

The Daniel 9 Prophecy

The Time of Messiah's First Advent. In Daniel 9:24-27, a three-part Messianic prophecy is given, probably the most specific and startling prophecy ever recorded. The first two parts of this prophecy can be examined historically. More than 500 years before the event, Daniel prophesied the exact day the Messiah would come as the Prince. This event is one of the greatest demonstrations of the validity of the claims of Christ to be the Son of God. For further study, see Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ by Dr. Harold Hoehner at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Timeline:

<u>O.T. Prophecy</u>	<u>O.T. Prophecy</u>	<u>O.T. Scripture</u>	<u>N.T. Fulfillment</u>	<u>N.T. Fulfillment</u>	<u>Historical Event after N.T Times</u>
(Daniel 9:24-27)	(Zechariah 9:9)	(Nehemiah 2:1-8)	(Luke 19:28-40)	(John 19:15-17)	
Messiah to come specific no. of days after decree to restore/rebuild Jerusalem	King to come, lowly and riding on a donkey (just and having salvation)	Decree of King Artaxerxes II to restore/rebuild Jerusalem	Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem hailed as Messiah (per Dan 9:25)	Crucifixion of Jesus (Messiah) was "cut off" per Dan 9:26	Destruction of Jerusalem and temple by Titus the Roman (per Dan 9:26)
590-530 B.C.	480-470 B.C.	March 5, 444 B.C.	March 30, A.D.30	April 3, A.D. 33	A.D. 70
A	B	C	D	E	F

starting point of the 69 weeks 173,800 days <-----between C & D-----> ending point of the 69 weeks

<-----> Messiah had to be crucified between D & F <-----> (per Mal 3:1 and Dan 9:26)

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Calculations:

- 69 weeks (7 + 62 weeks) (69 seven-yr periods)
- 483 years (69 periods x 7 years)
- 173,880 days (483 years x 360 days) (Babylonian calendar = 360 days per year)

NOTE: For literary proofs of dating for the book of Daniel, see Daniel in the Critic's Den by Josh McDowell & A Survey of Old Testament Intro by Gleason Archer)

Daniel 9:25 - "... from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until [the coming of] Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks ..." (This was the 69 weeks of years, a "shabua" of years equaling 173,880 days)

Daniel 9:26 - "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off [crucified], but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary..."

Nehemiah 2:1-8 - Nehemiah hears of the desolate condition of Jerusalem and he asks the King for an order. Verse 5: "... I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it...." Artaxerxes II, King of Persia, authorized the restoration of the city in 444 B.C.

Zechariah 9:9 - "Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey..." (fulfilled by Jesus' triumphal entry in Luke 19:28-40.