

## Daniel Chapter 9

**Jeremiah prophesizes 70 years of captivity of**

**Jeremiah 25:11-14** And this whole land shall be a desolation, [*and*] an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, [*that*] I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

**Jeremiah 29:10** For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

**II Chronicles 36:21** To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: [*for*] as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

**Daniel 9:1** In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus (A<sup>1</sup>-hash-ver-osh), of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans

**Verse 1:** "In the first year Darius ... of the Medes..."

**In 539 B.C.** Darius assumed the rule of Babylon. This change of power caused Daniel to search the scriptures to determine if there was any prophetic significance of the capture of Babylon by the Persians.

**Daniel 9:2-3** In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

**Verse 2:** --606 B.C. first captivity of Jerusalem

**-70 Years of Jeremiah's prophecy (cf above)**

**=536 B.C. the prophecy of Jeremiah should be fulfilled.**

**In 536 B.C.** 49,897 Jews return from Babylon to Jerusalem. Zerubbabel (Ze-roo'-ba-bell) returned with 42,360 Jews; 7,337 servants, 200 singers, 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels, 6,720 asses, 5,400 gold and silver vessels.

**Or another way to reckon Jeremiah's 70 years is the destruction of the Temple in 586 BC**

**Verse 2: --586 B.C. Jerusalem burned by Babylonians**

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**516 B.C. In the 12<sup>th</sup> month, March, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the temple is completed.**

**536 B.C. in the 7<sup>th</sup> month, they build an altar and offer sacrifices.**

**535 B.C. work on the temple was begun and stopped.**

**520 B.C. work on the temple is renewed by Haggai and Zechariah.**

**457 B.C. Ezra returned to Jerusalem with 1,754 males, 100 talents of gold, 750 talents of silver. The journey took four months.**

**444 B.C. Nehemiah is sent to Jerusalem as governor, with an army escort. Nehemiah was sent to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, and fortify the city at government expense.**

**Note that there is exactly 20 years in God's last warning to Judah, about the first captivity in 606 B.C. and the destruction of Jerusalem and the final captivity in 586 B.C.**

**606 B.C.**

**-586 B.C.**

**20 years**

**Note also that there is exactly 20 years between the first return to Jerusalem in 536 B.C., and the dedication of the Temple in 516 B.C.**

**The Commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem**

**Four decrees are mentioned in scripture:**

**In 536 B.C. is the decree of Cyrus.**

**II Chronicles 36:22-23; "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of**

**Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people The Lord his God be with him, and let him go up.”**

**Ezra 1:1-4; “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? His God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.”**

**516-519 B.C. The decree of Darius 1<sup>st</sup> .**

**Ezra 6:1; “Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.”**

**Ezra 6:6-12; “Now therefore, Tat'-nai, governor beyond the river, She'-thar-boz'-nai, and your companions the A-phar'-sach-ites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place. Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not hindered. And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail: That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Da-ri'-us have made a decree; let it be done with speed.**

**457 B.C. The decree of Artaxerxes (Ar-ta-zerk'-zees)**

## **Ezra 7:11-26**

**Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the *transgression*, and to make an end of *sins*, and to make reconciliation for *iniquity*, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.**

**Please note that Daniel emphasized that the Anointed One would address the problems of “transgression,” “sin,” and “iniquity”—as if to suggest that the Lord is capable of dealing with evil in all of its hideous forms. Similarly, the prophet Isaiah, in the fifty-third chapter of his narrative, revealed that the Messiah would sacrifice himself for “transgression” (vv. 5,8,12), “sin” (vv. 10,12), and “iniquity” (vv. 5,6,11).**

**It is worthy of mention at this point that Isaiah 53 frequently is quoted in the New Testament in conjunction with the Lord’s atoning work at the time of his first coming. Since Daniel 9:24ff quite obviously has an identical thrust, it, too, must focus upon the Savior’s work at the cross, and not upon Jesus’ second coming—as is alleged by pre-millennialists.**

**So in Daniel 9:24 these verses are dealing with the first coming of Christ not His second coming. Note Isaiah 53 says the Messiah will accomplish the very same redemptive works found in this verse by sacrificing Himself for the following 3 things:**

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**What 3 things?**

**Transgression:**

**Isaiah 53:5 But he [*was*] wounded for our transgressions, [*he was*] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [*was*] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

**Isaiah 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

**Isaiah 53:12** Therefore will I divide him [*a portion*] with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**sin cf:**

**Isaiah 53:10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [*him*] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [*his*] seed, he shall prolong [*his*] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

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**iniquity cf:**

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**Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 53:11** He shall see of the travail of his soul, [*and*] shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

In addition to his redemptive work in connection with sin, Daniel said that the Messiah would usher in an era of “everlasting righteousness.” This obviously is a reference to the Gospel of Christ and the Christian dispensation. In the pages of the New Testament, Paul forcefully argued that Heaven’s plan for accounting man as “righteous” was made known “at this present season”

**Roman 3:21-26** But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God [*which is*] by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth [*to be*] a propitiation through faith in his

**blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, [I say], at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**

**This everlasting righteousness that Daniel speaks of is through the Gospel**

**Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

**The word “weeks” here, means Sabbath year or 7 years in Hebrew.**

**Daniel 9:25 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.**

**Here we are given the definition of the word Prince in this section of scripture ... it is the Messiah. So in this block of scripture when Prince is used it is talking about the Messiah the Prince, not some Roman prince like Titus and it's certainly not talking about some end of time anti-christ nor is it talking about the Pope.**

**Daniel 9:26 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 thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.**

**This verse written hundreds of years before says plainly the Messiah shall be killed after the 483 years or sometime after 26AD “Messiah shall be cut off”.**

**Then some time after the “messiah is cut off”:**

**Christ Jesus the Messiah is the Prince who sent the Roman armies acting in judgment and in the vengeance of God in 70 AD to destroy Jerusalem. Jesus got the Pharisees to pass sentence upon themselves Cf:**

**Matthew 21:37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. 38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. 39 And they caught him, and cast [him] out of the vineyard, and slew**

**[him]. 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out [his] vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.**

**Daniel 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.**

**There were Sixty-Nine weeks of years until the Messiah comes. 69 times 7 years equals 483 years. The Principal Commandment was in 457 BC minus 483 years equals 26 AD the very year Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist & begins His public ministry being “about 30”**

**Luke 3:23 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;**

**Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week ...”**

**But the prophecy said there would be 70 weeks of years. So there is one more 7 year period to be dealt with ... and that is where verse 27 comes in ...**

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**Jesus preaches for three and one half years “and in the midst of the week” or in 3½ years Jesus at His death, burial and resurrection “causes the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” having any effect on the sins of the Jews. After 30 AD the blood of bulls and goats no longer has any effect on the “remission of sins” this is the whole thrust of the entire book of Hebrews.**

**Hebrews 7:27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.**

**Hebrews 9: 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 [It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet**

**that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

**Now the grace and mercy of God puts vengeance on hold for 36 years until the Jews rebel against Rome in 66AD. The Jews had killed the Messiah, persecuted the Church, murdered Christians and now God uses an evil empire to punish and discipline His people. This is no different than He did when Assyria punished Israel in 722 & 702 BC and Babylon punished Judah in 606 & 586 BC.**

**Let's look at the last clause of verse 27:**

**Daniel 9:27 “ ... and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [i] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.**

**Jesus links this very same clause to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Titus of Rome.**

**Matthew 24: 15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.**

**A generation to the Jews means about 40 years, now drop down to V:34**

**Matthew 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

**Jesus further teaches that these are days of vengeance He put on hold in**

**Luke 4: 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord [i/s] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave [i] again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that**

were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

that vengeance had been prophesied in the original prophecy of Isaiah cf:

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD [*is*] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [*them that are*] bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

So Jesus put vengeance on hold and gave the Jews another chance for 36 years but He tells us that the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD is that vengeance.

Luke 21: 20-24 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Again a generation to the Jews means about 40 years, now drop down to V:32

Luke 21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

This exciting context of Daniel 9 & Isaiah 53 sets forth the primary purpose of Christ's mission to Earth.

First, the Messiah would come to deal with the problem of human sin. He would "finish transgression," make an "end of sins," and effect "reconciliation for iniquity." That theme is developed gloriously throughout the New Testament

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**

**I Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**

**II Corinthians 5:21 21 For he hath made him [*to be*] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

**Galatians 1:4 4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:**

**Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace**

**Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [*I say*], whether [*they be*] things in earth, or things in heaven**

**I Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed**

**Revelation 1:5-6 And from Jesus Christ, [*who is*] the faithful witness, [*and*] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [*be*] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen**