

GOD'S AMAZING PROPHECY

Daniel 9:24-27

God promised Judah through the prophet Jeremiah that her captivity in Babylon would be 70 years (Jer 25:11-12; 29:10-11). However, God had more to reveal about both Judah and Israel, so He sent Gabriel to tell Daniel about 70 weeks of years! A week of years is seven years, so this prophecy involved 490 years. These years would not begin until a decree was made to rebuild Jerusalem. That decree was made by King Artaxerxes of Medo-Persia in 445 B.C., almost 100 years after this vision was given to Daniel. Nehemiah was commissioned to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and the city was completely rebuilt in seven weeks of years, or 49 years. During the next 62 weeks of years, or 434 years, nothing is revealed in this vision until the very end when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and some of the people heralded Him as the Messiah in A.D. 32. That event completed 69 weeks of years, or 483 years. All that is left of the 70 weeks of years is one week of years, or seven years. However, at this point there is a gap in the prophecy, which has not yet been fulfilled. That week of years will be fulfilled during the seven-year Tribulation. At the end of the Tribulation, Jesus Christ will return to earth to destroy Antichrist for his desolation of the Temple and persecution of Israel. The allies of Antichrist will be destroyed with him. Israel will receive Jesus as her Messiah and He will reign over all nations on the earth for 1000 years and then the earth will be destroyed. Jesus is crucified during the gap, a week after He had been heralded by some Jews as their Messiah. Also, Jerusalem is destroyed during the gap (A.D. 70) by the Romans. Both of these events were revealed in this prophecy. This prophecy also speaks of wars that would continue throughout the gap, especially against Israel, until Antichrist would be desolated.

Aim: See the Tribulation as the way to get Israel to repent so Christ can rule the world as her King.

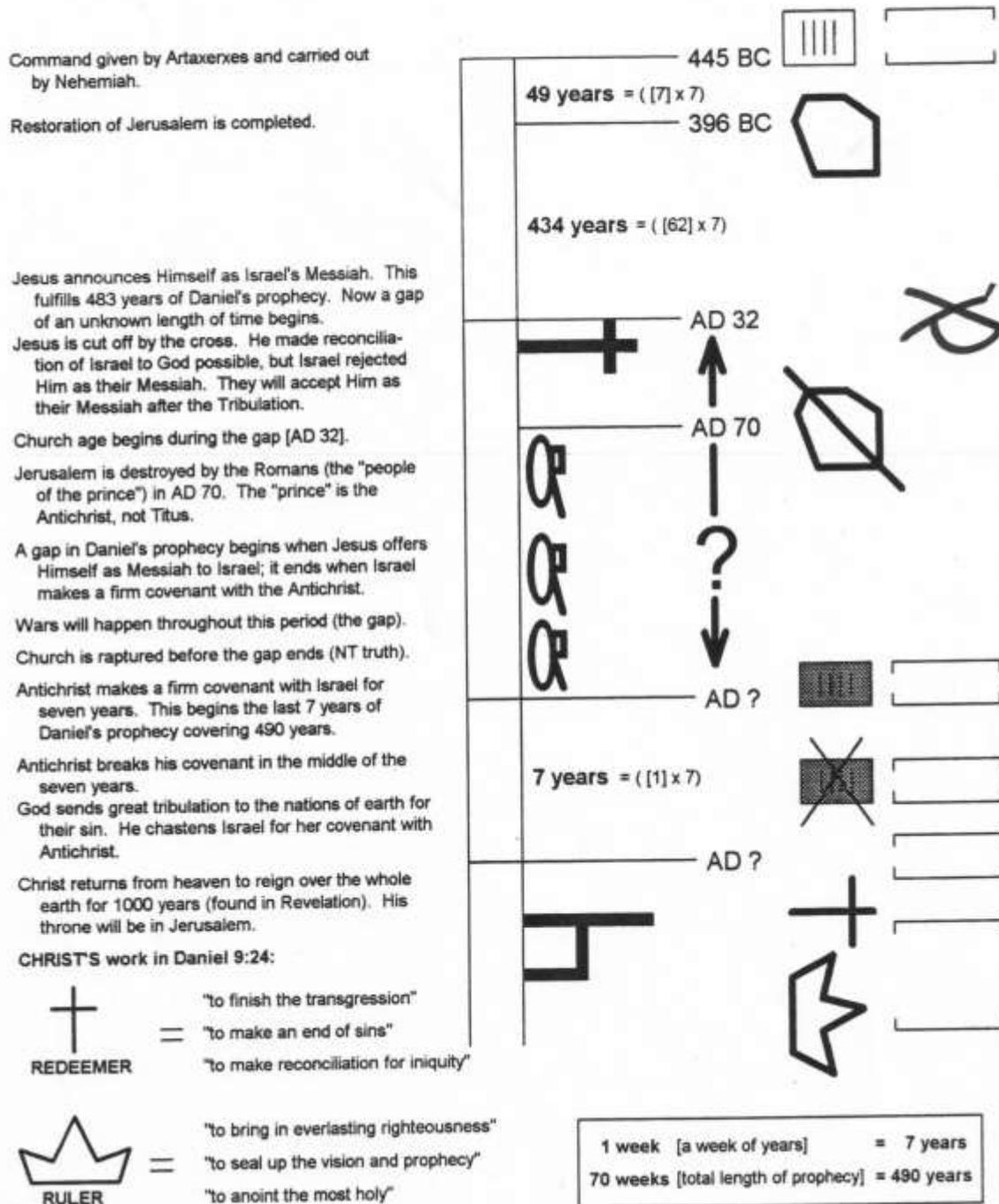
Questions to Answer

1. Six blessings will be given to Israel when she receives Jesus as her Messiah-King. Put the letter in front of the definition on the blank before the blessing.

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| ___ “Finish the transgression” | a. Christ will bring in lasting righteousness when He sets up His Kingdom in Israel, because He is fully righteous and He will rule the world in righteousness |
| ___ “Make an end of sins” | b. When Christ reigns over the earth, visions and prophecies will cease and all promises and predictions regarding Israel will be fulfilled |
| ___ “Make reconciliation for iniquity” | c. When Christ comes to rule the earth, He will dedicate the millennial Temple located in the midst of Israel. |
| ___ “Bring in everlasting righteousness” | d. Israel's personal daily sins are sealed up (forgiven), buried forever in the sea, when individuals receive Christ |
| ___ “Seal up the vision and prophecy” | e. Israel's national rebellion against God ends when she finally receives Christ as her Savior. |
| ___ “Anoint the most holy” | f. Atonement for Israel's perverse sin was made possible by Jesus' death on the cross, but it is completed when she accepts Him as her Savior. |

2. Name one thing that was predicted to happen during the seven weeks of years?
3. Name one thing that was predicted to happen during the 62 weeks of years?
4. Name two things that was predicted to happen during the gap?
5. Name three things that are predicted to happen during final week of years.
6. Complete the next chart with your teacher's help. Daniel 9:24-27; Daniel 8 compared with Daniel 9.

CHART OF DANIEL 9:24-27



7. Name any of the six blessings promised to Israel that will be a blessing to you as a believer in Christ.

CHART FOR VISIONS IN DANIEL 8 AND 9

KINGDOM	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 9
BABYLONIAN		
MEDO-PERSIAN	RAM with two horns: one was higher (Persia) than the other (Media). The ram was the symbol of M-P. The ram pushed west (Lydia & Babylon), north (Scythia) and south (Egypt) – Dan 8:3-4.	In 445 B.C. Artaxerxes made a decree to let Nehemiah rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. In the next 49 years Jerusalem was rebuilt (seven weeks of years) – Dan 9:25; see Neh 2:1-8; 6:15.
GRECIAN	MALE GOAT (Greece) came swiftly from the west; its feet didn't touch the ground. it had a big horn (Alex), ran into the ram and destroyed it. The big horn was broken (Alex' death). His empire was divided into 4 Greek nations; 2 oppressed Israel. Out of Syria came a little horn (Antiochus Epiphanes) that persecuted the Jews and polluted the Temple, but he was judged by God--Dan 8:5-12, 16-25. He is a type of Antichrist	62 weeks of years (434 years) covered the last part of the Medo-Persian rule, all of the Grecian rule, and the first part of the Roman rule. Nothing is said about the Grecian rule in this vision. Much more will be said about the Grecian rule in Daniel 11.
ANCIENT ROMAN		The 62 weeks of years will continue "unto Messiah the Prince." This refers to Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem, called Palm Sunday. This is followed by is a gap in the prophecy. 69 weeks of years has been fulfilled, but not the 70 th week of years. During this gap Jesus is cut off (crucified) and has nothing (did not receive His Kingdom). The people (Roman) of the prince to come (Antichrist) destroyed Jerusalem (A.D. 70). Wars will continue.
FUTURE ROMAN	The little horn, Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria, is a type of the little horn that will arise in the latter days from the future Roman Empire. He is Antichrist and will be much worse than Antiochus Epiphanes.	70 th week of years is the future Tribulation. Antichrist will make a covenant with the Jews for 7 years, but he will break it after 3½ years. Then he will attempt to destroy Israel.
MESSIANIC		Antichrist, the desolator of God's Temple will be desolated. Israel will repent of its sin and receive Jesus as her Messiah and she shall be given 6 blessings – Dan 9:24.