

Daniel's Prayer & The Seventy Weeks

**DANIEL CHAPTER 9**

# PRAYER: 9:1-19

- \* Daniel is now older (around 80)
- \* He has seen many different movements of God through his life
  - + Nebuchadnezzar's rule & demise
  - + Belshazzar's rule and the writing on the wall
  - + Darius' rule and the Lion's den
  - + Many different visions of the kings of men and the end of time
- \* It is safe to say that Daniel has had a very full and eventful life!!

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- \* As Daniel is reading the words of the prophet of Jeremiah, he realizes a prophecy fulfilled:
  - + The seventy years of Babylonian rule and oppression have been fulfilled, and it is now over, just as God had told Jeremiah!
  - + Jeremiah 25:11-14 tells of this seventy years of enslavement by the Babylonians

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\* This shows us something about both God and Daniel

+ This shows us that Daniel read the word of God and meditated on it

+ This shows us that God had fulfilled the prophecy given to Jeremiah...the seventy years of Babylon had been fulfilled

+ We can trust in God's prophecy and word. He proves it true over and over again

# PRAYER 9:1-19

- × Daniel's prayer life really meant something to him
  - + He would rather be thrown into a den of lions than to give up his prayer life
  - + He is again praying for God's will to be accomplished, so is he is dependent on God

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- ✦ Daniel's example show's us several principles about prayer:
  - + Prayer agrees with Scripture
  - + Prayer is a response to God's word
  - + Prayer is through God's will
  - + Prayer is to be fervent
  - + Prayer is identified with God's people (not pre-occupied with self)
  - + Prayer is build on confession
  - + Prayer's purpose is God's glory

# THE 70 WEEKS 9:20-27

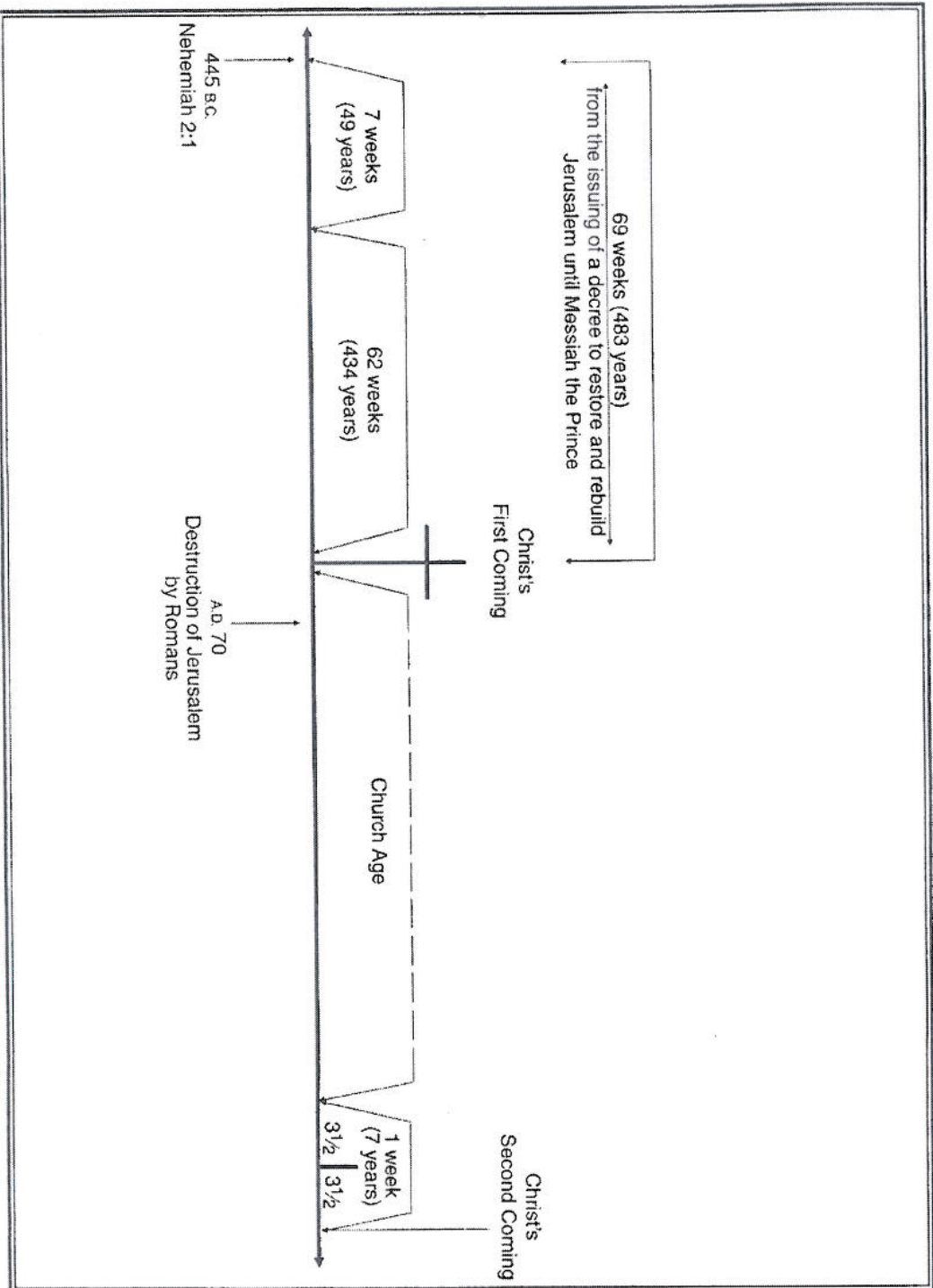
- ✘ There are many different calculations and interpretations of the 70 week period
- ✘ What we know from this chapter of Daniel so far: God has fulfilled what He prophesied about the Babylonian occupation
- ✘ There is now a prophecy of how long it will be till the Messiah comes: 70 “weeks” v24
- ✘ Gabriel calls the time periods “weeks” and separates them into 2 different periods:
  - + 7 weeks, then 62 weeks, then a 1 week period

# THE 70 WEEKS 9:20-27

- × The word interpreted “weeks” here literally means “sevens” or set of 7
- × So the 3 periods are:
  - + 49 years: Reconstruction of the Temple
  - + 434 years: The Messiah
  - + 7 years: The Great Tribulation

# 70 WEEKS 9:20-27

## DANIEL'S VISION OF SEVENTY WEEKS



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## Daniel's Timeline

2.  
7 weeks or 49 years city is rebuilt in "troubled times" Dan 9:25 with Nehemiah's leadership

5.  
7-Year Peace Agreement to Rebuild the Temple

7.  
Return of King Messiah at the end of Daniel's 70th week

49 years + 434 years = 483  
483 Prophetic Years = 476,06792 Our Years

+  
Gap

7 years = 70th week

1.  
Command given to rebuild Jerusalem walls and street  
Ezra 4:44 BC

3.  
Passover  
33 AD

4.  
Time Gap between death of Messiah and Temple Restoration

6.  
7-Year Peace Agreement broken. Temple worship stopped after 3 1/2 years.

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- × Although we may not understand this prophecy completely, we can understand that it is true
- × God knows when Jesus will return, but no one else in heaven nor earth knows: