

70 Weeks of Daniel

(part 1)

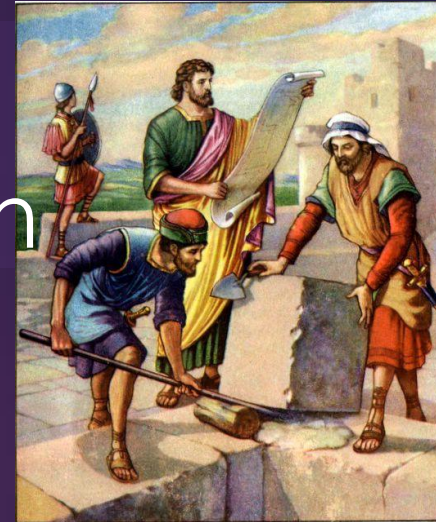
DANIEL 9:24-27



The 70 Weeks of Daniel (Dan. 9:24-27)

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- ▶ (Daniel 9:24-27) These are **week-years**, as in one week equals seven years.
- ▶ At 445 B.C. the Persians decreed that **Nehemiah** could rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. According to Daniel 9:25, this was the starting point for the 70 weeks of Daniel (490 years).



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- ▶ By 397 B.C., after 49 years, at the time of **Malachi** and at the close of Old Testament prophecy, the wall and street of Jerusalem was finished. Thereafter, there was another 62 weeks gap. (434 years)
- ▶ Altogether, the **69 weeks** equal 483 years of 360-day calendar years (Jewish), which is 476 years following our calendar, ending on **30 A.D.**, when **Jesus was crucified**. (9:26)

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- ▶ But what happened to **the last 1 week** (7 years)? Clearly “everlasting righteousness” was not brought forth 7 years (A.D. 37?) after Jesus was crucified...
- ▶ First, these 7 years are separated into **2 halves** (3 ½ each), and were also prophesied in Daniel 7:25 and 12:7. (a time, times, and half a time, see Rev. 12:14)
- ▶ Second, these 7 years are clearly outlined in Rev. 6 to 19, and described in the OT as “**Jacob’s trouble.**” (Jer. 30:7; also 1 Thes. 5:3 as “**birth pang**”)

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- ▶ Since all 69 weeks **are fulfilled** and the last week has not yet been fulfilled, there must be **a gap** of time that was a **mystery** to Daniel and to all OT readers.

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- ▶ So what is this **mysterious gap**?



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- ▶ (Read. Eph. 3:1-10) This gap is the **Church**—the bride of Christ, which was a **mystery** in time past, that God was preparing a **bride** for Christ from both the Jews and Gentiles. (Col. 1:26-27)

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- ▶ This gap of time would start on the day of **Pentecost**. (Acts 2)



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- ▶ This **mystery** will end on the day of trumpet (1 Cor. 15:51-52, commonly known as the **Rapture**), when the Church will meet the Lord in the air (1 Thes. 4:13-18) and be with Jesus at the Father's house (John 14:1-3). (see Rev. 4-5, especially 4:1)
- ▶ The moment the church is removed, **a man will rise** (antichrist); with covenants and wars he will rule over all the earth (Dan. 9:27; Rev. 6:2-4) and declare himself to be god in the second half of these 7 years (Dan. 7:24-25).



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- ▶ The Church, as the bride of Christ, shall escape the wrath that is to come. (1 Thes. 1:10; 5:9; Rom. 5:9; also see Rev. 6:16-17)
- ▶ Therefore, the imminency of Christ (1 Thes. 5:1-11; Mark 13:32-36; James 5:7-9) does NOT contradict any prophecies of **Christ's second coming** (at the end of the 7 years tribulation) since the Rapture and the SC of Christ are two different events. (e.g. Matt. 24:14)



Conclusion

Pentecost

Rapture

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Second Coming

- ▶ The pretribulation rapture is the **only view** that allows for the rapture to be **imminent** in its timing.
- ▶ All the other views require several prophetic occurrences to take place **before** the rapture can be declared imminent. (e.g. mid-tribulation, all prophecies between Rev. 6-13)