

CHRISTMAS PROPHECIES

The Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:20-27

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1. The angel Gabriel revealed to Daniel that seventy weeks had been decreed by God that would culminate in the _____ of the Messiah and the completion of His redemptive work. (Vs. 24)

- a. In the seventy weeks, Israel would complete her sin against God by _____ the Messiah. God would then reserve a conclusive judgment against Israel.
- b. In the seventy weeks, the Messiah would make atonement for _____ by His death and thereby purchase an everlasting righteousness for those who believe.

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- c. In the seventy weeks, Jesus would be publicly _____ as the promised Messiah and fulfill the prophecies pointing to Him.

2. The angel Gabriel revealed to Daniel that the seventy weeks was God's sovereign timetable that would begin with the rebuilding of Jerusalem and climax with the coming of the Messiah. (Vs. 25)

- a. In 457 B.C. Artaxerxes issued a _____ to Ezra for the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

- b. By 408 B.C., 49 years later (7 sevens), the _____, streets, and moat around Jerusalem were completed.

- c. In 27 A.D. 434 years later (62 sevens), Jesus Christ began His _____ ministry. The final "seven" included 3 1/2 years of Christ's ministry and approximately 3 1/2 years of the ministry of His apostles—all focused on the Jews.

3. The angel Gabriel revealed to Daniel that in the seventieth week, all of the things that were decreed in verse _____ would come to fruition by virtue of the Messiah's ministry. (Verses 26-27)

- a. The transgression of the Jews reached its climax when they called for the Messiah's _____.
- b. As a consequence of the Jews rejecting Jesus as the Messiah, He _____ the destruction of Jerusalem by "the people of the prince to come".
- c. Jesus Christ, by means of His perfect obedience to the Law of God, fulfilled the terms of the _____ covenant in His blood.
- d. The necessity of the temple sacrifices and offerings came to an _____ because of the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

*"After Christ's death the sacrifices continued for a time, until the destruction of the city by Titus. However, this actual cessation was in reality but the outward manifestation of that which had already been put into effect by our Lord's death."
- Edward J. Young*