

GET READY! THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS COMING!

Daniel 9:24-27

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Introduction: historical order of chapters: Daniel 1-4, 7-8, 9-12

Date of Daniel chapter 9: 538 BC; Daniel's 3rd vision

Background (Daniel 9:1-19): Daniel's prayer

- A. Based on a literal reading of Jeremiah that God would keep his promise that the Babylonian Captivity would end after 70 years (from 606/5 BC to 536/5 BC; or from 586 to 516) [Jeremiah 25:11-13; 29:10-14](#)
- B. Its substance (Daniel 9:1-19): one of the greatest of the Bible (assumes literal interpretation)
 - 1. Daniel's preparation
 - 2. Confession of Israel's sins, shame, rebellion, and God's righteousness, mercy, and forgiveness and His judgment (4-14)
Unique elements
 - 3. Daniel's petition for forgiveness and restoration (15-19)
- I. The answer announced by Gabriel: insight and understanding (Daniel 9:20-23) (Gabriel, "angel of the Lord," [Luke chapter 1](#))
- II. The astounding answer: it prophesies the Messiah, the Antichrist, and world history (Daniel 9:24-27).
 - A. It involves 70 weeks of years to accomplish six great works decreed by God (Daniel 9:24). To finish transgression, put an end to sin, atone for wickedness, bring in ever lasting righteousness, seal up vision and prophecy, anoint to most holy. When fulfilled?
 - B. The 70 X 7 years covers all of Israel's history until Israel's blessing in the end times (Daniel 9:25-27). (See chart, 70 X 7 = 490 years)
 - 1. To the death of Christ: 7 wks of years plus 62 wks of years: from the decree of Artaxerxes ([Nehemiah chapter 2](#); 444 BC) to rebuild Jerusalem (= 7 yrs) until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes (= 62 wks)
 - 2. After 69 weeks, the Anointed One is "cut off, have nothing" (= death of Christ) [Daniel 9:26](#)
 - 3. In the 70th wk comes the great tribulation of 7 yrs (final "week" 70) [v27](#)
 - a. people of the coming ruler (Antichrist) will destroy the city and sanctuary ([v27](#))

OUTLINE CONTINUED

- b. the **end** will come like a flood
- c. war will continue till the **end**
- d. desolations are **decreed** (God's permission) (see chart)
- e. the Antichrist confirms a covenant with many for 1 week (**7 yrs**)
 - 1. in the middle of the week (3½ yrs.) he will end sacrifice, offering ([v27](#))
 - 2. Antichrist causes desolation, places abominations on wing of temple ([Daniel 8:13, 11:31; 12:7](#) = "abomination of desolation")
- f. "until the **end** that is **decreed** is poured out on him": it's part of God's plan ([v27](#)) [Jesus cites [Daniel 9:27](#) in [Matt 24:15](#), to signal the end of the age ([Matthew 24:3](#))]
- 4. Between [v9:26a](#) and [v26b](#) occurs a hiatus, interim, of 2,000 years (as in [Isaiah 61:1-2; Zechariah 9:9](#))
- 5. The future 70th week = the great tribulation ([Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21](#))
 - a. First 3½ years; ascendance of Antichrist; rules over 10 nations, then 7 ([Daniel 7; Revelation 13, 17](#)); makes covenant with Israel, begins temple
 - b. Second 3½ years: seeming triumph of antichrist; abomination desolation; (in [Revelation 13,17](#)): false prophet; mark of 666; demonic drawing of Gentile powers to destroy Israel ([Rev. 13; 16](#))
Battle of Armageddon ([Revelation 19](#))

Conclusions

- 1. As Jeremiah's prophecy was literally fulfilled, so will Daniel's (Gabriel's) 490 years
- 2. Daniel = the key to prophecy (note Jesus use: [Matthew 13:11; 24:15; Daniel 9:27](#))
- 3. Prophecy affects all other doctrines: study of God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, salvation, angels

TEXT: Daniel 9:24-27 NASB 1995

²⁴ "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. ²⁵ So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 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. ²⁷ And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."