

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy

The various schools of interpreting Revelation are also shaped by an understanding of Daniel's 70 Weeks prophecy, so I thought it would be good to go through this chapter in Daniel 9 before proceeding to Revelation chapter 11.

The Context

Dan 9:1-19 ESV **In the first year of Darius** the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans-- 2 in the first year of his reign, **I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.**

In the first year of Darius

- This takes place in the year 539 B. C. about 66 or 67 years after the Judah was carried off in the Babylonian exile

I Daniel, perceived in the books - He studied and believed the word of the LORD

- Jer 29:10-14 ESV "For thus says the LORD: **When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you**, and I will fulfill to you my promise and **bring you back to this place.** 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and **I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.**
 - The Jews went into exile in 605 -- 70 years would be over in 536 B.C.
 - **So there are about three years to go before the captivity would be over**

You can now understand the urgency and fervency of His prayer (below)...the 70 years of captivity are just about completed.

Confession of sin & appealing to His mercy

3 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4 I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 **we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.** 6 **We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.** 7 **To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness,** but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. 8 **To us, O LORD, belongs open shame,** to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, **because we have sinned against you.** 9 To the Lord

our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for **we have rebelled against him** 10 and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 **All Israel has transgressed your law** and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, **because we have sinned against him**. 12 He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, **turning from our iniquities** and gaining insight by your truth. 14 Therefore the LORD has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the **LORD our God is righteous** in all the works that he has done, and **we have not obeyed his voice**. 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, **we have sinned, we have done wickedly**. 16 "O Lord, according to all your **righteous acts**, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, **because for our sins, and for the iniquities** of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. 17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 **O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name**. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our **righteousness**, but because of your great mercy. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Gabriel brings an answer to his prayer

Dan 9:20-23 NIV While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill-- 21 while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, **I have now come to give you insight and understanding. 23 As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed**. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

The 70 weeks prophecy

24 "**Seventy 'sevens'** [KJV and ESV - '**seventy weeks'**] are decreed for your people and your holy city

What are these sevens? -- STRONGS - Properly passive participle of H7650 as a denominative of H7651; literally sevened, that is, a week (specifically of years): - seven, week.

This 70 weeks prophecy is actually describing 70 'sevens' or 490 years

There is fairly common agreement among commentators and expositors that these 'weeks' or 'sevens' are weeks of YEARS...so for example:

- 1 day = ONE year

- 1 week (7 days) = SEVEN years
- So 70 sevens = 490 years

The concept of counting a year for a day is not unique to the 70 Weeks Prophecy

- Num 14:33-34 NIV Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. 34 **For forty years--one year for each of the forty days** you explored the land--you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.'
- Eze 4:4-6 NIV "Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the people of Israel upon yourself. You are to bear their sin for the number of days you lie on your side. 5 **I have assigned you the same number of days as the years of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the people of Israel.** 6 "After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the people of Judah. **I have assigned you 40 days, a day for each year.**

The 70 weeks (or 490 years) are decreed for

- YOUR PEOPLE (Judah)
- and YOUR HOLY CITY (Jerusalem)

What is the goal / purpose of the decree?

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 Place.

More on this later, but here is a rough outline

- 1) to finish transgression
- 2) to put an end to sin
- 3) to atone for wickedness (KJV) to make reconciliation for iniquity
- 4) to bring in everlasting righteousness
- 5) to seal up vision and prophecy
- 6) to anoint the Most Holy Place (KJV) to anoint the most Holy

NOTE: In Daniel's prayer he addressed these very items - these are the very things the LORD says he will deal with during this 70 weeks. Daniel uses these words this many times in his prayer. The LORD's answer is a message that He will deal with these things

- transgression 1
- sin 1111
- wickedness 1
- righteousness 1111
- iniquities 11
- wickedly 1

Where in history do these 490 years fit?

25 "Know and understand this: **From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.'**

There are three sections of weeks defined which total 490 years

- **Seven** "sevens" = 7x7 or 49 years (vs 25)
- **Sixty-two** "sevens" = 7x62 or 434 years (vs 25)
- **One** "seven" = 7x1 or 7 years (vs 27)

69 of the weeks (seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' or 483 years) **stretches from the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes**

The 483 years begins with "the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem"

2Ch 36:22-23 ESV Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, **that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled**, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: 23 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, '**The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.**'"

- **that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled** -- Jer 29:10 ESV "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.
- **Isaiah also prophesied about Cyrus' role in the rebuilding of the city** -- Isa 44:24-28 ESV Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, 25 who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish, 26 who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,' and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins'; 27 who says to the deep, 'Be dry; I will dry up your rivers'; 28 **who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose'; saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'**"
- Isa 45:1-6 ESV **Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus**, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 2 "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, **that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.** 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, **I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.** 5

I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; **I equip you, though you do not know me**, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

- **Note: To further emphasize the miraculous side of this proclamation, Isaiah's prophecy took place some one hundred fifty years before Cyrus came to the throne!**
 - The Jewish historian, Josephus stated that the Jews in Babylonian captivity showed Cyrus the prophecies of the Old Testament Scriptures which contain his name and described his role in the scheme of God. The historian says that it was this circumstance that motivated the ruler "to fulfill what was written" (Antiquities of the Jews 11.1.2), and thus to issue his edict permitting Israel's return to her homeland.¹

483 years ends here - "Until the Anointed One [KJV Messiah], the ruler, comes"

The Hebrew word for Messiah is "Anointed." Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit at his baptism in the Jordan river.

- **Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit** -- Act 10:36-38 ESV As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how ***God anointed*** Jesus of Nazareth ***with the Holy Spirit*** and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- **This took place at the same time as His baptism in the Jordan** -- Luk 3:21-23 ESV Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22 and **the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove**; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." 23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,
- **He is Messiah / The Anointed One** -- Joh 1:41 ESV He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).
- Luk 4:16-21 NIV He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 **"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me** to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, **"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."**
- **He did no miracles until He was anointed of the Holy Spirit** -- Joh 2:11 ESV This, the first

¹ <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/264-cyrus-the-great-in-biblical-prophecy>

of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

So there are 483 years (69x7) from the decree to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah [i.e. the anointing of Jesus with the Holy Spirit at His baptism in the Jordan river]

Some math

Jesus was 30 at the time of His anointing - Luke 3:23. If you add 457 years B.C. (the date typically agreed upon as to the time the commandment was given) you get 487. Subtract the 4 years mistake of our present calendar, and you are at 483 years, or exactly 69 weeks / sevens.

It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

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- Ezr 4:1-4 ESV **Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the returned exiles were building a temple to the LORD**, the God of Israel, 2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria who brought us here." 3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in Israel said to them, "You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God; but we alone will build to the LORD, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us." 4 **Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build**
- Neh 4:1-2 ESV **Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged**, and he jeered at the Jews. 2 And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?"

The 70th Week

26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing.

“After the 62 sevens”

- It doesn't specify how long after - just that it happens "AFTER"...in other words His being put to death is NOT WITHIN the 69 week period. The Anointed One's "being put to death, or being [KJV "cut off"] **must take place** at some time during the last week (or seven years) if you consider His death as part of the prophetic focus.

The Anointed One will be put to death -- or The Messiah will be cut off (KJV)

- The word for put to death, or cut off is -- A primitive root; *to cut* (off, down or asunder); by implication *to destroy* or *consume*; **specifically to covenant** (that is, make an alliance or bargain, originally by *cutting flesh and passing between the pieces*): - be chewed, be con-

[feder-] ate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league ([covenant]), X lose, perish, X utterly, X want.

- **Jesus death on the cross (i.e. his being cut off) is exactly that - a cutting of covenant....**Mat 26:27-28 ESV And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for **this is my blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

To cut a covenant

- Gen 15:7-18 ESV And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a **heifer** three years old, a female **goat** three years old, a **ram** three years old, a **turtledove**, and a **young pigeon**." 10 And he brought him all these, **cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other**. But he did not cut the birds in half. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, **a deep sleep fell on Abram**. And behold, dreadful and **great darkness** fell upon him. 13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. 14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 **On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

And will have nothing

- Some versions say "and He will be left with nothing"
 - Joh 16:32 NIV "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. **You will leave me all alone**. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.
 - Mat 27:35 NIV When they had crucified him, **they divided up his clothes** by casting lots.
 - Mat 27:46 NIV About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**").
- Some versions say "but not for Himself" - (i.e. his death was for us)
 - 2Co 5:21 NIV God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - Rom 5:8 NIV But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - 1Co 15:3 NIV For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ

died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

The ruler who will come

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**.

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- This ruler is Titus who destroyed the city and the sanctuary in 70 AD

Desolations have been decreed

- Luk 21:19-21 NIV Stand firm, and you will win life. 20 "When you see **Jerusalem being surrounded by armies**, you will know that its **desolation** is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. 22 For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. 23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. 24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. **Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**
- Titus made war against Jerusalem and destroyed it
- Desolation came about because of the work of Titus
- The effect of this desolation would be until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled
 - Mat 23:37-38 NIV "**Jerusalem, Jerusalem**, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 38 **Look, your house is left to you desolate.**

Who will confirm a covenant?

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'

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- Some commentators and expositors say "**the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary**" (vs. 26b) as well as the "**he**" in this verse are referring to the Antichrist. In my view it is clear that the ruler who will come is speaking of Titus (not antichrist) and the "**He who will confirm a covenant**" is speaking of Christ and points to "the Anointed one who was put to death". As a matter of fact it is His death that is the basis of the covenant.
- **The LORD keeps His covenants**
 - Psa 111:5 NIV He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
 - Psa 111:9 NIV He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever-- holy and awesome is his name.

- **But what covenant does antichrist have to confirm?**

His blood is the blood of the covenant - poured out for the forgiveness of sins

- Mat 26:27-28 ESV And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for **this is my blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus came to CONFIRM THE COVENANT to His people

- **His earthly ministry was focused on Israel** -- Mat 15:22-24 NIV A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."**
- Mat 10:5-7 NIV These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'
- Luk 1:68-75 NIV "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. 69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David 70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), 71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us-- 72 to show mercy to our ancestors and **to remember his holy covenant**, 73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham: 74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Who is the "HE" In the middle of the week speaking of?

In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

CHRIST

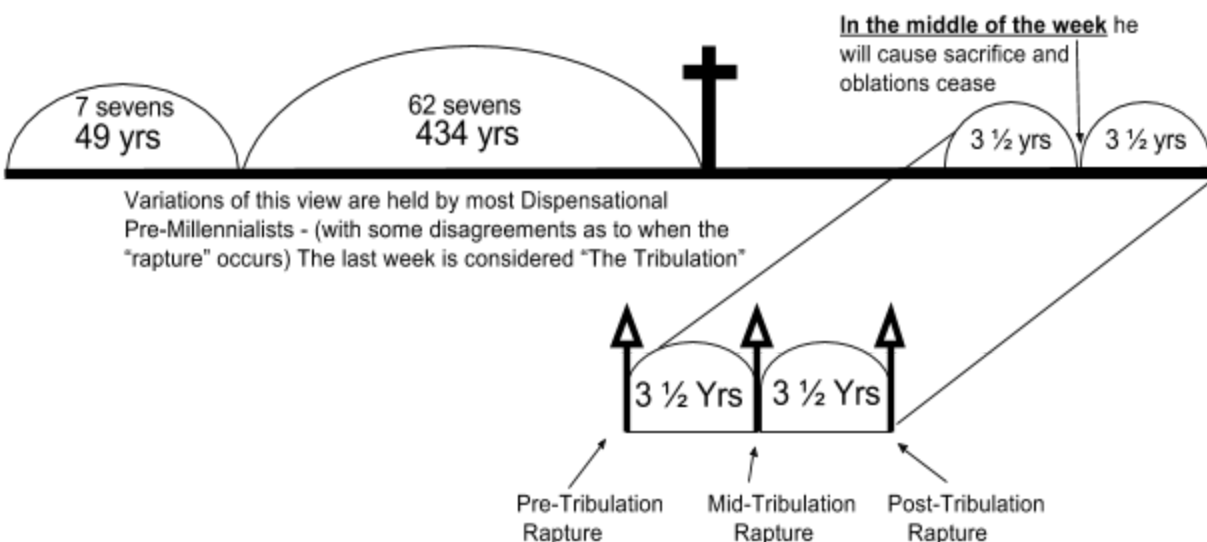
In the middle of the week (that is after 3 ½ years) HE will put an end to sacrifice and offering

- When Jesus said on the cross, "it is finished", ALL sacrifices and oblations of the Old Covenant (Testament) were finished and no longer acceptable to God.
- Joh 19:30 NIV When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
- Heb 7:24-27 NIV but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. 26 Such a high priest truly meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

- Heb 9:24-26 NIV For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. 25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- Heb 10:11-14 NIV Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.
- Rom 10:3-4 NIV Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

ANTICHRIST

- In the dispensationalist view, the “he” in the middle of the week is once again the antichrist
- In this view the last week or seven years is at the end of the age just before the 2nd coming
- This seven year period is what they term the tribulation period
- In this view 3 ½ years into the tribulation “the middle of the week” the antichrist will put an end to sacrifice
- This would of course require a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem where sacrifice is taking place
- This graphic is a picture of this view



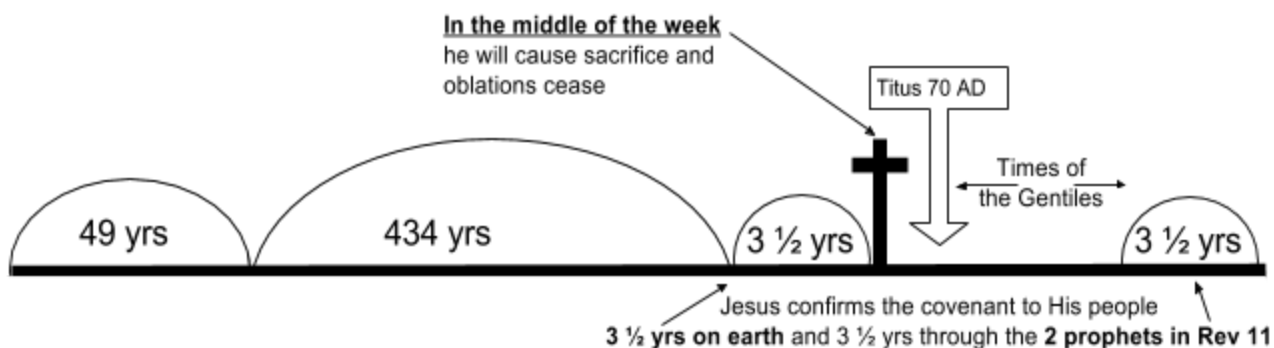
Another view (held by preterists) looks like this:



My view is that the “HE who will put an end to sacrifice and offering” is speaking of Christ

The 69 weeks ended as He was anointed at the beginning of His ministry in Jordan. He ministered on the earth for 3 1/2 years...then in the middle of the week (i.e. after 3 1/2 years he was cut off - or crucified). He (Jesus) caused sacrifice and oblation to cease by His death on the cross - His sacrifice is the final and ultimate sacrifice...none are needed anymore). The remainder of the 3 1/2 years are spoken about in Revelation and in my view happen at the end of the age.

Here is a graphic depicting this



The Gap

This view leaves a gap between the 3 1/2 years of Christ’s ministry, and the 3 1/2 years at the end of the age. Let’s talk about the gap.

There was a 40 year gap between the time the LORD intended to put the children of Israel in the promised land vs when they actually got there

- Num 14:33-34 NIV Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. 34 For forty years--one year for each of the forty days you explored the land--you will suffer for your sins and know what it

is like to have me against you.'

The times of the Gentiles is a GAP of indeterminate time

- Luk 21:24 NIV They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**
- Rom 11:25 NIV I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part **until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,**

The prophecy said vs 27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'

- Remember above we talked about Jesus came to CONFIRM THE COVENANT to His people
- After His death and resurrection - He thold His disciples to go to ALL nations - the Gentiles
- We are now living in the times of the Gentiles
- There are still 3 ½ years left to confirm the covenant to his people -- (I think that is what is happening in a portion of Revelation 11 - specifically the prophecies of the two witnesses)

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy takes us up to the middle of the last week...but leaves us hanging without an explanation of what happens in or to the final half of the week. Where else in scripture do we find a time period of 3 ½ years?

- Daniel 7:25 – Time, Times, and half a Time
- Daniel 9:27 – “midst of the week” – ½ wk?
- Daniel 12:7 – Time, Times, and half a time
- Revelation 11:2 – 42 months
- Revelation 11:3 – 1260 days
- Revelation 12:6 – 1260 days
- Revelation 12:14 – Time, Times, and half a Time
- Revelation 13:5 – 42 months.

Note: It has been taught by some that the 70th week (7 years) is found at the end of the age (i.e. the 1st and last half of the 70th week back to back). However, let it be noted that not once is a complete “seven year” period mentioned in either the book of Daniel or the book of The Revelation. Only a 3 ½ year period is seen and they all refer to the SAME 3 ½ years.

In my view, this whole section of Dan 9:25-27 is speaking of Christ (with the exception of the clause about Titus)

- Dan 9:25-27 NIV "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out 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. 26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' **the Anointed One will be put to death** 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. 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 at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes

desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

Let's go back and tie all this into the original intent and purpose of the 70 weeks - here are the 6 things the prophecy is dealing with

Revisiting - What is the goal / purpose of the decree?

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 Place.

First let's look at the events of the last half week:

1) The holy city will be trampled 42 months

2) two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days

- Rev 11:1-3 NIV I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. 3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

3) The woman fled into the wilderness for 1,260 days

- Rev 12:6 NIV The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

4) The beast [antichrist] given authority for 42 months

- Rev 13:5 NIV The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months.

5) The woman taken care of for "time, times and half a time"

- Rev 12:14 NIV The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

6) At the end of the 3 ½ years - the dead in Christ will rise, we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them - Satan is bound for 1000 years

Let's see how the goal / purpose of the decree is fulfilled in the work of Christ

1. To finish transgression
2. To put an end to sin
3. To atone for wickedness (KJV) to make reconciliation for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up vision and prophecy
6. To anoint the Most Holy Place (KJV) to anoint the most Holy

To finish the TRANSGRESSION

- Isa 53:5-12 NIV But he was pierced for our **transgressions**, he was crushed for our **iniquities**; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the **iniquity** of us all.
- Rev 5:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was **cut off** from the land of the living; for the **transgression** of my people he was punished.
- Rom 4:15-16 NIV because the law brings wrath. **And where there is no law there is no transgression.** 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring--not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

To make and end of SINS

- 1Jn 3:5 NIV But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

To atone for wickedness & to make reconciliation

- 2Co 5:19 NIV that **God was reconciling the world to himself** in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
- 1Jn 2:2 NIV **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins**, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.
- Heb 2:17 NIV For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might **make atonement for the sins of the people.**

To bring in everlasting righteousness

- Heb 1:8 KJV But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is **for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness** is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- Rom 10:3-5 NIV Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, **they did not submit to God's righteousness.** 4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. 5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."
- Rom 10:9-10 KJV That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 **For with the**

heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

To seal up the vision and prophecy

The prophecy is completed and finished

- 1Co 13:9-10 NIV For we know in part and **we prophesy in part**, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.
- Luk 24:44 KJV And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, **that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses**, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

To anoint the most holy

- **Some believe this is talking about the MILLENNIAL AGE, others a reference to Jesus --** Luk 4:18-20 KJV **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

The Structure of Revelation

In the class called the Structure of Revelation, I showed various ways the Book of Revelation could be outlined or structured. The Christian Millennialist Structure (the one I would lean toward) is sort of a hybrid where most of the chapters fall into the Chronological Structure, with the exception of chapters 11-18 (where the events take place during the same 3 ½ years but from varying perspectives). This study on Daniel’s 70 Weeks helps you understand why in my view I put the final 3 ½ years at the end of the age -- and why I understand it as ONLY 3 ½ and not 7 years.

Christ’s Ascension	Church History	Christ’s Coming
<p>Seven Churches (Rev 1-3)</p> <p>7 Seals (Rev 4-7) 7 Trumpets (Rev 8-10)</p> <p>3½ Years (Rev 11-18)(Progressive Parallelism)</p> <p>2nd Coming of Christ (Rev 19)</p> <p>1000 Years (Rev 20)</p> <p>New Heaven & Earth Eternity (Rev 21-22)</p>		