

# The "Seventy Weeks" (490 years) Prophecy in Daniel Chapter 9

(One of many interpretations)

## Definition and context of "Weeks" in verses 24-27

- The Hebrew word Shabuwa, is a unit of measure which means 7 or period of 7 - and it could mean 7 days, 7 weeks or 7 years
- Taken in the context of Chapter 9, **one week = 7 years**, because the Jews owed God 70 Sabbath years for farming the land in the 7th year for 490 years -  $490 \text{ years} / 7 \text{ years} = 70 \text{ years}$ . (Leviticus 25:4,8)
- In Jeremiah 25:11 it was prophesied that the Babylonian Captivity would last 70 years

## The 70 week prophecy should be thought of as the 70 weeks of years

**Verse 24** => 70 weeks X 7 = **490 years** (Timeline is 70 weeks with a gap between the 69th week & the 70th week)

**Verse 25** => 7 weeks X 7 = **49 years** (To clear the streets & rebuild the city of Jerusalem)

**Verse 26** => 62 weeks X 7 = **434 years** (7 weeks & 62 weeks until the Messiah is Cut Off)

**Verse 27** => 1 week X 7 = **7 years** (7 year reign of the antichrist;

The 490 years starts when the decree was given from Artaxerxes to Nehemiah on **March 14, 445 BC** instructing the Jews to go back & rebuild the city walls - not to rebuild the temple, like 3 other decrees. (Neh 2:1-8, 17,18) Sir Robert Anderson, Coming Prince, 1894

173,880 days (483 years X 360 days) after the Jews were told (in Daniel 9:25) to go back and rebuild city, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey (Zech 9:9) on **April 6, 32 AD** and is "Cut Off" or crucified 4 days later, after the 69th week. Under Titus the Romans later destroy the temple in 70 AD (Dan 9:26 & Luke 19:37-42)

Antichrist breaks his covenant - **The Great Tribulation** begins at 3 1/2 year mark - Temple is destroyed - Abomination of Desolation occurs (Dan 9:27 & Matt 24:15) - The 2 Witnesses are probably killed shortly after the 3 1/2 yr mark.

Rapture may occur by the start of the 70th Week or later. Gog & Magog may occur after the Rapture & before Great Tribulation. Antichrist makes a covenant w/Jews (Peace Treaty) & Temple is rebuilt at some point after the start of the 70th week. (1Ths 4:16)

### Present Day - Gap in Time

The Church Age -  
Age of the Gentiles  
(Dan 2:41 & 7:7)

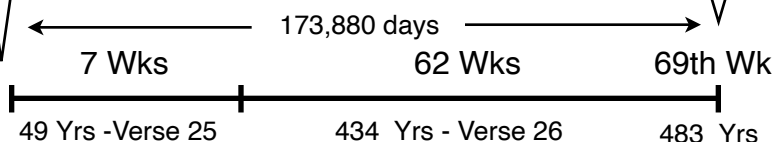
### 2nd Coming of Jesus

**Christ** interrupts the Battle of Armageddon (Rev 19:11-15)

### Millennium Begins

(Rev 20:4)

- Satan bound for 1000 yrs (Rev 20:1)
- Sheep & goats judgement (Matt 25:32)
- Satan released & thrown into Lake of Fire @ end of the 1000 yrs (Rev 20:7,10)
- Great White Throne Judgement @ end of Millennium (Rev 20:11)
- New Heaven, Earth, Jerusalem (Rev 21:1)



1 Wk  
7 Yrs - Verse 27

70th week ends (7 + 62 + 1)  
490 yrs from 445 BC w/Gap

490 Year Timeline (70 Weeks X 7)

Verse 24