

THE GREAT PROPHECY OF DANIEL

A Study of Daniel 9 "The Great Prayer of Daniel" • Part Three (v. 25)

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A. REVIEW OF V. 24

AT HIS FIRST COMING... The Messiah will be revealed.

Sin will be removed.

Sin will be reconciled.

AT HIS <u>SECOND</u> COMING...

God's Righteousness will replace man's sinfulness.

Prophecy will be ratified.

Christ will reign.

The forgiveness of our sin and the hope we have in Heaven is derived from one source—<u>Jesus, the Messiah</u>.

B. OVERVIEW OF VV. 25-27

<u>Math Note</u>: The seventy 7's are literal years (not weeks) that begin, historically, in 586 BC with the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes IV.

Daniel 9:25-27 focuses on three events that take place during the 490 years:

- 1. The triumphant entry of the Messiah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem (v. 25)
- 2. The death and second coming of the Messiah (v. 26)
- 3. The persecution and defeat of the Antichrist (v. 27)

C. STUDY SECTION OF V. 25

Daniel 9:25, NASB - 25 "So you are to know and discern [This is a command—we have to get these dates right to get the Messiah right; lit., 'know and discern the time of Visitation" (Keil & Delitzsch)] that from the issuing of a decree [that happened in March 14, 445 BC*; the decree of Artaxerxes I to Ezra in 458 BC* and repeated, again, by Artaxerxes II in 458 BC* (cf., Nehemiah 2:8)] to restore and rebuild Jerusalem [Solomon's Temple (the first temple) was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar II after the siege of Jerusalem of 587 BC*] until Messiah the Prince [not Messiah the baby, but "Messiah the Prince"] there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks [483 years (69x7). 483 years of 360 days results in 173,880 days (483x360)]; it [the temple] will be built again [and was—when building began in 20 BC under Herod the Great], with plaza and [dry] moat [both of these confirmed archeologically], even in times of distress [a reference to the Romans rule of that day].

*All Bible prophecy is based on the 360-day year of the Babylonian calendar:

Looking at the Babylonian calendar, and converting years into days, if you started at the day of the decree, March 14, 445 BC, and counted off 173,880 days, you arrive at April 6, 32 AD, the very day of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem during the week of Passover—according to the church historian, Josephus.

Source: The Works of Josephus, Hendrickson Pub., © 1998, p. 821, ¶ 2, line 4ff.

Zechariah prophesied that it would happen like this: Zechariah 9:9, NIV - ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! <u>See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a</u>

donkey....

Mark recorded its fulfillment: Mark 11:7–10, NIV84 - ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Luke recorded a command—not obeyed by the Jews: Luke 19:41–44, NKJV - ⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this <u>your day</u>, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an <u>embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side</u>, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, <u>because</u> you did not know the time of your *visitation*."

Application: 'Know and Discern' that Jesus is our Messiah! Issue: 490 years (v. 24) vs. 483 years (v. 25) leaves 7 years unaccounted for...