

## “SIGNS OF THE TIME - DETERIORATION OR RESTORATION? Part VI” (Daniel 9:20-27)

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**INTRO:** Are bad things happening a sign of the times – a sign of Christ’s soon return (Isa. 9:7; Eph. 5:27; Acts 3:20-21)? We will all face general tribulation (Jn. 16:33; Acts 14:22).

### ***Does Daniel 9:20-27 teach a future 7-year tribulation?***

**Daniel 9:20-23:** While Daniel was praying the angel Gabriel appeared to him and told him that he would explain the vision to Daniel.

**Daniel 9:24:** A period of 70 prophetic weeks of years, or 490 years had been determined for the Jews and Jerusalem.

A. This 490-year period would end with Messiah making a sacrifice for sin bringing forgiveness and righteousness.

B. Jesus the Messiah was anointed at His baptism (Isa. 61:1a; Luke 3:21-22; 4:18-19, 23; Acts 10:38).

**NOTE:** The focal person in this prophecy is the Messiah!

### **Daniel 9:25: Command to restore Jerusalem [457 B.C.].**

A. First 7 weeks (49 years) – to restore temple (Ez. 9:9).

B. Next 62 weeks (434 years) – to Messiah’s anointing (27 AD).

1. Jesus the Messiah (Jn. 1:41; Lk. 3:23).

2. Jesus the Prince (Acts 3:14-15; 5:30-31).

**Daniel 9:26:** In the middle of the 70<sup>th</sup> week (final 7 years) Messiah will be killed (30 A.D.). Prince Titus and the Roman army destroyed Jerusalem and its temple in 70 A.D.

**Daniel 9:27:** Jesus confirmed the new covenant during the 70<sup>th</sup> week (Matt 26:28; Luke 22:20).

A. Jesus was crucified 3 ½ years into the 70<sup>th</sup> week, bringing an end to animal sacrifices in the temple.

B. Roman soldiers desecrated the temple.

C. Only the week directly following the 69<sup>th</sup> week can truly be the 70<sup>th</sup> week! No biblical basis for a 2,000-year gap!

D. The last 3 ½ years was the gospel being offered to the Jews and their final rejection (Matt. 15:24; 21:43; Rom. 1:16; Acts 7; 10; 13:46).

### **The Dispensational Interpretation of Daniel 9:27.**

**Where’s antichrist, future 7-year trib & rebuilt temple?**