

Mini Series: Daniel's Visions "70th Week"



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Brief Reminder of Dan 9 Context



- ❧ Was written on 1st year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus (aka Darius the Mede): ~536BC
 - ❧ All Israel under Babylonian Rule: ~606BC-536BC (70 years)
 - ❧ Medes and Persians Empire began: ~536BC
- ❧ Daniel read Jeremiah and came across 70 year judgment pronounced to Israel and Judah
 - ❧ Came to realize along with the fall of Babylonian Empire, Israel's 70 year punishment was completed
- ❧ Daniel made prayer and supplication with fasting on behalf of all Israel
 - ❧ The angel Gabriel came in response around the time of the evening sacrifice (~3PM)
 - ❧ Gabriel gave Daniel 70 Weeks Prophecy...we covered the significance of "70"

Brief overview of Daniel 9



☞ Daniel 9 can be broken into two parts:

☞ v. 1-19: Daniel's Petition, fully covered this

☞ v. 20-27: Gabriel's Response, we covered thru v. 24

☞ I'd like for us to reacclimate ourselves with the entire 70 Week prophecy given to Daniel, so let's re-read v. 24-27

Daniel 9:24-27



24 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. 25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

“Seventy weeks”



- ❧ “seventy weeks” is “shibim shabua”
- ❧ ‘shibim’ is seventy in Hebrew
- ❧ “shabua” is a full 7 day cycle in Hebrew
- ❧ “seventy weeks” = “seventy sevens” = 70 sets of 7 years
 - ❧ “70x7 years” = 490 years
- ❧ 70 is a key theme in connection with Israel’s punishment and restoration
 - ❧ God through Jeremiah pronounced a 70 year judgment in Babylonian captivity
 - ❧ God through Daniel pronounced a 70x7 (490) years to end their punishment

TRUTH:

- ❧ God decreed and divided (carved) out 490 years of human history to bring an end of their punishment and to usher in everlasting righteousness

Catarroja AMP: Dan 9:24



24 “[490 years] have been [carved out of history] for [all Israel and Jerusalem], [at the end of those 490 years Israel’s punishment for their sin and rebellion will be completed, Messiah, will make full atonement for their sin, usher in Messiah’s everlasting kingdom where there will be an unending state of justice and righteousness, Yaweh has decreed this vision and prophecy with His royal authority and will consecrate the most sacred place].

Exposit Dan 9:25



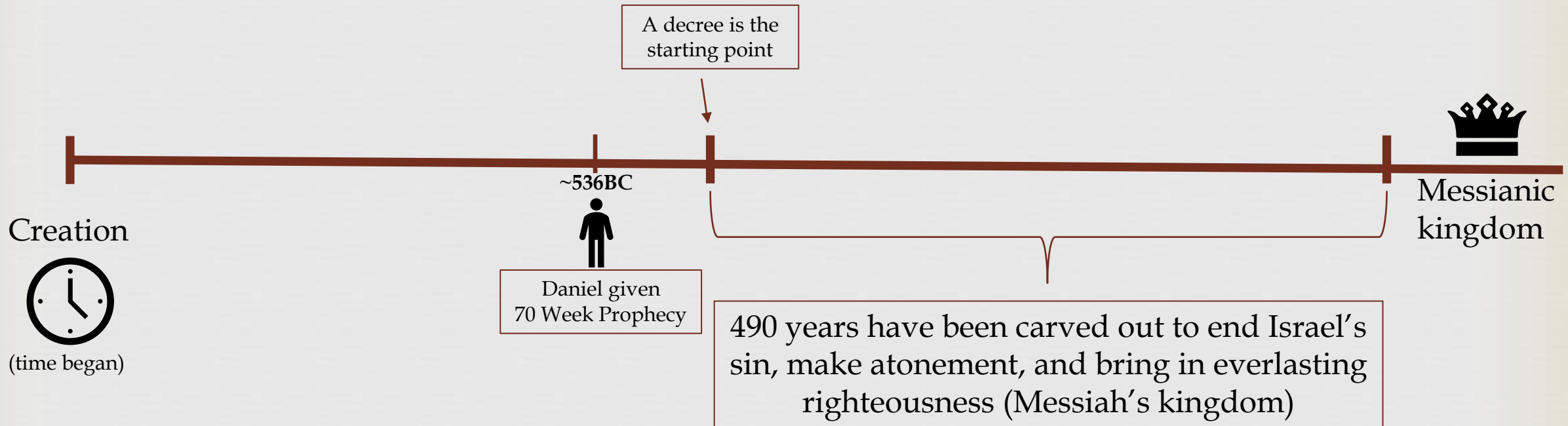
25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

- ❧ “from the issuing of a decree” – [more on this]
- ❧ “there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks” [more on this]

“from the issuing of a decree”



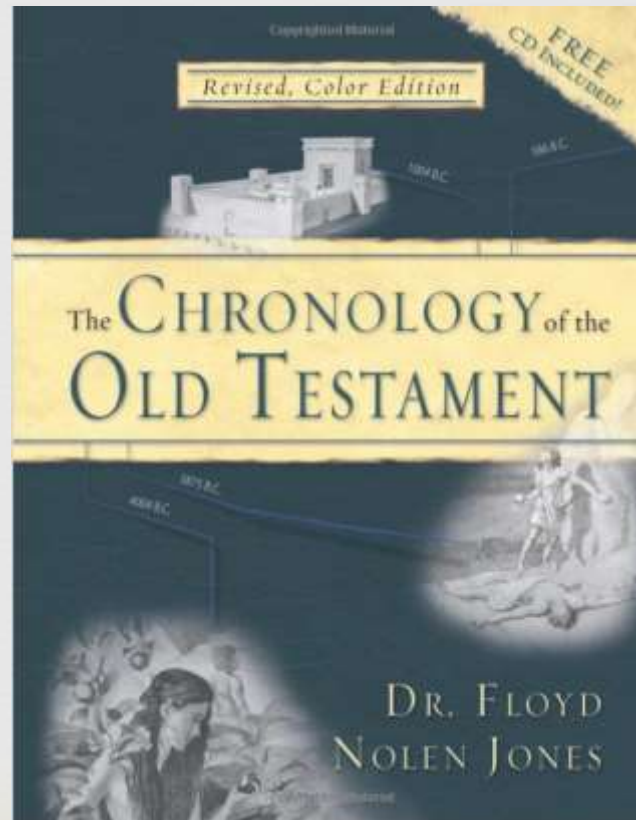
“from the issuing of a decree” – is the starting point of this 490 year prophecy



“from the issuing of a decree”



Acknowledgement of Dr. Floyd Nolan Jones and his scholarly work:



“from the issuing of a decree”



- ❧ Which of decree? There are 4 possible options:
 - ❧ Cyrus (2Ch 36:22-23, Ez 1)
 - ❧ To **rebuild** the temple: ~536BC
 - ❧ Darius (I) Hystaspis (Ez 4:24, 6:1-12, Hag 1:1-2,14-15)
 - ❧ To **resume** the temple: ~520BC
 - ❧ Construction of 2nd Temple completed: ~516BC
 - ❧ Artaxerxes (Longimanus)
 - ❧ To **beautify** the temple: ~467BC (Ez 7:11-26)
 - ❧ To **build** Jerusalem and its wall: ~454BC (Neh 2)

“from the issuing of a decree”



- ❧ Dr. Nolen Jones and others reputable scholars and historians disagree and make good arguments as to which one
- ❧ Dr. Nolen Jones advocates decree #4 (Artaxerxes 20th year; 454BC; Neh 2)
- ❧ Other reputable scholars/historians make arguments for decree #1-#3
- ❧ Which one is right?
- ❧ What does the Scripture say?

Exposit Dan 9:25



25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

- ❧ “from the issuing of a decree” is “motsa dabar” which means to speak forth a command
- ❧ It does not necessarily mean a “written decree” which Dr. Nolen Jones and others may be focused on it has to have these elements
 - ❧ It must be a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
 - ❧ It must be built again with plaza and moat
 - ❧ It will be built in times of distress

Exposit Dan 9:25



- ❧ IMPORTANT NOTE: Daniel's 70th Week Prophecy does NOT need to be in successive years
- ❧ CASE IN POINT: The prophecy itself is broken up into: 7 weeks, 62 weeks, 1 week
 - ❧ Meaning the 69 Weeks (483 years) don't need to be 483 consecutive years! If that was the case, there was no need to break it up!
- ❧ So IMO: all 4 decrees were instrumental and pivotal to the restoration and rebuilding of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem! Whether by oral or written decree!

“from the issuing of a decree”



- ❧ That said, one decree in particular had all three elements:
 - ❧ It must be a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
 - ❧ It must be built again with plaza and moat
 - ❧ It will be built in times of distress
- ❧ Which leads us to the decree #4 of Artaxerxes Longimanus recorded in Neh 2

“from the issuing of a decree”



Nehemiah 2:1-9

1 And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes (Longimanus), that wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. 2 So the king said to me, “Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart.” Then I was very much afraid. 3 I said to the king, “Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?” 4 Then the king said to me, “What would you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 I said to the king, “If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.” 6 Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, “How long will your journey be, and when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. 7 And I said to the king, “If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, 8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go.” And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me. 9 Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

“from the issuing of a decree”

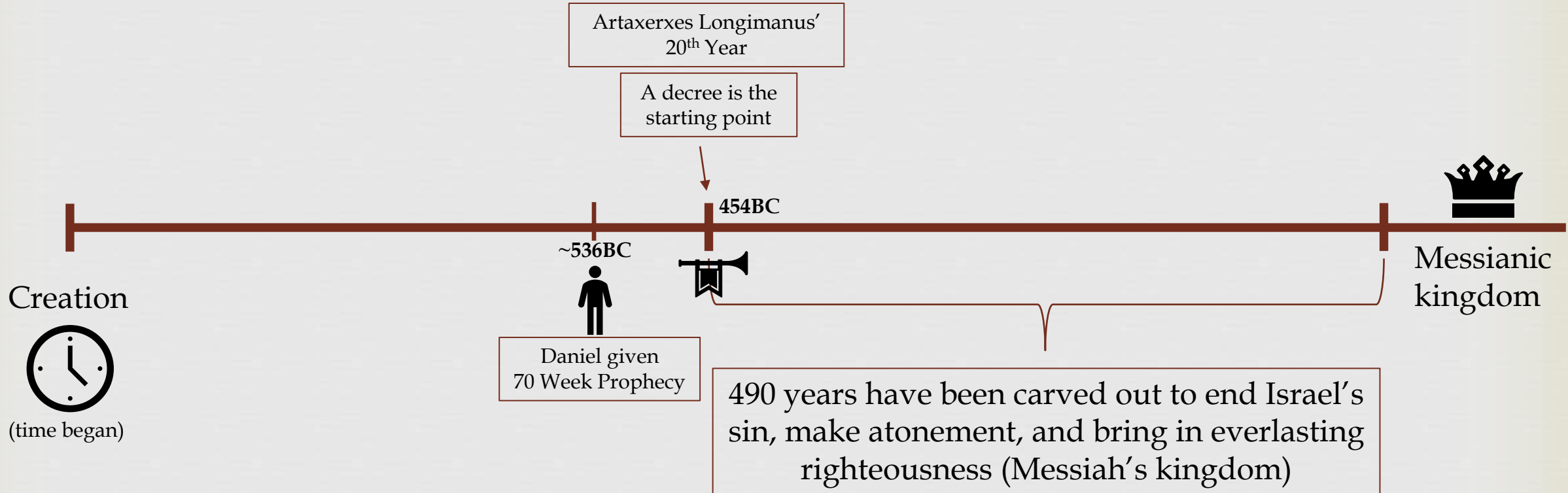


- ❧ So the starting point of Daniel's 70 Weeks prophecy is the decree or order of issued by Artaxerxes Longimanus in his 20th year of reign
- ❧ Dr. Nolen Jones did an excellent job through his extensive historical research, dating Artaxerxes Longimanus' 20th year to the year 454BC
- ❧ All this is to say: the beginning point of Daniel's 70 week prophecy is 454BC!

“from the issuing of a decree”



“from the issuing of a decree” – is the starting point of this 490 year prophecy



Exposit Dan 9:25



Back to v. 25:

25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

☞ “from the issuing of a decree” – is the starting point of the 490 year prophecy

☞ 454BC

☞ “there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks” [more on this]

“seven weeks and sixty-two weeks”



- ❧ With regards to “seven”, the Jews had
 - ❧ Weeks of days: 7 days (6 days work, 7th day Sabbath)
 - ❧ Weeks of weeks: 7 weeks (i.e. Feast of Weeks, 7 complete weeks, the 50th day (Pentecost) was a holy day, a holy festival)
 - ❧ Weeks of years: 1x7 years (prophecy)
- ❧ Thus in v. 25, seven weeks + sixty-two weeks = 7 + 62 weeks of years
 - ❧ 7x7 years (49) + 62x7 years (434) = 483 years (or 69 prophetic weeks of years)
- ❧ CAUTION: When redefining “seven” in Scripture, especially in the book of Revelation
 - ❧ It is not symbolic or merely symbolize completion
 - ❧ It literally means 7, and it corresponds to a set of 7
 - ❧ We’ll consider the sets of 7 in Revelation (7 churches, 7 spirits, 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls)

Exposit Dan 9:26a



26 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

☞ “after 62 weeks” is after “7 weeks”

☞ So after 69 total weeks $(69 \times 7) = 483$ years

☞ After 483 years “Messiah will be cut off and have nothing” [more on this]

☞ “the people of the prince who is to come” [more on this]

“Messiah will be cut off and have nothing”



- ❧ “Messiah” is ‘mashiach’ that we covered previously which means anointed
 - ❧ A person or thing that is set apart as holy
- ❧ From v. 25, “Messiah the Prince” is the subject
- ❧ “Prince” is ‘nagid’ which refers to a leader, ruler, or prince
- ❧ “cut off” is ‘karath’ means to be cut down
- ❧ What interesting is karath is also used to describe making a covenant
 - ❧ God made a covenant with Abraham and cut an animal in two parts
- ❧ So karath is associated with a covenant ceremony

“Messiah will be cut off and have nothing”



- ❧ “have nothing” is ‘ayin’ and its root word means to be nothing or not exist
- ❧ So Messiah the Prince will participate in a covenant ceremony and be gone
- ❧ Who and what covenant ceremony is this describing?

Exposit Dan 9:26a



Back to:

26a Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off [through Passover ceremony] and have nothing [be taken away from His people], and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

☞ So at the completion of 483 years "Messiah will be cut off and have nothing"

☞ "the people of the prince who is to come" [more on this]

“the people of the prince who is to come”



- ❧ In v. 25-26 we have “Messiah the Prince (nagid)”
- ❧ In v. 26 we have “the people of the prince (nagid)”
- ❧ I agree with the capitalization of ‘Messiah the Prince’ and the lower case of the people of the prince’ because of their respective designations
 - ❧ One is anointed (by God), set apart as a holy king, ruler
 - ❧ The other one is not anointed (by God), but nonetheless a leader, ruler, prince
- ❧ So “the people of the prince” is describing another figure, not Yaweh’s Messiah
- ❧ I do want to call out a key time marker for this other prince

Exposit Dan 9:26a



26a Then **after** the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

- ❧ This other prince (ruler, leader) will arrive on the scene AFTER Messiah the Prince – after Messiah's Passover covenantal ceremony!
- ❧ In that prophetic 70th week, this prince will destroy the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary (qodesh) – the sacred place, the holy assembly
 - ❧ Has allusions to an actual Temple, but again it could also mean the holy ground itself

Exposit Dan 9:26b



26b. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

- ☞ “its” is referring to Jerusalem + the qodesh (holy ground, holy place)
- ☞ “end” which we covered previously is ‘qets’ which means towards the end
- ☞ The end of Jerusalem’s and the sanctuary’s destruction will be accompanied with war, desolations (its destruction)
 - ☞ NOTE: consistent with 7 seals and its riders

TRUTH: After the 69th week and during the 70th week prophecy a prince (king) will arise, wage war and destroy Jerusalem along with its sanctuary (holy place, holy ground, holy assembly)!

Exposit Dan 9:27



27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

- ❧ “he” is “the prince who is to come” (NOT Yaweh’s Messiah)
- ❧ “make a firm covenant with the many” [more on this]
- ❧ “for one week” [more on this]
- ❧ “in the middle of the week” [more on this]
- ❧ “he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering” [more on this]
- ❧ “on the wing of abominations” [more on this]
- ❧ “will come one” [more on this]

“make a firm covenant with the many”



- ❧ “make a firm covenant” is ‘gabar berith’ which means to prevail and become great, mighty through make a treaty, an alliance, an agreement
- ❧ Daniel alludes to a “holy covenant” in chapter 11
 - ❧ This will include King of the South (ancient Ethiopia; present day: Egypt, Libya), King of the North (ancient Syria; present day: Israel, Lebanon)
- ❧ “the prince who is to come” will prevail and become great and mighty through a holy covenant with the many (multiple nations) for 7 years
 - ❧ This is NOT to be confused with the holy covenant between Yaweh and Israel!

“but in the middle of the week”



☞ The prince who is to come who became great and mighty through this holy covenant renegaded on that covenant in the middle of the week (3½ year mark)

“he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering”



- ⌘ During the middle of the week (3½ year mark), the prince who is to come will “put a stop” (shabath) which means issue a cease and desist to
- ⌘ “sacrifice and grain offering” is ‘zebach minchah’ which describes partaking in an animal sacrifice and tribute
 - ⌘ NOTE: “grain” was a subjective insertion; minchah may involve a grain offering, but it may also be used for any offertory offering or tribute in connection with the sacrifice (i.e. blood offering of the sacrifice itself)
- ⌘ Nonetheless, the tell-tell sign that the prince who is to come in this prophecy will become great through a holy covenant between multiple nations, including Israel, and in the middle of that covenant, will issue a cease and desist order against animal sacrifices being performed

“on the wing of abominations”



- ❧ “wing of abominations” is ‘kanaph shiqquts’
- ❧ ‘kanaph’ means the edge of one’s wing (or wingspan), or the corner of a garment, depending on context, it can also describe being overtaken swiftly
- ❧ ‘shiqquts’ is means a detestable thing, that which is blasphemous, an abomination, an idol
- ❧ CLUE: The abomination that causes desolation could very well be an idol with eagles wings (like the mercy seat)
 - ❧ Something to keep on the back of our minds

“will come one”



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- ❧ It is often assumed that there is no time gap in v. 27
- ❧ Thus, it has also been assumed that “the prince who is to come” and the “desolator” are one and the same person
 - ❧ This could be true, but it is also plausible that these could be 2 different individuals
 - ❧ For example: In Mt 24, there’s at least a 3½ year break between v. 30 (Sign of Son of Man) and v. 31 (Great Trumpet, Rapture)

Catarroja AMP Dan 9:27



27 And [the prince who is to come during the 70th week] will make a firm covenant with [Israel and the neighboring nations] for [7 years], but [at the 3½ mark of that 7 years [the prince who is to come] will [issue a cease and desist of the animal sacrifices and offerings connected to it]; and on the wing of abominations [will swiftly overtake Israel and erect a blasphemous idol] will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction [of Jerusalem], one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy



So here is short summary of 70 Weeks prophecy:

- ❧ Daniel's 70 Weeks prophecy is a span covering 490 years
- ❧ At the completion of 483 years (69th week): Jerusalem as a city will be rebuilt + Yaweh's Messiah will be cut off (in a covenantal ceremony) – Passover 30AD
- ❧ During the 70th (and final) week: Another prince of the people will arise and will wage war and destroy Jerusalem and the sanctuary
- ❧ At the completion of the 70th week, Yaweh's Messiah will bring Israel's sin to an end, make atonement for their sin, bring in everlasting righteousness, and restore the holy city and sanctuary (no longer desolate)
 - ❧ Establish His kingdom in perpetual (unending) justice and righteousness

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy



- ✧ Wait, if the 69th Week has been fulfilled during Passover 30AD
- ✧ Then 70th Week would be completed 37AD
- ✧ And we know at the completion of the 70th Week, Israel's sin will end and atonement be made and Messiah's kingdom ushered in
- ✧ But obviously this has not happened back in 37AD nor thru 2021AD
- ✧ Which means Daniel's 70th Week has yet to be fulfilled
 - ✧ Hence point earlier Daniel's 70 Week prophecy is not necessarily to be understood as 490 consecutive years, rather 490 years were carved out of history to fulfill the punishment of Israel

What happened to the 70th Week?



- ❧ Did God just stop the clock at 30AD?
- ❧ Did God hit "pause" and will arbitrarily start it up again?
- ❧ Acknowledgment: CJ Lovik

What happened to the 70th Week?



- ❧ We'll need to look to Scripture
- ❧ How did God determine length of time to punish Israel?
- ❧ The entire 70 Weeks prophecy is a numeric prophecy concerning the full length of their punishment and after it has been reached all Israel will be saved, Messiah will atone for their sin and usher in everlasting righteousness (Millennial reign described in Rev 20)
- ❧ There is one such example we can glean from on how God determined the length of punishment of Israel's sin in Numbers...

Numbers 14



Numbers 14:33-35

(God instructed Moses to send men to spy out the land, after spying the land for 40 days, all except for Caleb, gave a bad report and stirred up the people of Israel and grumbled against Moses and Aaron, Moses intercedes on their behalf and God responds with his verdict)

33 Your sons shall be shepherds for **forty years** in the wilderness, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness. 34 **According to the number of days** which you spied out the land, **forty days, for every day you shall bear your guilt a year, even forty years**, and you will know My opposition. 35 I, the LORD, have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be destroyed, and there they will die.'"

❧ PROPHETIC NUMERIC TRUTH PRINCIPLE: "A day for a year"

❧ 1 day of UNBELIEF translates to 1 year of PUNISHMENT

❧ The faithless spies spied out the land for 40 days and because of their UNBELIEF (bad report and for stirring up the people of Israel) God in turn punished them for 40 years in the wilderness

Jesus laments, pronounces judgment, and intercedes for Israel



Luke 13:34-35 (Jesus speaking)

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it! 35 Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you will not see Me **until the time comes** when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

✧ "until the time comes" is when their punishment comes to an end and Israel repents

Matthew 27:24-25 (right before Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified)

24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." 25 And all the people said, "**His blood shall be on us and on our children!**"

✧ Jews unbelief came to its climax by crucifying their Messiah and asking His blood be on them and their children

Jesus laments, pronounces judgment, and intercedes for Israel



Luke 24 (as Jesus hung on the cross in the middle of two thieves)

34s But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

CASE IN POINT:

- ❧ The Jews UNBELIEF has a starting and ending point
- ❧ Jesus pronounced judgment on them (lamented over them)
- ❧ Israel’s own words was judgment on themselves (His blood be on our heads and the heads of our children)
- ❧ Their punishment will come to an end when they repent and acknowledge Jesus as their Messiah
 - ❧ TRUTH: Jesus prayed for their forgiveness and they will be forgiven!
 - ❧ When will that be?

What happened to the 70th Week?



- ❧ Did God just stop the clock?
- ❧ Did God hit "pause" and will arbitrarily start it up again?
- ❧ ANSWER: No! God did not just stop/pause the clock. Instead God added to the clock a day for a year!
- ❧ So how many years were added?

How many years were added?



- ❧ 70th Week = 7 year period
- ❧ 7 years x 360 days (prophetic year) = 2,520 days
- ❧ Now apply a day for a year principle: 2,520 days = 2,520 years!

CASE IN POINT:

- ❧ Daniel's 70 Week prophecy was extended 2,520 years!
- ❧ After 2,520 years have been completed, then Israel's punishment will be completed, their sin fully atoned for, Messiah will rescue them (as they say BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD), and Messiah will establish His Millennial Kingdom!

How many years were added?



- ✧ Okay so when is the extension of years added?
- ✧ By looking at Numbers 14 principle, God started their 40 year punishment from the time they left Egypt (in the Exodus)
- ✧ Thus, to determine when to add the 2,520 years, it is when the decree is issued for them to leave their captivity to restore and rebuild Jerusalem!
- ✧ And that takes us to the decree issued by Artaxerxes Longimanus' 20th year: 454BC!
- ✧ So add 2,520 years following 454BC, should take us to the end of Daniel's 70th Week! End of the world and beginning of Messiah's 1,000 year reign!

Disclaimer



- ❧ We're going to take this insight and now attempt to pinpoint the year the 70th Week prophecy is fulfilled and the stage is set for Christ's return!
- ❧ I'm not date setting, not claiming divine inspiration
- ❧ But the Scripture does call the days following Christ's ascension, "the last days"
- ❧ And we're trying to possibly gauge when history will end and restart

When will 70th Week End?



- ❧ Given the difference in calendars (Hebrew/Julian/Gregorian) including solar vs. lunar year, relying on calendar convertor, this will be approximate only +/- a few years
- ❧ We will be going with April 2, 454BC (decree #4) as the starting point (Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones), then adding 2,520 years to it
- ❧ We will be using a biblical month (30 days) and year (360 days)
 - ❧ “time, times, have a time” = $3\frac{1}{2}$ years = 1,260 days (3.5×360)
 - ❧ “42 months” = 1,260 days (42×30)
 - ❧ Consistent pre-Flood (Noah), post flood (Daniel) and Revelation
- ❧ Then we'll multiply 2,520 years x 360 days = 907,200 days and add to prophecy
- ❧ Then we should have an idea of when the 70th Week will be completed and on the cusp of Christ's Second Coming!



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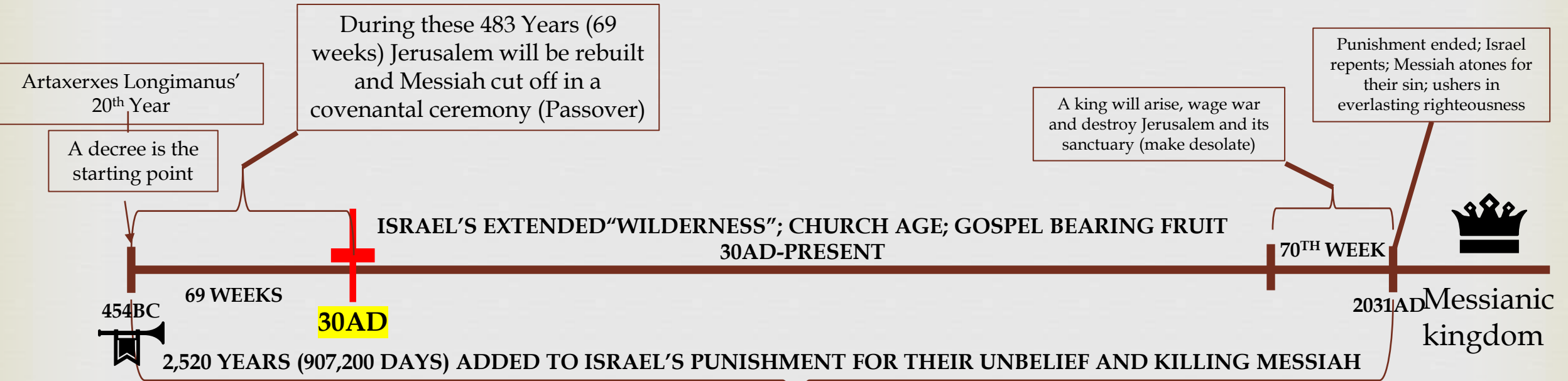
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= 29,805 months + 22 days
= 2,483 years + 297 days
= 2,483 years + 9 months + 22 days

The end of Daniel's 70th Week Prophecy is around this year!



When will 70th Week End?



490 years have been carved out to end Israel's sin, make atonement, and bring in everlasting righteousness (Messiah's kingdom)