

Introduction

“*See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”*

Daniel 9:20-27

Seven Weeks

Vv 20-23

An Answer to Prayer

Vv 24a

Seventy Weeks Are Determined

Vv 1-2 – Prayer prompted by an understanding of the Books

“The Jews had Sabbatic years, by which their years were divided into weeks of years, as in this important prophecy, each week containing seven years.”

- (Adam Clarke, quoted by Guzik)

Vv 24b

**God's Plans for the
Seventy Weeks.**

V 25

**The Dividing of the
Seventy Weeks**

V 25 – The Going Forth of the Command to Restore and Rebuild Jerusalem

Four Possible Decrees That Might Fulfill This Prophecy

- **Cyrus to Ezra and the Babylonian captives to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple in 538 B.C. (Ezra 1:1-4 and 5:13-17).**
- **Darius giving Ezra the right to rebuild the temple in 517 B.C. (Ezra 6:6-12).**
- **Artaxerxes giving Ezra permission, safe passage, supplies to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple in 458 B.C. (Ezra 7:11-26).**
- **Artaxerxes giving Nehemiah permission, safe passage and supplies to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the walls in 445 B.C. (Nehemiah 2:1-8).**

V 26

Seven Weeks

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Matthew 24:1-2

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not [one] stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

V 27

Understanding the Seven Weeks

V 27 – Understanding the Seven Weeks

“The 70th week will begin when the Jewish people are restored in unbelief to their land and city; and among them will be found a faithful remnant, owning their sin, and seeking Jehovah’s face.”

- (Henry Ironside writing in 1911)

Taking It Home

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MEDITATION VERSES

Daniel 9:23

"At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell [you], for you [are] greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:"

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."