

# DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

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## INTRODUCTION

**Dan 9:24** “A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people (**OT faithful**) and your holy city (**New Jerusalem/the Elect**) to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in age-during righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. **25** Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. **26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end will come with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. **27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy is Christ's timeline to build a “great and mighty nation” (the Kingdom of Heaven) which He will use in the final age to bless all the nations of the earth and save all mankind.

**Gen 18:17** And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; **18** Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

**Acts 3:20** And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Seventy weeks of years (490 years) were given to the OT faithful (“your people”) and to the Elect (“holy city”/New Jerusalem) for them to:

1. Finish their rebellion (transgression of the Law).
2. Put an end to their sin.
3. Atone for their guilt.
4. Bring in age-during righteousness.
5. Confirm the prophetic vision given to Daniel.
6. Anoint the Most Holy Place (anoint Christ as King).

## **THE COVENANT MADE TO ABRAHAM**

In the book of Genesis, Christ made a covenant with Abraham:

**Gen 15:5** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, **6** So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

**Gen 15:18** In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates...

**Gen 17:7** And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an age-during covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

### **What exactly is this covenant?**

The covenant was Christ's promise to Abraham to multiply his offspring to be as numerous as the stars of heaven and to give to them (and Abraham) the inheritance of the Promised Land (the Kingdom of Heaven/salvation).

The inheritance to be given to Abraham and his seed was based on a promise made by God and is not contingent on the works of man (the Law).

**Rom 4:13** For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. **14** For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: **15** Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. **16** Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, **17** (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

For that reason, Christ came to establish the New Covenant of Grace through Faith which will provide the pathway to fulfill the promise made to Abraham. This New Covenant is 100% the work of Christ and it does not rely on the works of man for it to be fulfilled.

### **Who is the "seed" of Abraham?**

**Rom 2:28** For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **29** But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

In God's eyes, the seed of Abraham is NOT his physical descendants. Abraham's seed is a spiritual lineage and is based on the circumcision of the heart. This circumcision of the heart is referring to the spiritual change which occurs within a believer at their moment of conversion. This change occurs when a person receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit and judgment. This work of Christ is the sole determining factor as to whether a person is a seed of Abraham and has a right to the inheritance of the Promised Land.

### **If the seed of Abraham is spiritual, then isn't the Promised Land likewise spiritual?**

Yes! The Promised Land is spiritual and is represented by the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven is the inheritance and the heir's salvation. It is the more abundant life that Christ said He came to bring:

**John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

### **How many people are going to receive this inheritance?**

The inheritance promised to Abraham and his seed is for the Old Testament Faithful and the Elect.

**Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.**

**Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

But as the Word of God proclaims, salvation will come to the balance of mankind someday (all the nations will be blessed). However, they will not be the heirs of Abraham - but they will still be saved:

**1Cor 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward (**heir/First Fruit**). 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

### **Order of Salvation**

Scripture teaches that there is an order to mankind's salvation: it will come in TWO groups of people and in TWO ages of time.

**Group #1:** The first group of mankind to be saved are those who will receive the inheritance promised to Abraham. They are the people who have been chosen from the foundation of the world. The Elect will be converted in this present age, while the OT faithful will be converted at the beginning of the final age.

**Eph 1:4** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **5** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, **6** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

**Heb 11:39** And these all **(OT faithful)**, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise **(the inheritance/salvation)**: **40** God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect **(converted)**.

**Luke 13:28** There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets **(the OT faithful after they are converted)**, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

This first group is also called the First Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind.

**James 1:18** Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**Rev 14:4** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

**Group #2:** The second group to be saved will be the remaining balance of mankind (those who are not the heirs of Abraham). These people will be resurrected at the start of the final age and will be saved at its completion. At the end of the final age, the promise to Abraham will be fulfilled which says that all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him (**Gen 18:7**). It will then be testified to be true that all who died "in Adam" is the same all who have been made alive "in Christ":

**1Cor 15:20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. **21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

### THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK

At the start of the 70th week (483 years), Christ started His ministry on earth to fulfill the covenant He made with Abraham:

**Matt 3:13** Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. **14** But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, **15** Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

**Gal 3:17** And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make

**the promise of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

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**Important note:** The first 486 ½ years of the 490 years of Daniel’s prophecy were literally & physically completed under the Old Covenant. The event at the cross (when Christ was “cutoff”) ended the Old Covenant (“sacrifice and oblation” ceased) and began the New Covenant under which the last 3 ½ years would be completed. And since the New Covenant is a spiritual and individual covenant, the remaining 3 ½ years do not represent literal time as “man’s wisdom teaches” (1Cor 2:13). The last “3 ½ years” has now become a “spirit” word (John 6:63) which carries its own meaning. The spirit word “3 ½ years” is synonymous with “time, times, and a half”, “42 months” and “1260 days”.

Christ will commence the last “3 ½ years” when He gives the Early Rain of the Spirit to each of the OT faithful or to one of His Elect. It will end for each person when Christ gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit & judgment (the conversion event). This is when Christ fulfills the goals of Dan 9:24 within that the OT faithful and the Elect. After all of the heirs of Abraham’s have been converted, Daniel’s Seventy Weeks Prophecy will be completely fulfilled.

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To satisfy a key portion of the necessary work that Christ needed to perform to complete Daniel’s prophecy, Christ sacrificed Himself at the cross in the “midst of the week” (the 3 ½ year mark of the last seven years). Christ’s physical sacrifice at the cross provided the basis for the spiritual work that He would do during the remaining 3 ½ years of the prophecy. He would do His spiritual work under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

The change from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant is shown in verse 27:

**Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.**

Christ’s death on the cross caused the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. As a result, the physical descendants of Abraham (Nation of Israel) could no longer approach God through the Old Covenant of Law (based on man’s works). Now the only approach to God would be under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ.

Under the New Covenant, Christ will perform all the necessary spiritual works to convert a person - but He will only do so for the spiritual heirs of Abraham who were chosen for this blessing. Later, the balance of mankind will be blessed by Abraham and his heirs when they receive their salvation at the end of the final age.

**More on the two covenants:** The Old Covenant of Law is a physical covenant and is based upon the physical works of man. All the works that Christ performed under it (as a physical descendant of Adam) were also physical works; works which ended with His sacrifice at the cross. In this way, Christ fulfilled the sacrificial requirement of the law:

**Mat 5:17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

In contrast to the physical nature of the Old Covenant of Law, the New Covenant of Grace through Faith is a spiritual covenant and is based solely on the works of Christ. All the works that Christ will perform under the New Covenant are spiritual works. It is those spiritual works that will convert a person into a child of God who will be an heir of Abraham.

One other point: With the change from the Old Covenant (physical) to the New Covenant (spiritual), God will no longer dwell in a temple made with hands (a physical temple). His new temple will be each individual person who has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**Mark 14:58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.**

**1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

### **THE REMAINING 3 ½ YEARS**

The last 3 ½ years of Daniel’s prophecy is also presented in scripture as Time, Times and half a time, 1260 days, and 42 months. These terms are spiritual symbols and do not represent literal time.

At the beginning of the final age, the remaining 3 ½ years of Daniel’s prophecy will be fulfilled for both the OT Faithful and the Elect. Christ will accomplish this goal by causing them to fully travel the pathway to salvation.

At the core of this pathway is the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit.

### **THE EARLY AND LATTER RAIN**

The remaining 3 ½ years starts WITHIN a person when they receive the Early Rain of the Spirit from Christ. The 3 1/2 years ends when the believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, followed by judgment. This is the conversion event.

For additional details on the Early and Latter Rains and the pathway to salvation, please see my paper entitled “The Great Mystery of the Church”.

James mentions the Early and Latter Rains below:

**Jam 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the EARLY and LATTER rain. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

Christ is the farmer. The Precious Fruit of the earth is the wheat which represents the Elect. The farmer has “long patience” for the harvest because all new believers (babes) will become apostate shortly after they are given the Early Rain of the Spirit.

**Psa 68:9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful Rain (Latter Rain), whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary (in an apostate condition).**

**Jer 3:3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no Latter Rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead (worsened carnal mind of an apostate believer), thou refusedst to be ashamed.**

The time period in between an Elect person receiving the Early and Latter Rains is what requires Christ to have “long patience” for the harvest to arrive. It is the same time period of waiting that Paul mentions in the verse below - however, in this verse, it is referred to as the “longsuffering” of Christ:

**1Tim 1:16 Howbeit for this cause, I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern (type) to them (the Elect) which should hereafter believe on him to life during the ages.**

Elijah’s 3 ½ years of drought is also a “type” which represents the time an Elect person spends in between the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit.

James mentions Elijah’s 3 ½ years of drought a few verses later chapter 5:

**James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.**

Daniel mentions the time in between the Early and Latter Rains as “time, times and a half”:

**Daniel 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth forever that it shall be for a TIME, TIMES AND A HALF; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people (when the believer is apostate), all these things shall be finished (time of conversion).**

John mentions the time in between the Early and Latter Rains as “42 months” and “1260 days”:

**Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot FORTY AND TWO MONTHS. 3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses (symbol for all the Elect), and**

they shall prophesy a **THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THREESCORE DAYS**, clothed in sackcloth.

**Rev 13:5** And there was given unto him (an apostate believer) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power (spirit of anti-Christ) was given unto him to continue **FORTY AND TWO MONTHS**.

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### **SUMMARY**

Seventy weeks of years (490 years) were established by God for Christ to accomplish the goals listed in Dan 9:24 for the OT Faithful and the Elect. These blessed individuals will be the heirs of the promise made to Abraham. After 483 literal years had passed, Christ started His ministry on the earth when He was baptized by John the Baptist. At the midpoint of the last week of years, Christ was crucified and was cut off. This marked the change from the Old Covenant of Law to the New Covenant of Grace through Faith. This change caused the sacrifice and oblation to cease and ended the physical time calculation for the remaining 3 ½ years of the prophecy. Since the New Covenant is spiritual, the remaining 3 ½ years are spiritual and they occur within a person.

The last 3 ½ years of Daniel’s prophecy will begin within a person when Christ gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. Shortly after receiving the Early Rain, the spirit of anti-Christ will indwell the new believer (a babe) causing them to become apostate. This is when the Abomination of Desolation occurs that scripture mentions in Dan 8:13, Dan 9:27 and Mat 24:15.

If the apostate believer is one of the Elect, Christ will come to them a second time and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This event will be followed by the judgment of the Day of the Lord which will remove the chaff (all the spiritual things that has made the person carnal & sinful) from within the person. After the conversion process is complete, the ends of the ages/time of the end will come upon the person.

**1Cor 10:11** Now all these things happened to them as types, and have been written for our admonition, **upon whom the ends of the ages are come.**

**Dan 12:9** And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the **time of the end.** **10** Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; **but the wise shall understand** (the converted Elect).

The “ends of the ages” and the “time of the end” is speaking of when an heir of Abraham is converted. It is at this time when the person has their spiritual blindness healed so that Daniel’s prophecies will be “unsealed” for them.



After the last of Abraham's heirs have been converted, Abraham's spiritual "seed" will be as numerous as the stars and they will all have their promised inheritance.

In the final age, Christ will use His "great and mighty army" of heirs to bring salvation to the rest of mankind. In the end, all the nations of the earth will be blessed in Abraham.

**Gen 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; 18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**