

Great Expectations
Class 4

Daniel Chapter 9

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Introduction to centrality of Israel in end time prophecies. “End of Times” part 3,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvpRavndjKk>

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To understand Daniel’s prayer we need to be aware of the requirement for agricultural Sabbaths.

Lev. 25:3-4. Agricultural ___**Sabbaths**___ were required by God.

Leviticus 26:34-35. Captivity can be a ___**Sabbath**___ for the land.

(also Jeremiah 25:11-12)

Jeremiah 29:10. “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”

See also 2 Chronicles 36:21-23.

Christians are not in agreement about the number of days in prophetic years. There is support in the Bible for a 360 day year, containing twelve, 30 day months:

- The account of Noah’s flood. Genesis 7:24, it says that the flood lasted 150 days. Genesis 7:11 the flood began in the 17th day of the second month and in Genesis 8:4 stopped 17th day of the seventh month, when the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat. 150 days assumes five 30-day months.
- Revelation 12:6; 13-14. Here 1,260 days are given as equivalent to three and one half years of 30 day months. The passage in Revelation relates to Daniel 9:27.

70 years @360 = 25,200 days. Divided by 365.25 = about 69 solar years.

606 BC Jerusalem conquered and Daniel and others in exile. (Daniel 1)

537 BC Edict for Jews to return (Daniel 10)

69 solar years.

Daniel 9:24. The purpose of the 70 weeks:

- Finish transgression
- Make an end of sins
- Make reconciliation for iniquity
- Bring in everlasting righteousness
- Seal up vision and prophecy
- Anoint the most holy (or holy place)

Chronological summary of the prophecy:

1. There would be a decree to rebuild Jerusalem.
2. Jerusalem and the temple would be rebuilt.
3. Then an anointed one (messiah) would be "cut off" (an idiom for "rejected" or "killed").
4. Then Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed again.

How many days in a prophetic year?

| Prophecy | 7 years= “week” | 30-day months | | Event in Prophecy | Event in History* |
|----------|---|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 7 weeks | 49 prophetic years | 17,640 days | | Jerusalem restored | Decree from Artaxerxes March 14, 445 B. C. (Nehemiah 2:1-8) starts the clock |
| 62 weeks | 434 prophetic years | 156,240 days | | Messiah comes, cut off | Jesus enters Jerusalem, April 6, 32 A. D. (Luke 19:28-40, Zech. 9:9) |
| | Total 483 prophetic years; 476 solar years | | 173,88 0 total days | | |

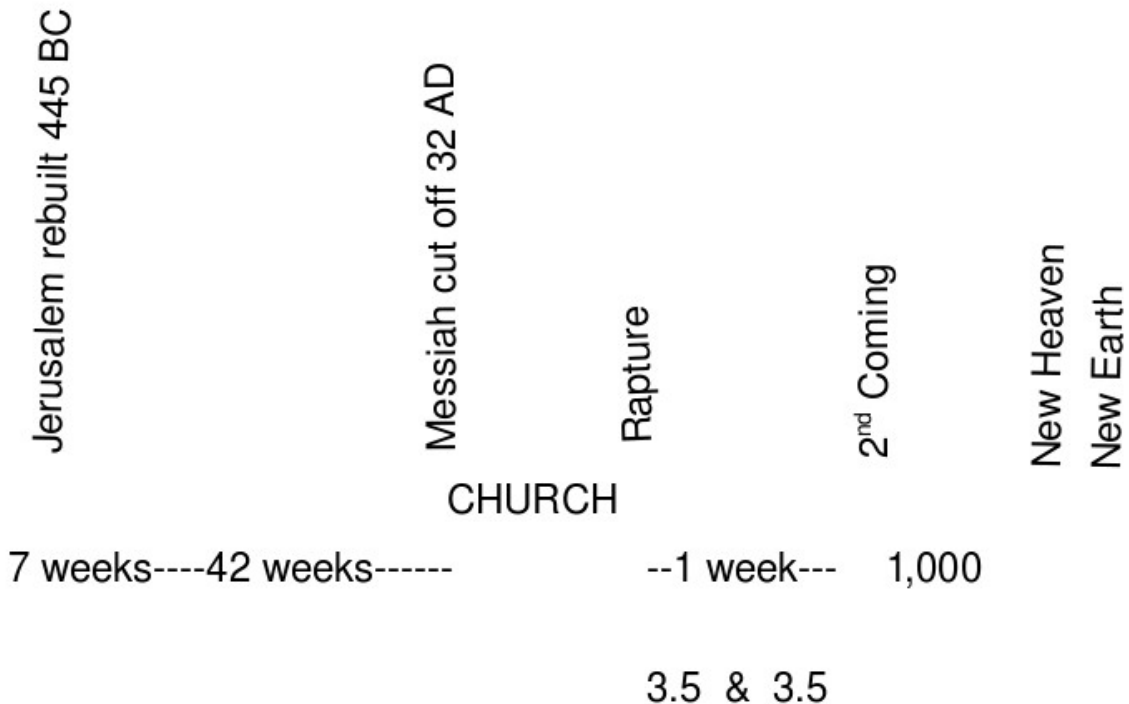
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| | | | | | Interval, prophecy interrupted |
| 3 ½ weeks | 3 ½ years | 1,260 days | | Covenant confirmed | |
| 3 ½ weeks | 3 ½ years | 1,260 days | | End sacrifice, desolation | |
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*Dates by Robert Anderson in *The Coming Prince* (From Josh McDowell, *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, pp. 180-181)

Interrupted prophecies or “Time outs” in other prophecies: Isaiah 9:6-7; Zechariah 9:9-10. Compare Isaiah 61:1-2 with Luke 4:18-19.

Daniel 9:26-27

- The people of the prince to come are associated with the Roman Empire (v. 26)
- The last week will start with a covenant with the “prince,” who is the antichrist.
- The temple will be rebuilt.
- The prince will end sacrifices in the middle of the week, i.e. in about 3 and ½ years.
- At that time comes the “abomination of desolation,” which is identified in 2 Thess. 4 as proclaiming himself as god in the temple.



**Characteristics of the Coming Prince (modified from
<http://www.biblicalstudies.com/bstudy/eschatology/daniel.htm>)**

| Characteristics | Dan.9 Prince | II Thes.2 Man of Sin | Rev.13 Beast of Sea |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Makes blasphemy in Temple | x | x | x |
| Makes Idol | x | | |
| Demands Worship | | x | x |
| Succeeds in Deceiving with Signs | | x | x |
| Reign of Terror | x | | x |
| Empowered by Satan | | x | x |
| Persecutes Saints | x | x | x |
| World Rulership | (implied) | x | x |
| Destroyed by Christ at His coming | (implied) | x | x |

Ending video: Understanding Bible prophecy 1 (Daniel's 70 weeks) 10 Min.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkUkX08aDrM>