

THE Messiah THE Prince
Daniel: God's Sovereign Rule Over Human
History, part 28
Daniel 9:25

- I am sure you have broken news to people like this: I have good news and bad news, which do you want to hear first? And Gabriel tells Daniel the good news first:

(1.) Good news! What the 70 weeks accomplishes: (v.24)

- a. The overthrow Israel's evil rebellion: to SHUT up transgression, to SEAL up sin, and to COVER up iniquity.
- b. The setting up of Messiah's Kingdom of Righteousness

(2.) Good news! Gabriel PINPOINTS the TIME to the very DAY when "the Messiah the Prince" would be presented to the world in His first coming. This is the only time in OT Scripture we find such a prophecy!

- Let's consider the elements of the 69 weeks concluding with the coming of "The Messiah the Prince:"

1. " _____:" the 70 Weeks Begins

- What decree triggers the start of the 70th week?

A. First Decree: King Cyrus in 538 to Zerubabel to rebuild the temple. Ezra 1:3-4.

B. Second Decree: King Darius Hystaspes in 519 BC: Ezra 5:1-6:15: Re-start building the temple (Ezra 6:1, 7-8).

C. Third Decree: Artaxerxes I in 458 BC for Ezra to enact spiritual reforms. (Ezra 7:10-26; note especially vv. 1, 13, 14, 19, 23.

**D. Fourth Decree: Artaxerxes Longimanus in 444 BC for _____ to rebuild the city and the walls of the city, Nehemiah 2:5-8.

- God works through pagan kings to show _____!

2. " _____:" the first Seven weeks (49 years)

- This first "seven weeks" begin with the decree for Nehemiah to rebuild the city walls and extends to the end of the OT prophetic period, or the Book of Malachi, at about 396 BC.
- God works through _____ to help His people build!

3. " _____:" the Sixty-two Weeks (434 years)

- God works through silent years, protecting and preparing the world to receive His Only Begotten Son!

A. God miraculously preserves His people.

B. _____ and _____ were built throughout the ancient world to enhance the spread of the Gospel.

4. " _____:" the end of the 69th Week

- The 69th Week ends with the revealing of the Anointed Ruler of the world. This refers to Jesus Christ Himself.

- A. _____: we are to receive His Word
- B. _____: we are to rest in His prayers and sacrifice for us
- C. _____: we are to rejoice in His leadership

Psalm 45:7; Thou lovest righteousness and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Luke 19:42; Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this _____, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

CHART OF THE 69 "WEEKS"

"Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks . . . [and] sixty-two weeks" (Dan. 9:25).

69 weeks		444 B.C.	
x7 years		+ A.D. 33	
<u>483 years</u>		477 years	
		-1	(1 B.C. to A.D. 1 = 1 year, not 2)
		476 years	
		x 365 days	
		<u>173,740 days</u>	
		+ 25	Nisan 1, 444 B.C. = March 5
			Nisan 10, A.D. 33 = March 30
x 360 days (prophetic years)	+ 115	days for leap years	
<u>173,880 days</u>	<u>173,880</u>	days	

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