

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 (**Christ and the Elect**) and your holy city (**Jerusalem which is above/New Covenant, Gal 4:23-26**) to finish the rebellion, to put an end to sin, to atone for guilt, to bring in everlasting 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 God's timeline to save all mankind through Christ & the Elect and by the “holy city” (New Covenant of Grace through Faith). Christ and the Elect will be the “great and mighty nation” that will bless all the nations of the earth.

These scriptures apply:

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 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Gal 4:23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the free-woman was by promise. **24** Which things are an allegory: for these are the TWO COVENANTS; the one from the mount Sinai (**Old Covenant**), which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar. **25** For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. **26** But Jerusalem (**the holy city**) which is above is free (**New Covenant**), which is the mother of us all.

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 (prophets like Daniel).

Seventy weeks of years (490 years) were given to Christ & the Elect and the New Covenant of Grace through Faith to:

1. Finish the rebellion (transgression of the Law).
2. Put an end to sin.
3. Atone for guilt.
4. Bring in everlasting righteousness.
5. Confirm the prophetic vision given to Daniel.
6. Anoint the Most Holy Place.

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 (the Promised Land/salvation), 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 everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

The covenant was a promise by Christ to Abraham and his spiritual seed (**Rom 2:28**) that He would be their God and that He would make Abraham's seed as numerous as the stars. The promise made by Christ was not contingent on any "works" that they would need to perform.

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.

In addition to the promise stated above, Christ also promised that an inheritance would be given to Abraham and to some of his seed. This inheritance would go to the blessed individuals who were chosen from the foundation of the world for this blessing. They are called 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:

1Pet 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

So what exactly does it mean to be an heir of Abraham?

The inheritance of the Elect will be to have “life during the ages” in the Kingdom of Heaven (the great and mighty nation) and the honor of reigning with Christ as kings and priests in that kingdom during the final age.

These verses apply:

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Luke 18:18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit age-during life?

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away to punishment age-during, but the righteous to life age-during.'

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Since the “great and mighty nation” will bless the nations of the earth during the final age, the balance of mankind will eventually all be made into the spiritual seed of Abraham, too.

During the final age, the “lost” will enter their time of judgment in the Lake of Fire (a symbol for judgment, not literal fire). During that judgment, Christ will not omit justice, mercy and faith (**Mat 23:23**). Christ’s mercy will come to them as the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. With the Spirit, they will have faith and be born again as a child of God (spiritual seed of Abraham).

They will suffer loss 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. 15 If any man's

work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire saved; yet so as by fire (Lake of Fire).

By the end of the final age, the promise to Abraham will be fulfilled which says that his seed will be as numerous as the stars.

It will then be testified to be true that all who died “in Adam”, 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 70TH 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 forbad 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.

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”.

The last “3 ½ years” of Daniel’s prophecy begins when Christ gives the Early Rain of the Spirit to a chosen person (OT faithful and the Elect). It ends 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. After all of the heirs of Abraham’s have been converted, Daniel’s Seventy Weeks Prophecy will be completely fulfilled.

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 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 is performing under the New Covenant are spiritual works. It is those spiritual works that will convert a person from a child of the Devil into a child of God.

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. 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 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.

In this present age, the final 3 ½ years of Daniel's prophecy will be completed within each of the NT elect. At the beginning of the final age, the final 3 ½ years will be completed within all of the OT Faithful. They will then receive their full inheritance.

By the end of the final age, the final 3 ½ years will be completed within the balance of mankind. With the conversion of the last person, all the goals of Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy will be accomplished.

SUMMARY

Seventy weeks of years (490 years) were established by God for Christ to accomplish the goals listed in Dan 9:24. 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 this 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 likewise spiritual and will occur within a person as they travel the pathway to salvation.

The last 3 ½ years of Daniel's prophecy will begin for a person when Christ gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. They will end when Christ gives the person the Latter Rain of the Spirit, followed by His judgment. With each person's conversion, the covenant made to Abraham will be confirmed for them.

After the last person of mankind is converted, the goals of Daniel's Seventy Weeks Prophecy weeks will be accomplished.