

Four: THE SEVENTY “WEEKS” (II)

Daniel 9

- I. The PROMPTING: v1-3
- II. The PRAYER: v4-19
- III. The PROPHECY: v20-27

God’s purposes are much **larger**. And the period in view is much **longer**.

Not just 70 years, but *70 sevens*.

v24: To do six things: 3 negatives and three resultant positives:

A. Negatives:

- 1. To **Put away/hide** transgressions
- 2. To **remove** sin by **sealing** it up
- 3. To **atone for/cover** wickedness

B. This leads to three Positive results:

- 4. to **cause** to come, everlasting righteousness: Double Imputation!
- 5. to **seal up** vision and prophecy

Eschatology is simply the **unveiling** of what has already been accomplished by Christ

6. To anoint the **Most Holy One**

This is the climax: Messiah, Who will

- Put away sin
- Provide a record of everlasting righteousness
- Fulfill all prophecy

This is the answer to Daniel’s deepest longings. And yours. The burden of Daniel’s prayer is for SIN and The CITY.

This is what continues to be addressed in v25-27, focusing on

THE CITY	MESSIAH
V25: Decree → Rebuild Seven 7s	Rebuild → Messiah + Sixty two 7s
Trouble	Much longer time, but # years unstated, in contrast to Jer 29:10
V26:	Messiah: a) CUT OFF Cf. Lev 7:20-21, from Gen 15:9-10, 17ff Cf. Isa 53:8 Covenant of Blood fulfilled!
	b) “Nothing to Him” Utter rejection , by man & by God! This is the answer to Daniel’s prayer for forgiveness!
Destruction of The City like a flood: 70 AD Titus & the Roman army	

Now we come to one of the most difficult verses in the Bible!

Basic confusion: has **v27** already taken place, or is it still in the future?
To answer that, we break it down into 3 basic Qs:

1. Who is the **HE**, and what is the **covenant** He confirms?

A. The Ruler/Prince of v26, who is the Anti-Christ

Covenant with the Jews during 7 yr Great Tribulation

B. The Messiah of v24, 25, 26

v25: came v26 fulfilled v27 makes effective

(Ruler of v26 is not the subject of sentence; HE obviously refers to the main subject: Messiah)

2. Who are the **MANY**? And what is the **one seven**?

A. The Jews during the 7 year Tribulation

Assumes a 2000+ yr GAP: the Great Parenthesis, which is the Church Age, to end with the secret Rapture

B. The early Christians who believed in Messiah, during the wrap up of Jerusalem's place in God's purpose

Cf. Isa 53:11

During a short time (1 seven) after Messiah's finished work, He will end all sacrifices at the temple

3. To what do the **End of sacrifice** and **the abomination that causes desolation** refer?

A. To the betrayal of the Jews by Anti-Christ

B. To Messiah's destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Over the pinnacle of the temple He will bring a desolator to pour out desolations on this place of abomination

So What

This prophecy is not about the Jews in the End Times, but in the first century, and the birth of the NT Church.

The next event is His Return in Glory. Are you ready?