

Daniel 9:20-27

Introduction

1. Why will there be 7 years of Tribulation?
A. The answer is in Daniel 9.
2. Before we look at Daniel 9 let point out the 3 distinct tribulations in scripture.

First – The Tribulation of the Church.

2 Timothy 3:12

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Second – The Tribulation of Israel.

1. A more familiar term is “Jacob’s Trouble”
A. This is the period of the 70th week of Daniel.

Third – The Great Tribulation.

1. This is still Jacob’s trouble; judgement will be intensified (last 3 and half years).

Daniel was reading the book by Jeremiah.

1. Jeremiah prophesy – 70 years captive by Babylon.
A. Daniel understood they were amid these 70 years (vs. 2).

God deployed a heavenly visitor to give Daniel more information. Vs. 20-23

Three questions to answer from the reading of Vs. 24.

How long are the seventy weeks?

1. This vision came in which Daniel was captive in the 70 years of captivity.
A. Many agree we are dealing with years.

Who is the reference to “thy people”?

1. Jewish people were in captivity.

What city is the holy city?

- A. This holy city is clearly Jerusalem.

Gabriel said 490 years would pass and then six things would take place – Vs. 24.

1. *Finish transgression*
2. *Put an end to sin.*
3. *Atone for wickedness*
4. *To bring in everlasting righteousness.*
5. *To seal up vision & Prophecy.*
6. *To anoint the most holy.*

When will God’s clock start? (vs. 25).

1. God’s clock HAD NOT started while Gabriel was talking with Daniel.

God starts the clock (vs.25).

1. Vs. 25 first portions
A. It gives 2 different time frames.
 - 1) 7 weeks – 49 years
 - 2) 62 weeks – 434 years
2. Vs. 26 – The Messiah will be cut off.
3. Vs. 26 – The rebuilt temple and Jerusalem will be destroyed.
4. Vs. 26 – one more ruler mention.

- A. The people of the prince.
- B. Reference to the antichrist.

Let's do the math

- 1. $7 \times 7 = 49$
 - A. $62 \times 7 = 434$
 - B. Equals 483
- 2. We are seven years short.
 - A. God's 490 prophecy through Daniel is yet to be completed.
- 3. Take note – Vs. 27 this portion of Daniel's prophecy cannot take place until there is a temple.
 - A. This means this verse is future.

What is this seven-year event? Vs. 27

- 1. We call it Rapture.
- 2. This is the Tribulation Period.
 - A. This prince (vs. 26) will make a covenant for 1 week (7 years).
 - B. Antichrist will allow the Jews to enter the Temple and worship.
 - 1) Offer sacrifices.
 - 2) Worship their God.
 - C. In the midst of that week.
 - 1) Three and a half years in.
 - 2) The antichrist will walk into the Temple and stop all Jewish worship and sacrifice.