

DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS & IS THE TRIBULATION 3.5 YEARS OR 7 YEARS?

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Daniel 9:24-27, “**Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 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.** 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. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.**”

For now let me just say a few things about the text: understanding Daniel 9:27 without the context of chapter 8 would be a futile work in light of these verses:

Daniel 8:10-14, “**And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.**” With Daniel 8:23-26, “**And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes;** but he shall be broken without hand. And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.” How do you reconcile all this with 2300 days? 2300 days would be: 6.4 years! Where would you FIT this number into 3.5? It would fit into a 7 year period of time.**

Numbers 14:34, “**After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.**” Notice the “...breach of promise.”? This happened again with the 70 years in Babylon. This “...breach of promise.” Is what causes the issue with: “...each day for a year...” to “...bear your iniquities...”! Why would the first HE in Daniel 9:27 be Christ if during this time Israel is to bear their OWN iniquities? The covenant confirmed by someone could be the



same person that made said same covenant: Daniel 11:21, “And **in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.**” A covenant could have been made peaceably to obtain the kingdom by flatteries! This same person could be that very one that also conspires against his own covenant: Daniel 11:32, “And **such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries:** but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” To do wickedly against the covenant is to reckon that there IS in fact a covenant: is not this the same as a confirmation of that same covenant? Yes it is! So then in Daniel 11:36-39, “And **the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.**” This is the sum total of all the “...HE...” s of Daniel 9:27.

And why is the “seven weeks” of verse 25 missing from verse 26? Is everyone counting this all wrong, missing the real count not by 3.5 years, but by 7 times 7 years? The more likely answer would be it is missing because it has YET to have happened. For me it is not just a matter of the last 7 years: but that plus the 49 years that Christ was cut SHORT FROM. This being the case the last 7 years or any PART of it would be a mute point placing any of it in the past during Christ’s time. Most people discount this issue: however, I find no good explanation as to WHY it is MISSING from verse 26 unless the 7 x 7 was the amount of TIME cut short of Christ’s being crowned as KING or God the Father crowned KING. If he is still sitting at God’s right hand, and God is on the throne, then God is King of Heaven, and Jesus Christ is still Prince, YET to receive the throne. And also Satan is the god of this world. It is therefore my contention that there are 8 weeks missing from Daniels 70 weeks of years, not just ONE! 7 weeks have been postponed until after the LAST WEEK!

The issues mount up and the waters become murky with less explained and more mud added to the water: The HE in verse 27: Daniel 9:27, “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” If you isolate this HE that confirms the covenant FOR ONE WEEK, not 3.5! Then you MUST MAKE the second HE that very SAME person, because there would be no antecedent for that HE; as well as the third HE that is said to “...overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate...” SO, WHO is it that “...shall confirm the covenant with many for ONE WEEK”? it is the second HE that separates the 7 years in to TWO periods of 3.5 years: NOT THE FIRST HE!

All the he’s of Daniel 9:27 refer back to the last personal noun the prince of the people. Not Messiah the prince. He was not the prince of the people: it was the people that said to crucify him, and Messiah the prince was cut off in Daniel 9:26, “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...” so if he is cut off in 26, how can he show up in 27?

The Evidence for the 7 Year Tribulation Time:

Revelation 11:3, "...a thousand two hundred and threescore days..."

Revelation 12:6, "...a thousand two hundred and threescore days..."

3.5 years plus 3.5 years is 7 years.

Daniel 7:25, "...a time and times and the dividing of time."

Daniel 12:7, "...a time, times, and an half..."

3.5 years plus 3.5 years is 7 years.

Revelation 12:14, "...a time, and times, and half a time..." and Revelation 12:6, "...a thousand two hundred and threescore days." This is the same event.

Revelation 11:3, "...thousand two hundred and threescore days..." and Revelation 11:2, "...forty and two months." Seems like the same event.

3.5 years plus 3.5 years is 7 years.

Revelation 13:5, "...forty and two months..."

Notice the strange pattern above? Three sets of 7 years and one set of 3.5 years. That in itself is a 3.5!

There are 7 (sevens) throughout Revelation show a dominant numerics of that particular number. There are however references of 3.5 years: Revelation 11:3, "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth." Using a lunar year count this is exactly 3.5 years. Another passage: Revelation 12:6, "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**." Same wording here so the question is do both events happen at exactly the same time? Or do they overlap? Or are they back to back? Fact is 3.5 years plus 3.5 years is 7 years. However nothing in the text tells us in which way they are to be taken. However other references: Daniel 7:25, "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until **a time and times and the dividing of time**." The time would relate to one year, and times would relate to two years, with the dividing of time or half a year. So $1 + 2 + \frac{1}{2} = 3.5$ years. However we have a similar passage in Daniel 12:7, "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for **a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." Similarly this time would relate to one year, and times would relate to two years, and an half referring to half of a time. So $1 + 2 + \frac{1}{2} = 3.5$ years. So, when you add these two times together you get $3.5 + 3.5 = 7$ years.

Another reference to this type of wording is in Revelation 12:14, "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent." Which explains the half as a half a time, however notice the events in revelation that this is another 3.5 year time

that would fall in exactly the same as the other two events. So to find out about these events let's list them together:

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Revelation 12:6, "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**."

Revelation 12:14, "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a **time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent."

So as far as the 12:6 and 12:14 show to be the same event and also gives the interpretation of time, times, and half a time. However, the two witnesses in 11:3 show up after this event:

Revelation 11:2, "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot **forty and two months**."

Yet another 3.5 year time period. So we have quite a number of references to 3.5 year periods that seem to overlap considerably where they do not fall on exactly the same 3.5 year times. Yet the 3.5 year only seems to only allow these events to be stacked on top of each other and happen at exactly the same time.

If in one 3.5 year period someone is being a witness with power to overcome their enemies; and another 3.5 time period where someone must flee for their lives without power to overcome their enemy, then they cannot in any way be the same time periods.

Notice there are 7 references to 3.5 year periods in Revelation with the last one here: Revelation 13:5, "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months**." So in comparing all seven together they cannot possibly be all happening at the same time, yet they also are not all back to back, and they are not all overlapping. Yet they cannot all fit together on top of each other in just a 3.5 year time. The clues show up: The events of the tribulation show up in Revelation 6 with the first seal opened and a white horse rider shows up. The end would be when the next white horse rider shows up in Revelation 19. This shows a map of the tribulation where two chapters for a year not only show where all the 3.5 year events start this also shows the middle of the 7 year period in Revelation 13 exactly where the beast shows up. So in chapter 6 the antichrist shows up as the man of sin, and in chapter 13 he shows up as the son of perdition. Giving his number 666 in verse 18 which is 3 X 6. So the start, end and middle are in this map perfectly.

There is another issue with this and that is all the sevens in Revelation. If there are seven local churches, they must doctrinally apply to the local churches left behind after the rapture and do not apply doctrinally to the body of Christ. There are many sevens in Revelation:

Seven:

Seven Churches

Seven Spirits of God

Seven Golden Candlesticks

Seven Stars

Seven Lamps of Fire

Seven Sealed Book

Seven Horns on the Lamb

Seven Eyes on the Lamb

Seven Angels with Trumpets

Seven Trumpets

Seven Thunders Uttered Voices

Seven Heads on the Great Red Dragon



- Seven Crowns on the Great Red Dragon
- Seven Heads on the Beast Rising up out of the Sea
- Seven Angels Having the Last Plagues of the Wrath of God
- Seven Last Plagues
- Seven Angels Golden Vials Full of the Wrath of God
- Seven Golden Vials
- Seven Plagues
- Seven Mountains
- Seven Kings

21 sevens and 21 is 3 X 7 and 21 X 37 is 777 which is where the end of this time starts with Lord Jesus Christ coming back to set up His kingdom. While the 666 that shows up in 13:18 is the antichrist, the man of sin, the son of perdition: 18 X 37 = 666. Perhaps to complete the times of the gentiles and bring in Christ's kingdom you MUST have a seven for completion: 3.5 years just doesn't do it.

There are some other issues with just a 3.5 year tribulation. How do you fit Daniel 8:14, "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Into 3.5 years? 2300 days, if this is literal would be 6.4 years. This time would fit into a seven year time. Also in Daniel 9:24-27, "**Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 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. 25 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. 26 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 9:24-27		
Verses		
24		70 weeks = 490 years
25		7 weeks = 49 years
	The Seven Weeks Get pushed out Past the Thousand Year Reign because of verse 24	
	The Church Age and the Millennial Reign are not Counted in this Prophecy for the time line.	
	Jesus Christ is cut off	
26		62 weeks = 434 years
27		63 weeks = 441 years
	If the 62 weeks end with the Messiah being cut off, how do you then put the first half of the last week before the crucifixion?	
	How does this first 3.5 years go before Jesus Christ being cut off? $7 + 62 - 0.5 + 0.5 = 69$ Weeks	
	The time line must be consecutive for a complete 70 week count. $7 + 62 + 0.5 + 0.5 = 70$ Weeks	
	1 Week missing!	

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week**: and **in the midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." You have to account for the alteration of the "...seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks..." of verse 25 with the "...after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off..." in verse 26. Remember the 70 refers to more than just finishing up the tribulation time. Notice in

verse 24 “...to bring in everlasting righteousness...” which happens in 2 Peter 3:13, “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**” So this 7 X 7 time element could be the Great White Throne Judgment time which is after the thousand year reign. Why is it missing from verse 26?

Another problem with only 3.5 year tribulation is that: if the first 3.5 is in the past and is Jesus Christ’s ministry of 3.5 years, then you have the first of the last week starting and ending before Christ is “cut off” in verse 26. So that would overlap the first 3.5 years with the “...threescore and two weeks...” which makes no sense at all; because if they happen at the same time then the total time would NOT be 70 weeks but 69 weeks. The events here are sequential:

Verse 24: Total 70 X 7 years

Verse 25: Next is seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks... 7 X 7 years and 62 X 7 years

Verse 26: Then threescore and two weeks with the Messiah being cut off SHORT of the Seven weeks. So only the 62 X 7 years shows up. This also give us another question: why is that divide in the way it is divided in verse 25? Why not 69 X 7 or in other words why did it not say Threescore and two weeks and seven weeks? Or why not Threescore and nine weeks? Why divide the seven weeks and two weeks from the sixty weeks? What great event happened after the seven sevens of years after the going forth of the commandment to rebuild? NOTHING! Then WHY this obvious division? And why is it LEFT OUT of verse 26?

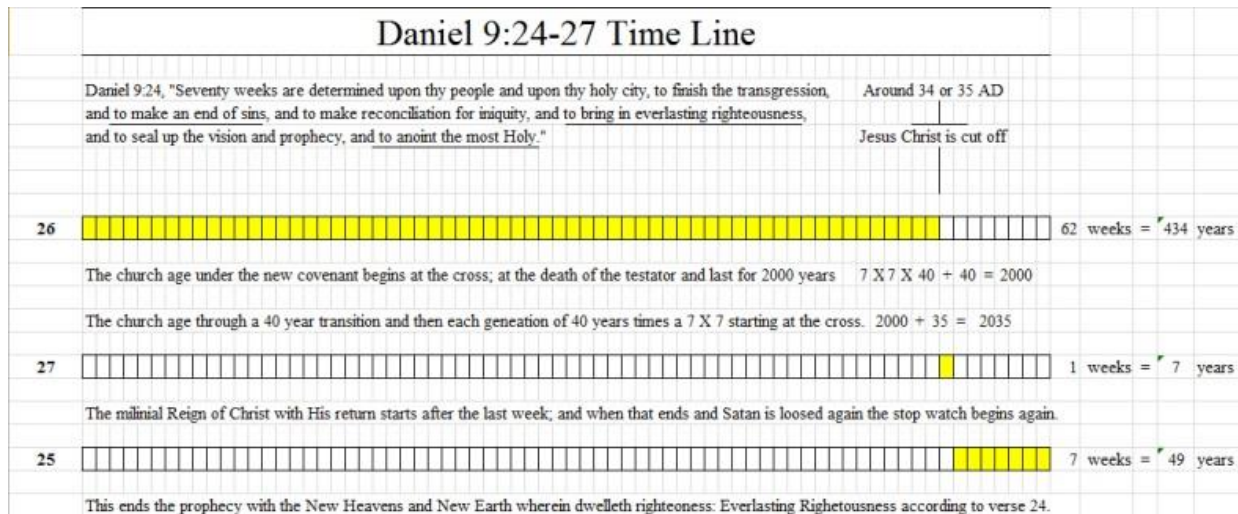
Verse 27: Lastly is the “...he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week **he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...**” when did Jesus Christ confirm any covenant for a week or a weeks of years? When did Judas do that? Then when did either of them cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease in the midst of the week? If you make this the death of Christ, then the first half of that week or 3.5 years and the threescore and two weeks with the Messiah being cut off overlap as the SAME TIME FRAME. Not good!

The antecedent of all the “he’s” in verse 27 is the last prince mentioned in 26 which is not Jesus Christ; the people of the prince is who they will receive: they **rejected** Jesus Christ. This reflects the passage: Daniel 8:23-25, “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, **a king of fierce countenance**, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and **he shall magnify himself in his heart**, and **by peace shall destroy many**: he shall also stand up **against the Prince of princes**; but he shall be broken without hand.” Who is this king of fierce countenance? Look at the context: Daniel 8:10-12, “And it (the little horn) waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, **he magnified himself even to the prince of the host**, and **by him the daily sacrifice was taken away**, and **the place of his sanctuary was cast down**. And an host was given **him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression**, and it **cast down the truth to the ground**; and it practised, and prospered.” This is the prince of the people in chapter 9:26. For it is “...**by him the daily sacrifice was taken away...**” Not Jesus Christ; who was murdered by sinful men: so it was the sinful men that caused the sacrifice to cease when Christ was murdered on the cross. This is NOT the same thing. So Daniel 9:27 is still a seven year time called the tribulation and the last half is the great tribulation; while the first half is a pseudo- peaceful time. The trouble with the Daniel 9:27 and the first 3.5 year separation from the second 3.5 year is that they are spoken of as ONE WEEK not two separate events split by 2000 years. Further you have to fit Daniel 8:13-14, “Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice**, and the **transgression of desolation**, to give both the sanctuary and the host **to be trodden under foot**? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” 2300 days that is 6.4 years which you can NOT fit into just a 3.5 year period of time.



One more element is missing: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, **and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** Who opposeth and **exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped;** so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**” The Church will see and know the Antichrist, the man of sin, the son of perdition when he shows up as the Antichrist before the tribulation. For Daniel 9:27 to take place where the covenant is confirmed, a covenant must be written for a future confirmation or commencement. This shows up in Daniel 11:24, “**He shall enter peaceably** even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even **for a time.**” Notice that? “...even for a time.” A year. So at the time of the feast of Tabernacles he sets up a pact or treaty or covenant with Israel to be confirmed a year from then. We see this and know this is the Antichrist; ergo we also know that he is the man of sin the son of perdition. That spring we rapture; the next fall the Antichrist confirms that covenant bringing in the seven year tribulation Revelation 6 which then around 3.5 years he walks into the temple and sits on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies proclaiming himself as god during the passover Revelation 13; then another 3.5 years through great tabulation and in the fall during the feast of tabernacles the Lord Jesus Christ Returns Revelation 19.

The obvious implication of these things is this: if you allot 70 week total and remove 7 weeks, then remove 62 weeks and make this end with Christ’s death, then make the first 3.5 years Jesus Christ ministry, then you have reverted back that many years into the 62 weeks. Then the last half adds the last 3.5 to the whole but you come up with only 66.5 weeks not 70.



The 7 week period of time is pushed out to the end after the thousand year reign because of Daniel 9:24, “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 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.” Notice these things:

1. “...to make an end of sins...” Revelation 20:7-15
2. “...to bring in everlasting righteousness...” 2 Peter 3:13 & Revelation 21:1-7
3. “...to anoint the most Holy.” 1 Corinthians 15:24; Revelation 21:1-7

These three things reveal that the prophecy was intended to end after the New Heaven and New Earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness: 2 Peter 3:13, “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” The 7 weeks of years would start running with the end of sins: Satan cast into the lake of fire and death and hell also, all the dead have been cast into the lake of fire, so what it looks like is this time line starts when Satan is loosed and ends with the New Heavens and New Earth which would be a 7 X 7 year period of time: 49 years or a Jubilee. The first reference for the Jubile is: Leviticus 25:8, “And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.” The last reference for the Jubile is: Numbers 36:4, “And when the jubile of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.”

1 Corinthians 15:24, “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.”

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