

### ***Daniel's Seventy Weeks and The Rebirth Of Israel***

Did you ever experience tunnel vision; when your eyes and mind contract onto one fact, and then suddenly link it together with a greater whole? This has happened to me many times as I wrote this book. However, the strongest feeling of tunnel vision that I have *ever* experienced came to me when I had the following revelation. Having read, and re-read Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks countless times, I felt that I had a fairly good understanding of what it meant. But I didn't see one deep aspect of its meaning until prayerfully contemplating it in relation to the Tribulation period. As I sat in deep thought, I finally saw what I had failed to see before! This is the knowledge that ***the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem referred not only to the time of King Artaxerxes in 457 BC, but also to 1948 AD – the year that the modern nation of Israel was formed!*** To explain why this is so, let me show you my reasoning. First, let's read the first part of the prophecy together:

*"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times."  
- Daniel 9:25 (NKJ)*

Here Daniel tells us that there would be seven "*weeks*" and sixty-two "*weeks*," or sixty-nine weeks from the time of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem until "*Messiah the Prince*." The "*weeks*" in Daniel's prophecy are literally called "*sevens*." This means that they not only mean literal seven-day weeks, but *groups of seven years*. In the past, this meant that - after sixty-nine weeks of years, or 483 years had passed - the expected Messiah the Jews had long awaited would appear on the scene. The first 483 years pinpointed by Daniel's prophecy fell between 486 BC, when the Babylonian Exile of the Jews officially ended, and the birth of Christ in 3 BC. The second prophetic period of 483 years partly overlaps the first one. It began in 457 BC with the Persian King Artaxerxes' decree allowing the Jews to return to Israel and rebuild Jerusalem, and ended with the baptism of Christ in 27 AD, just before Christ began His public ministry.

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The seventieth week of this prophecy also has two applications – one past, and one future. In the past, it marked the period from 27 AD to 34 AD. These seven years began with Yahshua's public ministry to the Jews. After this, the prophecy says that:

**"After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."** - Daniel 9:26-27 (NIV)

This prophecy refers to Daniel's Seventieth Week, and it is a strange prophecy in that it is spontaneously speaking about both Christ, and the Antichrist. The two passages above that are highlighted pertain to Christ. The rest of this passage, however, pertains to the Antichrist, and the *spirit* of the Antichrist - as we shall see in a moment. First, let's look at the portion that pertains to Yahshua, the Anointed One who was likely born in 3 BC, making Him 29 years old in 27 AD. Luke confirms that Yahshua was *around* 30 years old when He began His public ministry in Judea (Luke 3:23). Since the need for sacrifices and offerings in the Temple in Jerusalem were no longer required after Yahshua died on the Cross, this suggests that the Messiah was cut off after one half of a week of years, or 3-1/2 years had passed. This pinpoints Yahshua's crucifixion to April in 31 AD. ***Yahshua's resurrection from the dead then brought the need for "sacrifice and offering" in the Temple in Jerusalem to an end.***

When Yahshua died, the curtain in the Temple was torn in two. This curtain between the Holy, and Most Holy Place in the Temple served to remind men that they could have no fellowship with God without blood atonement, and no blood sacrifice could ever fully atone for sin unless it was without sin. Therefore, the torn curtain indicated that the need for animal sacrifice and blood atonement had finally come to an end through the perfect, forever-atonement sacrifice of Christ!

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This leads to an interesting theory. Could it be that the “*abomination that makes desolate*” of Daniel’s prophecy was placed inside the temple when the Aaronic priests replaced the torn curtain with a new one? Because, by doing so, they officially ignored, and repudiated God’s clear message to them. This message was that mankind now had a clear way to gain a relationship with God through Christ’s atoning sacrifice alone! If the Jews had been made to realize what the torn curtain truly signified, they would have recognized that God had done away with any future need for a special priesthood, or temple, and all the Aaronic priests would have lost their cushy positions of wealth, and authority in the Jewish Community! It is therefore likely that the Jewish Priesthood, in defiance of God, replaced the veil in the Temple, and ignored a powerful sign from God that their priesthood ceased to exist when they killed their Messiah! These Jewish priests were therefore acting in the satanic *spirit* of the Antichrist.

Now, that past seventieth “week” marking 490 years ended in 34 AD - in the proposed year of the stoning of the disciple Stephen, and the first year that Saint Paul may have served as an Apostle. The second fulfillment of Daniel’s seventieth week will not come, however, until *after* the Antichrist takes control, and it will not end until the seven-year Tribulation period *ends*. This is clear in Daniel 9:25, where it emphatically states “*from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks.*” This means that sixty-nine “weeks” will pass *before* the Messiah comes in the seventieth week.

However, since this prophecy has a dual application, what if the “sevens” in Daniel’s prophecy have a dual meaning as well? What if they refer to a different *complete period* of time such as the span of one year, instead of seven? Biblically, the numbers seven, forty, fifty and seventy all allegorically imply *completion*, or a period of time that completes or fulfills an important part of Yah’s Will. The reference to these periods of “sevens” in Daniel’s prophecy could therefore imply *any complete period* that fits in the given context. ***If one “seven” means one year, then the sixty-two “weeks” or “sevens” would become sixty-two years, and the seven “weeks” would become seven years. Daniel’s prophecy could therefore be referring to a period of 70 years, as well as 490.***

Due to the previous prophetic dates already disclosed in this chapter (i.e. 2010 AD, 2017 AD and 2018 AD), this interpretation of

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Daniel's "sevens" has startling implications. In 1948, the modern nation of Israel was formed, and Jerusalem could again be rebuilt. 1948 is therefore the future time when *"the command to restore and build Jerusalem"* was issued! Just as in ancient times, Jerusalem has been rebuilt *"in troublesome times."* With the threat of Terrorism affecting the whole world, and especially Israel, it should be painfully obvious to all that Daniel's *"time of trouble"* has already arrived to some degree, but will not fully erupt until the Tribulation period begins (Daniel 12:1).

As soon as it became apparent that the "sevens" in Daniel's prophecy could also be years, I added 62 to 1948. The date thus derived is truly astounding! When applied as years, the 62 years in *Daniel's Seventy Weeks of years yields the date: 2010 AD - (1948 + 62 = 2010)!* This is the same exact year that the Great Pyramid gives as a possible date for the Rapture and beginning of the Tribulation period! Hallelu-Yah for these signs! Isn't Yahweh an amazing and awesome God? *He is!* Let's further explore the ramifications of this startling revelation. Due to the nature of the Rapture, it is a figurative time when the Messiah will be cut off *again*, and *"the prince who is to come,"* or the Antichrist will appear on the scene:

*"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined." - Daniel 9:26 (NKJ)*

The application of Daniel's prophecy to the past tells us that the true Messiah Yahshua was to be *"cut off,"* or removed from the world scene in 31 AD. In 31 AD, three and a half years after He began His ministry, Yahshua was crucified, died, and rose again. Likewise, the Book of Revelation says the Two Witnesses will preach in Jerusalem until they are killed three and a half years (i.e. 1260 days) into the Tribulation, and then are miraculously raised from the dead (Revelation 11:3-11). In the past, *"the prince who is to come"* appeared in the form of Imperial Rome, whose legions destroyed Jerusalem nearly forty years later - in 70 AD. In the future, another removal of God's chosen representatives will occur with the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the saints, and, later, with the murder of Revelation's Two Witnesses in the middle of the Tribulation. This is also the time when Daniel 9:27 will be fulfilled –

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the time when the Antichrist will “*put an end to sacrifice and offering*” in the newly erected temple in Jerusalem, and the Jews will revolt. Then a powerful and malevolent international army will attack Jerusalem, and seek to destroy it again.

Concurrent with this, I believe that another Rapture will take place in the middle of the seven years when the murdered Two Witnesses will be resurrected. Others say this Second Rapture will happen at the end of the Great Tribulation. Nonetheless, all usually agree that - three and a half years after the Tribulation begins - the Antichrist will seize control of the world, and will attack Jerusalem sometime after that.

For the many reasons already stated in this book, it appears that the 1st Rapture may occur *before* the Tribulation period begins. This is the time when the Holy Spirit will be temporarily removed from the Earth along with all Her born-again children. Hence, it is the symbolic time when the Messiah will be “cut off” from the Earth again. In Daniel’s prophecy, this cutting off happened *after* the sixty-two weeks had passed. This 62nd week coincides with 2010 AD. When the Rapture occurs, the Antichrist will already have gained some power and the Tribulation will begin soon after. About three and a half years after that, the Antichrist and his followers will attempt to destroy Jerusalem.

Now, if seven more “sevens” or years are added to 2010 AD, we arrive at 2017 AD, and ***2017 may be the last year of the Great Tribulation, and the prelude to the Millennial Rule of Christ!*** Do you see the incredible nature of this divine disclosure? Sixty-two years after Israel begins to exist again as a nation in modern times, the Tribulation period might begin. Then, sixty-nine years after 1948, the Tribulation may mercifully end. Here is a prophecy written thousands of years ago by a captive prophet named Daniel that verifies the beginning and end dates already singled out for the Tribulation period, as well as the beginning of the seventieth “week” or year - in 2018! The year 2018 AD may therefore be the beginning year of Christ’s Millennial Rule - as shown in the following equation:  $(1948 + (62 + 7 + 1) = (1948 + 70) = 2018)$ .

There it is - in plain *prophetic* English! ***2018 AD falls exactly seventy years after 1948 AD, the year when modern Israel came into existence!*** Adding seven “sevens” or years to sixty-two, we have sixty-nine years altogether to add to 1948, and  $1948 + 69 = 2017$  AD! This clearly suggests that the seven-year Tribulation period is going

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to begin in 2011 AD and end in 2017 AD. After this, in 2018 AD, Daniel's seventieth "week," or year could arrive, and Yahshua might begin His reign as King on Earth for a thousand years!

What is truly amazing about this prophecy is that the sixty-two "weeks" and seven "weeks" are added opposite to the way they were first applied. This suggests the reversal of history implied by the application of biblical history to the Chanukiah menorah, as shown on page 27! So, in the past, seven "weeks" came first, and then "sixty-two "weeks." In the future, however, sixty-two "weeks" will come first, and then the seven "weeks" or years of the Tribulation period. If written mathematically, the equations would be:

- Past: 1 "seven" = 7 years, so  $(7 + 62) = 69 \times 7 = 483$  years.
- Future: 1 "seven" = 1 year, so  $(62 + 7) = 69 \times 1 = 69$  years.

This reversal in the way Daniel's Seventy Weeks are added has another clear allegorical application. Since the past sixty-two "weeks" led to the coming of the true Messiah, the reversal in the order of the weeks when applied to the future implies that the Messiah to come then *will be opposite to* the true Messiah. This may, in fact, be the literal case - since the false Messiah, or Antichrist may come in the sixty-third "week" (i.e.: year)!

Now, in the past, Daniel's seventieth week applied to the week between Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and His Resurrection from the dead. In the very middle of that week - on the eve of Passover - Christ was crucified, or "*cut off*" as Daniel said. But then, early on a Sunday morning during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Christ had already risen from the dead. He therefore literally became the Firstfruits of the First Resurrection - on the Sunday of the Firstfruits offering in the Temple, which marked the first of fifty days to the Sunday Feast of Pentecost.

In this possible future application of Daniel's Seventy Weeks, the sixty-third "week," or year would begin with the Rapture, the Antichrist's rise to power, his ill-fated peace treaty with Israel, and his possible move to Jerusalem to solidify that treaty. Then, in the middle, or sixty-sixth "week," or year, the Antichrist might break His treaty with Israel by defiling the Third Temple, and declaring that he is a god that must be worshipped. This could then begin three and one half years of severe religious persecution - a time when anyone who won't worship the Antichrist

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will be brutally put to death. Finally, the seventieth “week,” or year might come, and the horror of this week of years would mercifully end with the triumphant Second Coming of Christ, and the setting up of His Millennial Kingdom.

### ***Seventy Times Seven: the Season of Forgiveness***

There is still another application of Daniel’s Seventy Weeks that is intimately tied to the birth of Israel as a modern nation in 1948 and the Tribulation period. It appears in one of Yahshua’s teachings about forgiveness, and judgment:

*“Then Peter came to Him and said, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’ Jesus (Yahshua) said to him, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.’” - Matthew 18:21-23 (NKJ)*

Many scholars teach that Yahshua’s exhortation to forgive our brethren “*seventy times seven*” times means that we must *never cease* forgiving our sinful brothers and sisters in Christ when they sin against us. However, through Daniel’s “*seventy times seven*,” we are taught that this is a *specific period of time*. Furthermore, right after telling Peter to forgive his brethren up to “*seventy times seven*,” Yahshua launched right into telling the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant - *with its clear themes of future mercy and judgment* - to the Apostle Peter, and the other disciples who were present. Yahshua therefore pointedly suggests that “*seventy times seven*” does not mean “forever,” but refers to a period of forgiveness leading up to a time of *judgment in the future*. Yahshua was therefore telling His disciples that the season for forgiveness would necessarily end after a period of “*seventy times seven*.” After this, however, Israel and the world would be divinely judged.

If we view the modern nation of Israel as the “disciple” whom Yahshua thus instructed, it may mean that modern Israel has been given seventy “sevens,” or years to repent of her hatred of outsiders, and to show mercy to the Gentile nations surrounding