

1. Last week I taught in part Dan 12:12-13 and when time expired we were reviewing Daniel's Seventieth Week.

2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will resume our review but first an expanded translation of Dan 12:1-10.

Dan 12:1 During the Tribulation Michael, Israel's guardian angel, will establish himself as the protector of your people. Although Israel will experience great distress, Michael will make certain that all which occurs is in the permissive will of God. The trauma will be without parallel. In that period of great persecution true Israel shall be delivered - in fact all whose names are left in the Book of Life shall rule with Him on earth in the Millennium.

Dan 12:2 Many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some will be raised and live forever in ecstatic happiness and others will be raised for judgment, shame and everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 Those throughout the ages who wisely believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to come will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to the Lord will shine like the stars forever.

Dan 12:4 Close up and seal the scroll until the time of the end. From now until then, your people will travel all over seeking knowledge but they will not acquire an understanding of the end time. It is only during the time of the great tribulation that Israel will receive comfort from end time doctrines.

Dan 12:5 Then I looked up and there before my eyes were two angels, one on my side of the river and one on the other side.

Dan 12:6 One of them said to the man wearing the linen garment who was standing in the middle of the river on top of the water, "How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?"

Dan 12:7 The Man in linen lifted both His hands toward heaven, He then swore by the Lord Jehovah, "it will go on for three and one-half years. When Israel has finally been brought to her knees, then shall the end come."

Dan 12:8 I heard everything the angel said, but I did not understand the meaning. So I asked, "My lord, how will all this turn out?"

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3. Now let's return to our summary of The Seventieth Week described in Dan 9:24-27.

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Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks (490 years) are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks (483 years): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks (49+434=483) shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince (Romans in AD 70) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (7 years): and in the midst of the week (3 1/2 years) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

3.1 The prophecy as a whole (490 years) is presented in verse 24.

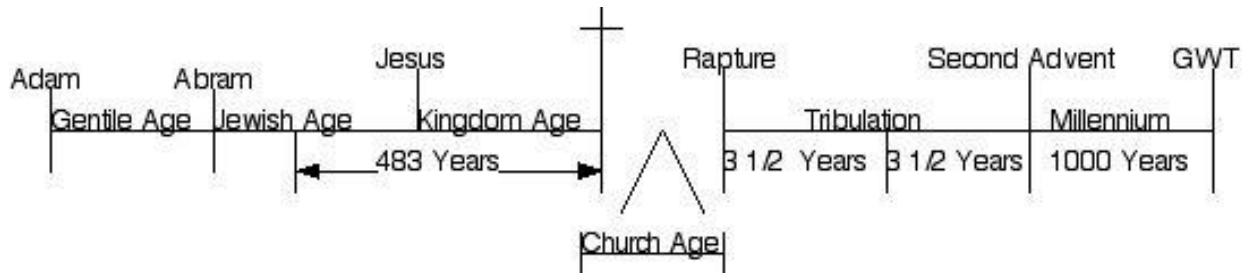
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3.2 The first sixty-nine sevens (483 years) is described in verse 25.

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3.3 The events between the sixty-nine sevens (483 years) and the seventieth seven are detailed in verse 26.

3.4 Let's see how this looks in chart form.



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3.5 The final period of the seventieth seven (7 years) is described in verse 27.

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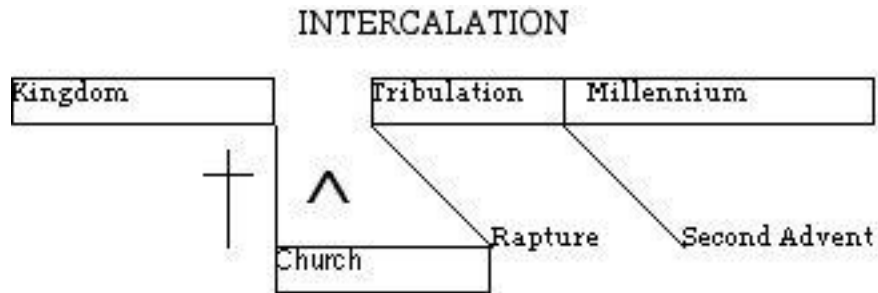
3.6 In his book Armageddon Col. R. B. Thieme has written an excellent summary of the seventieth week:

"This 490-year period is reckoned from the decree of Artaxerxes I (Artaxerxes Longimanus) of Persia on March 5, 444 B.C. to rebuild Jerusalem (compare Neh 2:1, 5-6). Exactly 483 years (sixty-nine weeks) transpire from that time to when Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem and was hailed by some as the promised Messiah, the Son of David and ridiculed by others (Mat 21:8-9, 15).

"This is known in Christendom today as Palm Sunday. The crucifixion of Christ was the beginning of the interruption of the prophecy of 490 years leaving one remaining week (seven years) to be fulfilled. Intercalated between the sixty-ninth and seventieth week of Daniel is the present Church Age during which Israel is temporarily set aside as a client nation. Dan 9:26 demonstrates the silence of the Old Testament prophets with regard to the "mystery" or the Church Age ...

"When any Old Testament prophecy deals with events chronologically, the Church Age is omitted and information concerning the Tribulation, Millennium, or eternal future follow sequentially. Although Daniel received communication regarding the Tribulation, he understood only that the events referred to a time of great trouble for his people. What were unknown and unrelated facts to Daniel were clearly revealed to the Apostle John later on the Island of Patmos. John was divinely inspired to record the details of the Tribulation in the Book of The Revelation."

3.6 Let's take a look at the intervening period called the Church Age.



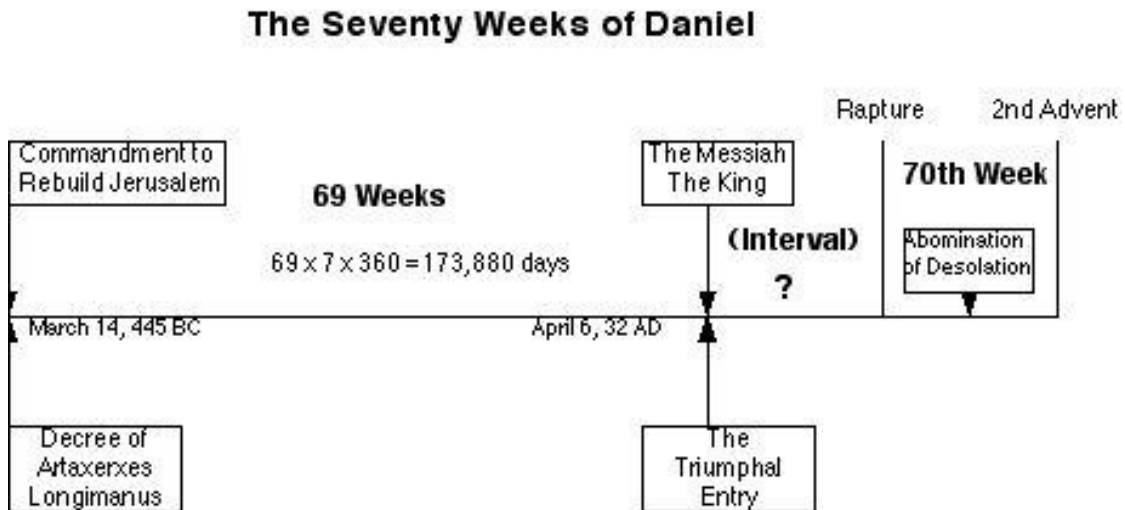
Let's review what we have learned:

3.6.1 Four hundred and ninety years are given Israel from the command of Artaxerxes Longimanus of Persia until the Second Advent.

3.6.2 Four hundred and eighty-three years from that command until the first Palm Sunday have already been fulfilled.

3.6.3 Seven years are still owed to the Jew. Their seven years will begin with the Rapture and terminate with the Second Advent.

3.6.4 Chuck Missler has summarized these events in chart form.



3.7 As you have seen the Church Age is an intercalation. The Tribulation is a Jewish kind of thing and called "a time of Jacob's trouble."

3.8 Verse 24 details this prophecy; the four hundred and ninety years are cut out for Israel in order: to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up all visions and prophecy and to establish the most holy place - the Temple.

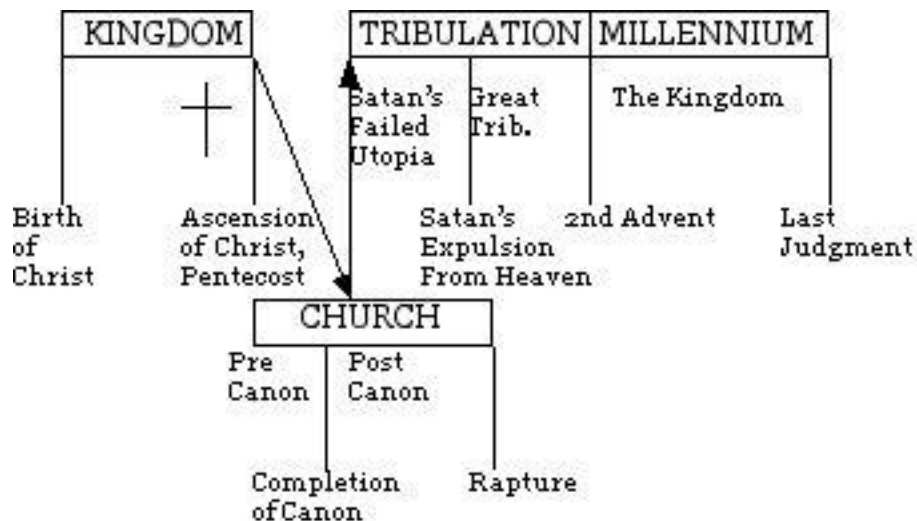
3.9 Let's look at verses twenty-four and five in expanded translation:

Expanded Translation:

Dan 9:24 Daniel I have heard your prayer; four hundred and ninety years have been cut out for your people. I have not forgotten my beloved Israel. It is within this 490 year period that I will: anoint the Temple, make an end of sins, bring in everlasting righteousness, and fulfill the Messianic promise by establishing the Messiah as Israel's King.

Dan 9:25 I want you to understand, that from the commandment to rebuild the city of Jerusalem which will occur only once until the Messiah arrives in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday shall be 483 years to the day. The streets of Jerusalem and its inner and outer walls shall be restored, even in dangerous time s, Nehemiah and his people will work on the city walls with a trowel in one hand and sword and spear in the other.

3.10 I repeat: seven years then are still owed to the Jew, [490 minus 483] the Lord will make good on His promise by giving Israel the seven year Tribulation but in between the 483 years and the 7 there is an indefinite span - the Church Age.



3.11 The crucifixion of Christ is predicted in Dan 9:26; it is said to occur after the 483 years but before the last seven years owed. We will later see more of this in our expanded translation and commentary by Lewis Chafer.

3.12 Verse 27 gets highly specific by describing that which will occur in the tribulation. For example in the NIV: "He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination". . .

Expanded Translation:

Dan 9:27 After the removal of the church from the planet the Antichrist will make a treaty with Israel guaranteeing peace and freedom to worship Jehovah God in a "restored Temple." Be aware however that in the middle of that 7 year period the Antichrist will break that treaty and all Temple worship will cease.

3.13 In Daniel's prophecy of the seventy weeks, God through Gabriel predicted that exactly 483 years from the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem, Israel would officially be offered the Messiah on the first Palm Sunday.

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