

Supplemental Notes:

Daniel's 70 Weeks

The 69 Weeks

This amazing prophecy in the Old Testament predicted the *very day* that Jesus presented Himself as the *Meshiach Nagid*, the Messiah the King, to Jerusalem.

The 70th Week

Jesus Himself highlighted this passage as the key to understanding all other prophecies concerning His Return.

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Overview

Daniel 9:24	Scope
Daniel 9:25	The 69 Weeks
Daniel 9:26	The Interval
Daniel 9:27	The 70th Week

(See diagram on page 7.)

Authentication

Daniel is part of the Old Testament, which was translated into Greek around 285-270 B.C. Although Daniel is one of the most authenticated books of the Bible, this serves to easily establish its existence long before the events it predicts. This Greek version of the Old Testament is known as the Septuagint (abbreviated LXX on the diagram, page 7).

Four disciples came to Jesus for a confidential prophecy briefing on His Second Coming (Matthew 24-25; Mark 13-14; and Luke 21-22). Jesus highlighted this very passage as the key to prophecy (Mt 24:15).

Sabbatical Years

A Sabbath for the land was ordained by God (Lev 25:1-22; 26:33-35; Deut 15). Seventy "sevens" imply weeks of *years* (Gen 29:27, et al). Failure to keep the Sabbath of the land was basis for 70 years captivity (2 Chr 36:19-21). Note: Focus of entire prophecy is *Israel*, not the Gentile world (Daniel 9:24).

360-Day Years

All ancient calendars were based on a 360-day calendar:

Assyrians	Chaldeans
Egyptians	Hebrews

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Persians	Greeks
Phoenicians	Chinese
Mayans	Hindus
Carthaginians	Etruscans
Teutons	etc.

All these calendars were based on a 360-day year; typically, twelve 30-day months.

(In ancient Chaldea, their calendar was based on a 360-day year and it is from this Babylonian tradition that we have 360 degrees in a circle, 60 minutes to an hour, 60 seconds in each minute, etc.)

All Calendars Change in 701 B.C.

In 701 B.C., all calendars appear to have been reorganized. Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, reorganized the original calendar of 360 days per year by adding 5 days per year.

King Hezekiah, Numa's contemporary, reorganized his Jewish calendar by adding a month each Jewish leap year (on a cycle of 7 every 19 years).

A fascinating conjecture as to the cause of this calendar change is detailed in *Signs in the Heavens*, a Briefing Package exploring the possible antics of the Planet Mars.

The Biblical calendar uses 360-day years (Genesis 7:24; 8:3,4, etc.). We are indebted to Sir Robert Anderson's milestone work for this insight (see Bibliography).

Scope (Verse 24)

- 1) The focus of the passage is on the **Jews**, not the Church or the Gentile world.
- 2) The six major items listed have *yet to be completed*:

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to finish the transgressions;
to make an end of sins;
to make reconciliation for iniquity;
to bring in everlasting righteousness;
to seal up (close authority of) the vision;
to anoint the *godesh gadashim*, the Holy of Holies.

The key to understanding this passage is to realize that the 70 “Weeks” are not all contiguous. (At least 40 years +...)

The 69 Weeks (Verse 25)

The Trigger: (*terminus ad quo*)

The Decrees to “Rebuild Jerusalem”?

- 1) Cyrus, 537 B.C., Ezra 1:2-4;
- 2) Darius, Ezra 6:1-5, 8, 12;
- 3) Artaxerxes, 458 B.C., Ezra 7:11-26;
- 4) Artaxerxes, 445 B.C., Neh 2:5-8, 17, 18.

(1) (2) & (3) were to build the *Temple*. Only the last one (4) was to rebuild the city, the walls, etc. Note: *rehob*, “street”; *haruts*, moat, fortification. Why “7 + 62”? Time to build the city? Time to close the OT canon? Time between Testaments?

The Target (*terminus ad quem*)

The *Meshiach Nagid*: “The Messiah the King.” The prediction is to the presentation of the Messiah the King (“Nagid” is first used of King Saul). On several occasions in the New Testament when they attempted to take Jesus as a King, He invariably declined, “Mine hour is not yet come.” (Jn 6:15; 7:30, 44; etc.) Then one day, He *arranges* it.

The Triumphal Entry: All four Gospels, Mt 21:1-9; Mk 11:1-10; Lk 19:29-39; Jn 12:12-16. 10th of Nisan:

“take to everyone a lamb.” Jesus deliberately arranges to fulfill Zech 9:9. This is the only day He allows them to proclaim Him **King** (Luke 19:38). The Pharisees assure our noticing the significance! Hallel Psalm: Ps 118:26. Jesus held them accountable to recognize *this day*. (Luke 19:41-44).

This was the 10th of Nisan, prior to the Passover on the 14th of Nisan, 32 A.D.: (Luke 3:1: Tiberius appointed, 14 A.D.; 15th year = 29 A.D.; 4th Passover, 32 A.D. (April 6). *See the chart on page 7.*

Interval (Verse 26)

After the 69th week, before the 70th week: *Karat*, execution; death penalty (Lev 7:20; Ps 37:9; Prov 2:22). “Not for Himself”: rejection, substitution. “Flood”: diaspora.

An interval, or gap, clearly required by v. 26. Events described are *after* the 69th and *prior to* the 70th week: Messiah “cut off” (*karat* = executed); Sanctuary destroyed, etc. 38 years are included with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. 1900 years have transpired so far.

Interval also implied: Dan 9:26; Isa 61:1,2 (re: Lk 4:18-20); Rev 12:5,6. Also: Isa 54:7; Hos 3:4,5; Amos 9:10,11; (Acts 15:13-18); Micah 5:2,3; Zech 9:9,10; Luke 1:31,32; 21:24.

Interval defined: Luke 19:42 until Rom 11:25. This interval is the period of the Church, an era kept secret in OT: Mt 13:34,35; Eph 3:5,9.

“Israel” is *never* used of the Church (73X). [Gal 6:16 misunderstood, by ignoring the *kai* in the Greek which clearly distinguishes the two groups.] Heresy: Romans 9-11. It seems that the Lord deals with Israel and the Church *mutually exclusively*. [The example of a Chess Clock...]

The sacrifices and oblations cease; 2 Thess 2:4. These require a Temple previously consecrated in Jerusalem. (Preparations have begun!)

The Great Tribulation

This "Time of Jacob's Trouble" climaxes in the "Day of the Lord": Isa 61:2; Zech 12, 14; Rev 19:19; et al. (Note that this is 3½ years, not 7, as is so often assumed.) Rev 6 through 19 is essentially an elaboration of the events during the "70th Week" of Dan 9.

Timing of the Rapture

The 70th Week is defined by the enforcement of a covenant with the Coming World Leader (Dan 9:27). The Leader cannot enforce the covenant until after he appears in power. He cannot even appear until after the Restrainer (the Holy Spirit as He indwells the Church) is removed (2 Thess 2:7-9). Therefore, the Rapture of the Church precedes (by an indeterminate amount) the entire 70th Week, not just the Great Tribulation.

Major Prophetic Themes

Why the "70th Week" is apparently on the horizon:

Israel Now Regathered as a Nation: On May 14, 1948, Israel was re-established exactly as the Bible predicted. On June 6, 1967, Israel regained control of Biblical Jerusalem, the "Old City."

Temple Being Rebuilt: This is explicitly predicted three times in the New Testament (Mt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1, 2.) This Temple is a prerequisite for the desecration described by Daniel and Jesus as the "Abomination of Desolation." After 1900 years a Temple is now being prepared to be built in Jerusalem.

Babylon Being Rebuilt: Isaiah 13 & 14, Jeremiah 50 & 51, and Revelation 17 & 18, describe the destruction of the *city* of Babylon as a climactic event at the end of the "70th Week." Although Babylon was conquered by the Persians, it was never destroyed in the manner that the Bible has detailed. (Saddam Hussein has spent over 20 years rebuilding the city of Babylon on its traditional site.)

European Superstate Emerging: The confederation of almost 30 European countries is setting the stage for the very scenarios predicted in Daniel 2 and 7.

Russia Invasion Imminent: Russia ("Magog" of Ezekiel 38 & 39) and the Moslem republics of Iran and those of Central Asia (which this passage has detailed) now appear to be setting the stage for the very events that Ezekiel so clearly described. The apparent use of nuclear weapons in Ezekiel 39 is also descriptive of current technology. It is our view that this battle *could* happen at any time, and would thus set up the need for the famous "peace treaty" of the Biblical scenario.

Clearly, it is time for us all to do our homework!

The Coming World Leader

[A complete discussion of this man of destiny is available in our briefing package, *Behold a White Horse.*]

His Career

The Leader will be the Son of Satan, the "Seed of the Serpent": Gen 3:15; Isa 27:1; Ezek 28:12-19; Rev 13. He will be:

An intellectual genius: Dan 7:20; 8:23; Ezek 28:3
An persuasive orator: Dan 7:20; Rev 13:2
A political manipulator: Dan 11:21
A commercial genius: Dan 8:25; Rev 13:17;Ps

52:7; Dan 11:38, 43; Ezek 28:4,5
 A military leader: Dan 8:24; Rev 6:2; Rev 13:4; Isa 4:16
 A powerful organizer: Rev 13:1,2; 17:17
 A unifying religious guru: 2 Thess 2:4 (“Allah?”); Rev 13:3, 14, 15

He will be able to appeal to Jew and Muslim alike! 2 Thess 2:4 (includes Allah!) See also: Ps 10, 52, 55; Isa 10,11,13,14; Jer 49-51; Zech 5; Rev 18, et al.

Jew or Gentile?

Some believe this leader will be a Jew: Ezek 21:25-27; Ezek 28:2-10 (of the circumcision); Dan 11:36,37; Jn 5:43 (*allos*, not *heteros*: thus, a Jew, not a Gentile); He will be received by Israel, Jn 5:43; Ps 55.

Others believe he will be a Gentile: Roman Prince, from Dan 9:26, 27, etc. [But remember, there are *two players* in Rev 13!] In no previous period of mankind have “the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ.” (Rev 11:15). Christ’s unfulfilled mandate as our “Avenger of Blood” (Isa 61:2) is about to begin.

An Alien Alliance?

Is this Coming World Leader a *hybrid*? If you have a background on the strange activities of Genesis 6, then there are some bizarre possibilities hinted at in Scripture. The Final World Empire described is expressed in Daniel Chapter 2 with the idiom of “iron mixed with clay.”

It is clear that the iron represents the Roman Empire. What does the “miry clay” represent? *Daniel interprets it for us!* Daniel 2:43: “And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed

with clay.” Just *what* (or who) are “mingling with the seed of men?” Who are these *non-seed*? It staggers the mind to contemplate the potential significance of Daniel’s passage and its implications for the future global governance. Could this be a hint of a return to the mischief of Genesis 6? Are “aliens” and their hybrid offspring part of the *political* makeup of this emergent world empire? [This is explored in our book, *Alien Encounters*.]

Genesis 3:15

This is one of the most pivotal portions of Scripture in the entire Bible. It sets up the battle between the seed of the woman (a prophecy of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ) and the seed of Satan.

A casual reading of this text will miss a disturbing textual insight. The Hebrew word translated *seed* is the word *zera*, and means offspring, descendants, posterity, and children. Satan is going to have seed! Who is the seed of Satan and what is his future destiny?

Allusions to the Antichrist

Old Testament:

[Re: A.W. Pink, *The Antichrist*. Many, when used connotatively, speak of evil in general; when viewed denotatively allude to a specific evil person with an eschatological role.]

Adversary	Ps 74:8-10; Isa 59:19; Lam 4:11, 12; Amos 3:11
Assyrian	Isa 10:5,12
Belial	Nahum 1:15
Bloody and Deceitful Man	Ps 5:6
Branch of the Terrible Ones	Isa 25:5; (cf. Isa 14:19)
Chief Prince	Ezek 38:2
Crooked Serpent	Job 26:13; Isa 27:1
Cruel One	Jer 30:14,23

Destroyer of the Gentiles	Jer 4:7
Enemy	Ps 55:3; Jer 30:14, 23
Evil Man	Ps 140:1
Head over many countries	Ps 110:6
Head of Northern Army	Joel 2:20
Idol Shepherd	Zech 11:16, 17
King of Princes	Hos 8:10
King of Babylon	Isa 14:11-20; (cf. 30:31-33)
Little Horn	Dan 7:8-11, 21-26; 8:9-12, 23-25
Man of the Earth	Ps 10:18
Merchant, with balances of deceit	Hos 12:7
Mighty Man	Ps 52:1
Nail	Isa 22:25
Prince that shall come	Daniel 9:26
Prince of Tyre	Ezek 28:2-10
Profane Wicked Prince of Israel	Ezek 21:25-27
Proud Man	Hab 2:5
Rod of God's anger	Isa 10:5
Seed of the Serpent	Gen 3:15
Son of the Morning	Isa 14:12
Spoiler, Destroyer	Isa 16:4,5
Vile Person	Dan 11:21
Violent Man	Ps 140:1, 10, 11
Wicked, Wicked One	Ps 9:17; 10:2,4; Isa 11:4; Jer 30:14, 23
Willful King	Dan 11:36

New Testament:

Angel of the Bottomless Pit	Rev 9:11
Antichrist, Pseudo-Christ	1 Jn 2:22
Beast	Rev 11:7; 13
False Prophet	Rev 13
Father of the lie	Jn 8:44; 2 Thess 2:11
Lawless One	2 Thess 2:8
Man of Sin	2 Thess 2:3
One come in his own name	Jn 5:43
Prince of Darkness	1 Thess 5
Son of Perdition	2 Thess 2:3
Star	Rev 8:10; 9:1
Unclean Spirit	Mt 12:43
Vine of the earth	Rev 14:18

The "Seventy Sevens" of Israel

1) Abraham to the Exodus

Promise (Gen 12:4)	75 years
Gal 3:17	+430
	505
Ishmael, (Gen 16:16;21:5)	-15
	490 years

2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun: 1 Kgs 6 - 8	594	
Completed: 1 Kgs 6:38;	+ 7	
	601	
Servitudes:	Judges	
Mesopotamia	3:8	8
Moabites	3:12-14	18
Canaanites	4:2,3	20
Midianites	6:1	7
Ammonites	10:7,8	18
Philistines	13:1	40
		-111
		490 years

3) The Temple to the Edict of Artaxerxes

1 Kgs 8:1-66	1005 B.C.
Neh 2:1	445 B.C.
	560
Babylonian Captivity	-70
	490 years

4) Artaxerxes to the Second Coming

Artaxerxes to the 1st Advent	
"The Sixty Nine Weeks"	483
[Church interval]	?
The Seventieth Week"	+7
	490 years

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