to "the prince" of verse 26

**The prince is the Antichrist, the coming deceiver of the Jews**

You may have heard about a two-State solution between Israel and a future Palestinian State

This treaty will begin a state of joy in Jerusalem as Solomon's temple can be rebuilt

How that works out in the treaty is yet to be known

It could be on the original site of Solomon's temple, incorporating the Western Wall

The plans have already been drawn up and are ready for the rebuild to begin

With the temple rebuilt, the Jewish sacrificial system can begin with "**sacrifice and grain offering**"

In the "**middle of the week**", though, the Antichrist will break the agreement and "**put an end**" to Jewish joy

The middle of a seven-year period is 3 ½ years

There is an abomination of desolation in Israel's future

The Antichrist breaks the agreement and sets himself up as the god to be worshipped in the temple

Then, at the end of the seven-year tribulation period, the end will come for the Antichrist

**We will be covering this Tribulation period in detail during this study**

### The End Is Near

**What are we seeing in society today?**

Global Alignment of Nations

COVID?

Single World Currency -> digital currencies

Internet-based Sales -> criticality of digital communications and satellite technologies

Rise in Anti-Semitism

Rise in the Hatred of God -> **Romans 1:28-32**

Rise in Artificial Intelligence

More Global Voices looking for Peace in Israel -> discussions of a Two-State solution -> peace treaty

**Prayer**

**Benediction**