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DANIEL CHAPTER 9

Daniel 9 gives the answer to the question: When will Israel stop being oppressed and under Gentile domination? When will their promised kingdom come?

Daniel 9:20-27 answers 3 important questions:

1) **How long until Utopia? (i.e. the Messianic Kingdom)**

Answer: 70 sevens (490 years) of judgment are decreed against Daniel's people (Israel) and Daniel's city (Jerusalem) (v. 24)

"Seventy weeks" = lit. seventy sevens

$70 \times 7 = 490$ years

2) **How long until Messiah?**

Answer: 69 sevens (483 years) would pass before Messiah was to come (v. 25-26)

Verse 26 -

"Messiah" = Jesus Christ

"Cut off" = His death

"The people of the Prince" = Rome

"The people of the Prince that shall come" = Antichrist

"Desolations" = Israel was desolate of her people from 70 A.D. until 1948.

Israel will again be desolate in the future Tribulation for 42 months (Mt. 24:15; Rev. 11:2)

3) **How long until the End?**

Answer: 1 seven (7 years) under the tyranny of Antichrist will still to come (v. 27)

A time gap exists between the 69th week and the 70th week. So far, that gap has been almost 2,000 years.

Verse 27 -

"He" = the Prince that shall come (Antichrist)

"Shall confirm the covenant" - Antichrist will ratify a peace treaty

"With many" - The Jews, the Arab nations, the world at large

"For one week" - one period of 7 years

***Very important note:** This signing of a 7-year covenant (binding promise of peace) marks the beginning of what is known as the "Tribulation period". From the day this covenant is signed, exactly 2,520 days will remain for Antichrist's rise to power & reign.

"In the midst of the week" - at the mid-point of the 7 years, after the 3-1/2 years

*The mid-point of the 70th week marks the time of:

1. Antichrist's recovery from a deadly wound (See: Rev. 13:3-8)
2. The desecration of the Holy Place (Mt. 24:15)
3. The exaltation of Antichrist as "God" (II Thes. 2:4)
4. The issuing of the Mark of the Beast (Rev. 13:16-18)
5. The hottest anti-Jewish, anti-Christian persecution to ever be experienced (Rev. 12:12-17)