

Studies in Biblical Eschatology
What About Daniel's Seventy Weeks? (Dan. 9:24-27)
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Introduction

The Dispensational Interpretation of Dan. 9:24-27

An outline of this interpretation

A critique

1. The starting point (*terminus a quo*)

2. Other difficulties:

A Fresh Look at Daniel's Seventy Sevens

- Daniel's prayer (9:1-19)

- Gabriel's (God's answer) (20-23)

Seventy Sevens have been decreed (24)

What is accomplished within the 490 years

Finish transgression	Heb. 1:3; 9:26
Make an end of sin	“ ”
Atonement for iniquity	“ ”
Bring in everlasting righteousness	Rom. 5:18-21
Sealing up vision and prophecy	Matt 5:21; Heb. 1:1
Anoint the holy of holies	Heb. 9:1-2, 11-12; 10:19; 1 Cor. 3:16 (Pentecost)

From the issuing of a decree (word) to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (25)

- This decree must be from Cyrus (Isa. 44:23-45:14) in 538 BC
- The decree is an answer to Daniel's prayer (9:23)

Until Messiah the Prince there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks

- An unmistakable observation: there are three time frames, three groups of sevens

Seven Sevens The First Jubilee Initial Fulfillment during the Restoration (Zerubbabel, Ezra)	Sixty-Two Sevens The time between the first and tenth Jubilee, a time of struggle (Nehemiah, Maccabean era, etc)	One Seven The Tenth Jubilee Ultimate fulfillment through destruction of the Old and inauguration of the New
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Destruction of the Old and Inauguration of the New (26-27)

- The Messiah is cut off (Isa. 53:8) shortly after his appearance.

- The prince of the people to come - Titus and Romans

- He will make a covenant with the many for one week (27)