

4. Fourth, it will bring in everlasting righteousness.

5. Fifth, it will seal up the vision and prophesy.

2. GOD SAID TO DIVIDE THE 490 YEARS INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART IS 69 X 7 OR 483 YEARS. THE SECOND PART IS THE REMAINING 7 YEARS.

Daniel 9:25 *“Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.”*

A. The time span is from the decree to **REBUILD** Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed One, and will be 483 years.

Nehemiah 2:1-8 *“In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before; ²so the king asked me, ‘Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart. I was very much afraid, ³but I said to the king, ‘May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?’ ⁴The king said to me, ‘What is it you want?’ Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵and I answered the king, ‘If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it.’ ⁶Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, ‘How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?’ It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. ⁷I also said to him, ‘If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?’ ⁸And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king’s forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?’ And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests.”*

B. History shows that Artaxerxes issued the decree allowing Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem on March 5, **445 BC**.

1. First, the prophecy is for the **JEWISH** people. So, you have to use the Jewish calendar, not our calendar. The Jewish calendar was on the Lunar system of 360 days, not our calendar of 365 days. Take 360 days X 483 years and you have 173,880 days.

2. Second, our calendar today has 365.24219879 days in it. To keep our calendar in line we fix it every four years by adding in leap year. So to translate the prophecy into our method of dating you have to take 173,880 days and divide by 24219879 days and you get 476 years and 25 days.

3. Artaxerxes gave the decree to rebuild Jerusalem on March 5, 445 B.C., so if you begin counting from there, 476 years and 25 days takes you to March 30, 33 AD. (From 1 BC to 1 AD is only one year – there is no zero year. The day after December 31, 1 BC is January 1, 1 AD.)

4. Daniel’s prophecy completely lines up with March 30, 33 AD. March 30 was the Sunday before Passover. If 33 AD was the year Jesus was crucified, March 30, 33 AD would have been Palm Sunday. On that day in 33 AD, Jesus rode into the city on a donkey presenting Himself as the **ANOINTED ONE**.

For further reading, Sir Robert Anderson, The Coming Prince (Kregel: Grand Rapids, p.104); Article <http://www.gotquestions.org/length-Jesus-ministry.html>

C. The second part of the prophecy is the last **7** years. (Daniel 9:26)

Daniel 9:26 *“After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.”*

1. In 70 AD, the Romans came into Jerusalem led by Titus and totally destroyed it and the Temple. That event was a fulfillment of prophecy from Daniel 9 and from Jesus’ own words in Matthew 24. From 70 AD until 1948 the Jews had no country and had no **PEACE**.

Daniel 9:27 *“He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”*

Matthew 24:15-25 *“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel – let the reader understand – ¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains ¹⁷Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. ¹⁸Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. ¹⁹How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again. ²²If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. ²³At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect – if that were possible. ²⁵See, I have told you ahead of time.”*

Revelation 12:14-17 “The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach.¹⁵Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent.¹⁶But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.¹⁷Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring – those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”

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Part Ten - Daniel Chapter 9

1. THE PROPHECY FROM DANIEL 9 ABOUT THE MESSIAH INVOLVES 490 YEARS OF PROPHECY. (Daniel 9:24)

Daniel 9:24 “*Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.*”

- A. In the end times, what God does to bring the world to an end will center around the **JEWISH** people.
- B. At the end of these 490 years there are some particular things that will be accomplished:
 - 1. First, there will come an end to **THE** transgression. The transgression is the rejection of the **MESSIAH**.
 - 2. Second, there will come an end to **SIN**. That end will usher in the Millennial (1000 year) reign of Christ on the earth.
 - 3. Third, there will be **RECOGNITION** for sin.

Romans 5:1 “*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...*”

Zechariah 13:1 “*On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.*”

Zechariah 12:9-10 “*On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.¹⁰And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.*”