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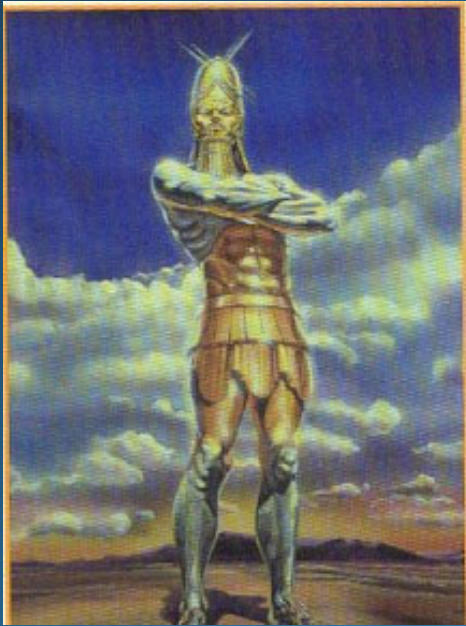
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KEY PROPHECIES GIVEN THROUGH DANIEL

DANIEL 2	DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 9	DANIEL 11
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Four Beasts from the Sea and the Little Horn	The Ram and the Goat	70 Weeks prophecy	The Kings of the North and the South

THE DREAM: DANIEL 2:29-35



- **Head of Gold** **BABYLONIAN EMPIRE**
- **Chest and Arms of Silver** **PERSIAN EMPIRE**
- **Belly and Thighs of Bronze** **GREEK EMPIRE**
- **Legs of Iron** **ROMAN EMPIRE** 10 Resurrections
- **Feet of Iron and Clay** **10th and Final Empire (End of the Age)**

THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY OF DANIEL 9

PINPOINTING THE YEAR JESUS' MINISTRY COMMENCED

DANIEL 9: THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

536 BC

Daniel 9:1–2

In the **first year of Darius** the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans --

in the first year of his reign **I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet**, that He would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem.

DANIEL'S APPEAL

- Daniel sought God's mercy for the captive Jews that had been held by Babylon for 70 years.
- He would have prayed that the Persians would be merciful and that the Jews would see the fulfillment of God's promise through Jeremiah to restore them to Judah.

SOURCE OF THE 70 YEARS PROPHECY

Jeremiah 25:11–12

“And this whole land shall be a **desolation and an astonishment**, and these nations shall **serve the king of Babylon seventy years**.

“Then it will come to pass, **when seventy years are completed**, that I will **punish the king of Babylon** and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,” says the LORD; “and I will make it a perpetual desolation.”

REVELATION TO DANIEL

- Jerusalem first fell to Nebuchadnezzar in 605–606 BC.
- Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians in 536 BC: 70 years later.

Daniel 9:21–22

...yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand."

DANIEL 9

“70 WEEKS PROPHECY”

Daniel 9:24

“**Seventy weeks** are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, **to make an end of sins**, to make **reconciliation for iniquity**, to **bring in everlasting righteousness**, to **seal up vision and prophecy**, and to **anoint the Most Holy.**”

Remember the **year for a day principle**: Ezekiel 4:3–6; Numbers 14:34

70 WEEKS PROPHECY

- 70 weeks = 7 days/week x 70 weeks = 490 days (or **years**)

Daniel 9:25

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to **restore and build Jerusalem** until Messiah the Prince, There shall be **seven weeks** (49 years) and **sixty-two weeks** (434 years) ; the street shall be built again, and the **wall**, even in troublesome times.

PROPHECY OF ISAIAH REGARDING CYRUS

(OVER 160 YEARS BEFORE CYRUS)

Isaiah 45:1–3

Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut:

'I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.

I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel...

Verses 13: I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; **he shall build My city and let My exiles go free, not for price nor reward,**" says the Lord of hosts.

(Compare to 2 Chronicles 36:22–23)

THREE DECREES

- 536 BC **Decree of Cyrus** to rebuild the Temple and repopulate the area (completed in 516 BC—70 years after its destruction in 586 BC)
- **457 BC** **Decree of Artaxerxes** to rebuild the Temple and the City and the wall
- 444 BC **Decree to restart the construction in 457 BC**, which had been stopped by intervention of the governors of the region

THE 7TH YEAR OF ARTAXERXES

Ezra 7:7–8

Some of the children of Israel, the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim came up to Jerusalem **in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.**

And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the **fifth month**, which was in the seventh year of the king.

THE 7TH YEAR OF ARTAXERXES

Ezra 7:11-15 This is a copy of the letter that King Artaxerxes ...

Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of heaven:
perfect peace, and so forth.

I issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and Levites in my
realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you.

(This countered Artaxerxes' earlier order to prevent the wall. Ezra 4:21)

The decree of 457 BC was the decree referenced by Gabriel in Dan 9:25.

WHAT YEAR WAS ARTAXERXES' DECREE?

- Ezra 7:8 And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the **seventh year** of the king.
- Xerxes (Esther's husband) died in 465 BC.
- Artaxerxes (Esther's stepson) ascended the throne in Dec **465 BC**.

(Langer, *Encyclopedia of World History*, p.56)

- According to Persian custom **his first year started in the spring**, thus 464 BC to 463 BC.
- This makes his seventh year to be **457 BC**.

THE PROPHECY

Daniel 9:25

...from the **going forth of the command** to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

Why is the time broken into two periods?

7 weeks – the rebuilding of the city and wall (49 years : 457 to 408 BC)

62 weeks from the completion of the city to the coming of Messiah

THE PROPHECY

- Therefore the Messiah would appear 69 weeks or 483 years from 457 BC.
- $457 \text{ BC} + 483 = \text{AD } 26$ (+ 1 to compensate for no year 0) = AD 27

AD 27 is the year that Jesus Christ began his ministry and became known to the people.

457 BC 483 years = 69 weeks (1 day for a year) AD 27

ANOTHER PART OF THE PROPHECY – WEEK 70

Daniel 9:26–27

"And **after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

Then he shall **confirm a covenant** with many **for one week**; **but in the middle of the week** He shall bring **an end to sacrifice and offering**. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

THE MESSIAH CUT OFF

Isaiah 53:4–5, 8

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; ...

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Verse 8: He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For **He was cut off from the land of the living**; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

DANIEL 9:26

“And after the sixty-two weeks **Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for Himself; and **the people of the prince** who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.”

Titus and Vespasian destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70.

How long after AD 27 was Christ killed?

THE LENGTH OF MESSIAH'S MINISTRY

Daniel 9:27

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The 70th week mentioned = **7 years**, but in the **middle** of that week he causes **sacrifice to cease** (the middle of 7 is **3 ½**).

CHRIST WAS THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

Hebrews 9:28

...so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Hebrews 10:12

But this Man, after He had **offered one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God.

“MIDDLE OF THE WEEK”

Two messages:

1. After preaching the gospel for 3 ½ years Christ died for mankind:

fall of AD 27 to spring of AD 31

CHRIST DIED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK

He was to die in the **middle of a literal week** (on a Wednesday).

Passover in AD 27 was from sundown Tuesday to sundown Wednesday.

*(Please read our booklet: **Easter: The Untold Story**.)*

Matthew 12:39–40

But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and **no sign** will be given to it **except the sign of the prophet Jonah**."

For as Jonah was **three days and three nights** in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.

HALF A WEEK YET TO BE FULFILLED

Daniel 9:26–27 indicates that the **remaining half of the week** (3 ½ years) has **yet to be fulfilled**.

This will happen when Christ returns. He will confirm the covenant first made long ago as expressed to Abraham.

He will establish a **new covenant** with the humans who survive into the 1000-year rule of Christ that is coming on this earth.

Zechariah 14:16-21

Revelation 20 and 21

HALF A WEEK YET TO BE FULFILLED

Zechariah 14:16

And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year **to worship the King, the Lord of hosts**, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

(See also Revelation 20 and 21.)

THE SEVENTY WEEKS ARE SOON TO BE FULFILLED

- The first half of the 70th week has been fulfilled in the ministry and sacrifice of Jesus Christ (AD 27 to AD 31).
- The second half of the 70th week is still awaiting completion, but will not be long in coming. It will see the Kingdom of God set up on this earth under Jesus Christ and those resurrected when Christ returns.
- The 70 Weeks Prophecy proves Jesus is the Messiah, and that through its fulfillment, the Bible stands vindicated as inspired!

THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY PROVES THE BIBLE TO BE INSPIRED BY GOD

Join us on February 9th for an explanation of the

Prophecy of Daniel 11

The King of the North and King of the South

Presenter: Michael Heykoop