1 DO THE MATH: 7 + 62 + 1 = 70

DANIEL 9:24-27

2 Daniel 9:24

- ▶²⁴ "Seventy weeks are determined
- ► For your people and for your holy city,
- ► To finish the transgression,
- ► To make an end of sins,
- ► To make reconciliation for iniquity,
- ► To bring in everlasting righteousness,
- ► To seal up vision and prophecy,
- ► And to anoint the Most Holy.

3 **Daniel 9:25**

- ▶²⁵ "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.

4 Daniel 9:26

- ▶²⁶ "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.

5 Daniel 9:27

- ▶²⁷ Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;
- ▶ But in the middle of the week
- ► He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
- ▶And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
- ► Even until the consummation, which is determined,
- ► Is poured out on the desolate."

6 BACKGROUND

- ▶538 B. C. Daniel reading Jeremiah when he realized that the exile in Babylon was soon to end.
- ► Led to passionate prayer confessing the sins of his people and asking God to restore them to their homeland.

- ► Gabriel comes with an answer:
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7 The Target People of the prophecy

- ▶is specifically to "... your people and for your holy city."
- ▶ the church is not in view in this passage.
- ▶This prophecy concerns the Jewish nation and Jerusalem, not the church.

8 THE BREADTH OF THE PROPHECY

▶ Daniel 9:24, Gabriel reveals six great events that must take place and be fulfilled within the scope or time of this SEVENTY-WEEK prophecy.

9 Event No. 1: "finish the transgression."

- ▶The transgression referred to is the rebellion of God's chosen people, Israel
- ▶ That rebellion and rejection of Messiah largely continues to this day.
- ► However, after all that is revealed here in Daniel 9 is completed, the Jews will end their rebellion and receive Jesus Christ as "Messiah the Prince."

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10 Event No. 2: "make an end of sins."

- ▶The "sins" are particularly the sins of Israel and Jerusalem.
- ▶. The whole world was involved in the crucifixion of God's son.
- ▶ But because the Jews were God's chosen people through whom God had given the covenants, theirs was a greater sin because "He came unto His own and His own received Him not."

11 The Declaration of Scripture:

- ► Isaiah 27:9: "Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered; And this is all the fruit of taking away his sin. . ."
- ► Ezekiel 36:26-27: 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them

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- ► Ezekiel 37:23: 23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.
- ▶Romans 11:26-27: And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

13 Event #3: "To make reconciliation for iniquity"

▶ "reconciliation" means "atonement" or "covering." In scripture it points to an

- effective covering for sin so that the sinner is reconciled to God.
- ▶ Daniel confessed in his prayer in 9:5: "We have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

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▶ The sins of all men, Jews and Gentiles, have been atoned for through Christ's death on the cross. However, even though our Lord's death is sufficient for all, it is efficient only where men will receive Him.

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▶ Israel is still largely living in rejection of her Messiah, thus her day of atonement and salvation is still waiting for the day when they will look on Him whom they have pierced and "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness," (Zechariah 13:1) "And so all Israel will be saved," (Romans 11:26).

16 Event #4: "To bring in everlasting righteousness"

▶ This looks forward to a time in the future, beyond the birth and death of Christ, beyond his resurrection and ascension, down the centuries which comprise the present Church age, and past the Second Coming of Jesus Christ when He will return in power and glory and set up His kingdom here on earth.

17 Jeremiah 31:31-34

▶ Jeremiah 23:6 gives us some insight into what that future world will be like: "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

18 Event #5: "To seal up vision and prophecy"

- ▶The phrase "seal up" literally means to shut up or close out prophecy. As long as Israel was a theocracy ruled by God, there was no need for prophets or prophecies.
- ► According as the events on God's calendar are fulfilled, there will no longer be any need for prophecies.

19 **1 Corinthians 13:8-10**

► "Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away."

20 Event #6: "And to anoint the Most Holy."

▶That is what the Hebrew literally says: anoint the Most Holy. However, there are two possible explanations for this phrase. Some have said it refers to a place, and others to a person.