

The Seventy Weeks¹ of Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27)

1. Artaxerxes, King of Persia, gives commandment to Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem. **Nehemiah 2:8** in 20th year of reign his reign March/April⁴ 444 BC.
70 weeks begin. "Going forth of the commandment" **Daniel 9:25**
This is contrast to Cyrus allowing the Temple to be rebuilt and Jews to return (Ezra 1:1-3). This commandment allows city streets and walls to be rebuilt as specified in **Daniel 9:25 March 444 BC**

3. Messiah the Prince is cut off. **Dan 9:26** This fulfills the picture of the suffering/servant Messiah who dies for the sins of the world. **Isaiah 52:13-53, Ps 22** Messiah who was pierced **Zechariah 12:10, 33 AD**
Jesus declares will not return till He is acknowledged as Messiah by Israel **Matthew 23:39**

4. 70th week begins with a peace agreement between Israel, prince who is to come, and many (World). Israel is allowed to rebuild temple and offer sacrifices. The leader, a descendant of Roman armies, makes 7 year agreement with Israel. **Daniel 9:27**
Probably following war against Islam & Russia **Ezekiel 38-39**

6. End of 70th Week. Messiah returns "They shall look upon me who they pierced", **Zech 12:10** Saves his people, brings peace to the Earth, Age Messiah begins. **Isaiah 11:1-10**, Jerusalem becomes capital of Earth

483 Jewish² Years³ = 476,067,92⁵ current years

7 weeks + 62 weeks = 69 weeks

Time Gap

7 Jewish Years = 1 Week

1260 Days

Midpoint

1260 Days⁶

The prophetic clock stops at the death of 33 AD. Thirty seven years later in 70 AD. People of the **prince who is to come** destroys Temple and over 1,000,000 Jews in Jerusalem are killed by Roman armies according to **Josephus**. In 135 AD, Bar Kochva leads rebellion against Rome, 580,000 Jews killed by Hadrian legions., Jews are expelled and Jerusalem name is changed to Aelia Capitolina. Judea was renamed Palestina. War and desolations continue till the end. **Daniel 9:26**

A similar type of gap is seen between the two pictures of Messiah. See **Isaiah 9:6-7, Zechariah 9:9-10**. In Zechariah, Messiah is seen riding on a donkey in verse 9 and in verse 10 as ruling the earth.

5. Roman Leader breaks agreement with Israel and stops Temple sacrifices at mid-point of the 7 year agreement. He enters the Jewish Temple and proclaims himself God and demands world-wide worship. Image, Abomination of Desolation, is set up in Temple for worship. **Daniel 12:11, Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15, Daniel 7:25, 2 Thess 2:4**
3.5 years of great tribulation begins 1260 day period of unparalleled terror on earth. **Mat 24:16-22, Zech 14:2, Revelation 11:2-3, Revelation 12:6, 14**
Great tribulation period end with return of "One pierced".

2. 7 weeks or 49 years Jerusalem's street and walls are rebuilt in troublesome times under Nehemiah's leadership. **Dan 9:25**

1. Hebrew word (שבעה, *shebha*) 7 is translated week in King James Bible.
2. Jewish Biblical year is Lunar calendar based, with 360 days/year. Our Calendar is Solar based with 365,242 days per year.
3. 69 x 7 = 483 x 360 days per year = 173,880 days. March 444 BC to March 29th 33 AD is 173,880 days.
4. Nissan is the first month of Jewish calendar and falls on March/April of our calendar.
5. .06792 = 24 days placing the cutting off of Messiah at the beginning of Passover week 33 AD.
6. 7 year period is broken into two 3 1/2 year periods. 3 1/2 x 360 = 1260 days.