

The following discussion will have no value for a person until he/she has accepted that they have a nature that is sinful and they cannot do anything about it. There is nothing in our flesh that we can do to merit eternal life with Jesus Christ. God's Word convinces us to believe/trust that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, He died on the cross for our sins, rose the third day, and shed His blood for our justification. Jesus Christ's righteousness was imputed to us. We cannot earn forgiveness. Paul was given a mystery Gospel that is different than the Gospel given to the 12-apostles. Our salvation gospel is presented in Romans through Philemon (Paul's epistles). We are living in a period of time when God is not dealing with the Jews as His chosen people. There is no advantage today in being a Jew. I have nothing to glory in but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Daniel's 70-Weeks

As we get closer to the starting of Daniel's unfulfilled prophecies, God will reveal to students of Scripture His prophetic truth (Dan. 12:4, 9). I will only present a King James Bible based interpretation of Daniel's 70-weeks. God said He would preserve His Word and I am convinced that the K. J. Bible is inspired with no errors. I welcome critical reviews. I do not claim to have all the truth (I Cor. 8:2) and encourage your input. When Daniel received God's revelation, the city of Jerusalem was in desolation and the Jews were in captivity in foreign lands (principally in Babylon and Assyria). The Holy Ghost inspired Daniel to write the book while in captivity in Babylon.

Please read Daniel 9:24-27 carefully. Let's consider several points that can easily be overlooked when reading the passage. These positions will be discussed in more detail within this paper.

Note in verse 24 that the 70 weeks are determined upon **thy people and upon thy holy city** to accomplish certain given events. Please note that the 70 weeks also include the "**holy city**". This will be very important in realizing that the destruction of Jerusalem in 68 ABC (After the Birth of Christ) has to be part of the prophetic weeks. The 70 weeks are weeks of years as per the example in Gen. 29:27. Jacob had to work a week of years for Leah and a week of years for Rachel. A week of years is 7 years in length. Therefore, the 70 weeks are 490 years in length. Again it is importance that the reader realize that the 70 weeks concern both the **Jewish nation** and the "**holy city**" (Jerusalem),

In Daniel 9:25 God states we are to start the counting of the 70-weeks with "the **going forth** of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem". Cyrus would be the one to give the commandment. There are three Persian kings involved with a commandment concerning Jerusalem (Ezra 6:14). Cyrus gave the initial commandment (Isaiah 44:28), Darius re-initiated construction of the temple (Ezra 4:24), and Artaxerxes II gave permission for Nehemiah to

complete the building of the wall and gates (Nehemiah 2:8). Ezra 6:14 lists all three of these Persians kings. Only one, Cyrus, can fulfill “from the going forth of the commandment”.

For years I jumped to the conclusion that Daniel 9:27 was referring to the 70th week since sixty nine weeks had been referred to in a previous verse. It is **not stated** which week verse 27 occurs. It would seem naturally that it was the last week since it is the last week mentioned. However, I do not think Scripture will support that position.

Also, the King James Bible is the only Bible that **does not** add the word “**the**” in verse 26 (and after “**the**” threescore and two weeks). There is a good reason why the Bible versions covertly add the word “the”. This one word completely changes the interpretation of Daniel’s prophecy. Satan surely was responsible for adding the “the”. We will investigate.

There are several interpretations given by Institutions and teachers of Daniel’s 70-Weeks. We will evaluate all that I am aware of. “Let ever man be fully persuaded in his own mine” (Romans 14:5). However, what will persuade you? Will secular history, copyrighted corrupt Bible versions, or God’s preserved Word the King James Bible be your only bases?

The Traditional View Of Daniel’s 70-Weeks – Only One Week Left

The most popular view of the 70-weeks of Daniel is that it begins in the 20th year of Artaxerxes, Jesus Christ became the Prince when riding the colt into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (the end of the 69th week), and that only one week is left to be fulfilled. I think this view is based on secular history and corrupt Bible versions, covertly or through lack of knowledge.

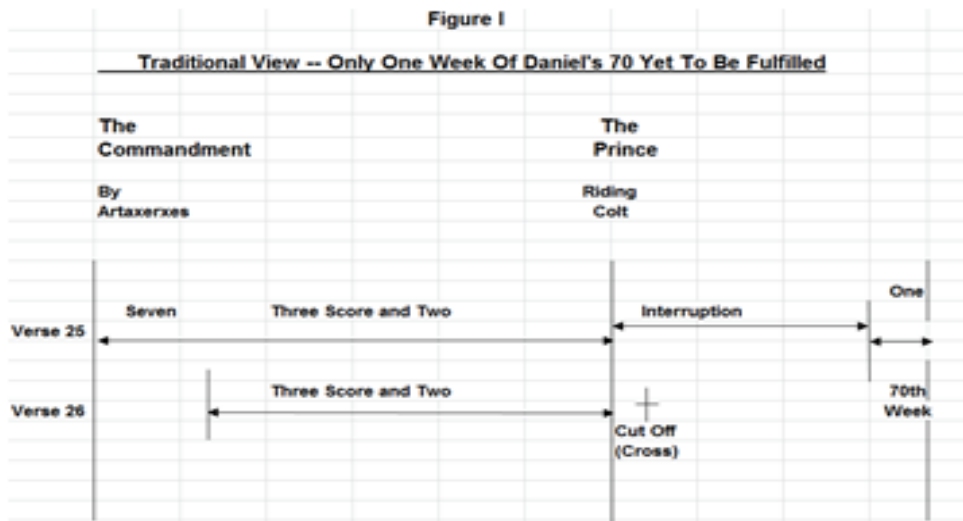
A great controversy exists concerning who gave “the commandment” and the date it was given. The traditional view is that Artaxerxes (in Nehemiah Chapter 2) gave the “commandment”. The basis for this view is secular history. History books are not infallible. A first century historian named Josephus presented some dates that are used to date the 20th year of Artaxerxes (Nehemiah 2:1). The 20th year of Artaxerxes is given as 454 BC. The **454 BC** is presented as a **fact**. My position is that God gives us all we need in the King James Bible to get the proper interpretation of prophecy. Now if 454 BC were the beginning of the 70-weeks then 483 years ($69 \times 7 = 483$ yrs.) later would be 29 years into the Christ’s ministry. Most Bible "scholars" claim that Jesus riding the colt into Jerusalem during “Palm Sunday” fulfilled “the Prince”. However, Jesus Christ was 33 year old when He rode the colt into Jerusalem. If this were true, then there would be only one week of Daniel’s 70 left to be fulfilled. This interpretation sounds good but it is based primarily on secular history and not explicitly the K. J. Bible. It sounds so good that many prophetic books present this as truth. People with this view do not have a viable explanation of why the prophecy was interrupted when Christ rode the donkey into Jerusalem. We will examine the "only one-week remaining theory" and determine if it will stand up to the Berean scrutiny test with God’s Word (Acts 17:11).

Another important milestone is where to start counting the 62 weeks of Dan. 9:26. This turns out to be extremely important. The verse states that “After threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off”. God does not explicitly state where to start the beginning of the threescore and two

weeks. It could be started at the same place that verse 25 was started (namely, with the giving of the “commandment”) or after the first seven weeks of verse 25. The most popular place to start verse 26, but incorrectly I think, is after the seven weeks. However, I do not think that the K. J. Bible will support the placement after the seven weeks. . Both the NIV and the New K.J. Bible add the word “the” to the verse (and after “**the**” threescore and two weeks) making the two “threescore and two weeks” in verse 25 and 26 identical (occur at the same time). If this were correct, then the “three score and two weeks” would begin after the first seven weeks. The “**the**” **was added** in the NIV and the New K.J. Bibles to divert the Bible student into **error**. Wow to anyone adding to God’s Word (Revelation 22:19).

Daniel 9:27 states “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week”. The “he” is accepted by most as the antichrist and I agree. It is assumed that this one week refers to the last week or the seventieth week. The popular view is that during this week the antichrist will allow the Jews to build a temple and reinstate the daily sacrifice. The week is usually divided into two parts of three and a half years each. It is stated frequently that the first half will be peace and safety and the last half will be (under the control of the Antichrist) God’s wrath on the earth.

Note Figure I for a pictorial of the traditional layout of the 70-weeks of Daniel.



We will now examine the major arguments and Bible verses used by the "1-week only" (remaining) proponents:

1. Artaxerxes gave the "commandment".

Daniel 9:25 states: "from the going **forth** of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince". Nehemiah Chapter 2 is the text used by the 1-week theory group to support the starting point for the giving of "the commandment". Read Nehemiah 2:4-6. Artaxerxes just gave **permission** for Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem to assist in completing the building of the city wall. Nehemiah 2:6 indicates that Nehemiah was given "**leave of the king**". It only took Nehemiah 52 days (Nehemiah 6:15) to complete his portion of restoring Jerusalem. Nehemiah's efforts primarily consisted of repairing the wall and the gates. The actual "commandment" itself was given years earlier by Cyrus and the greater part of restoring Jerusalem was completed before Nehemiah was given permission to leave Babylon.

Isaiah 44:28 states that God said that **Cyrus** would give the "commandment" to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple.

"That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasures: even saying to Jerusalem, thou shalt be built; and to the temple, thy foundation shall be laid."

Therefore, God said that Cyrus was the one to give the command to "restore and to build Jerusalem". Daniel 9:25 states "from the going **forth** of the commandment." Cyrus fulfilled this prophecy as God Himself stated he would in Is. 44:28. Who influences a person to accept Josephus over God's Word? It's one thing for a person not to be aware of Isaiah 44:28, but to read God's Word and to reject it is a **serious matter indeed**. Please read and compare Isaiah 44:28 with Nehemiah Chapter 2.

II Chronicles 36: 22-23 states that the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus to make a proclamation and to put it in writing. Per II Chronicles 36 Cyrus gave a commandment to build a house in Jerusalem for God. In order to have a house for God in Jerusalem you would think it would also include "restoring and building Jerusalem". An argument used by the 1-week theory group is that II Chronicles 36 states only a house of God was being built not a city. They ignore Isaiah 44:28 and Ezra Chapter 4.

Ezra Chapter 4 indicates that "restore and to build Jerusalem" must have been included in Cyrus' commandment. Ezra 4:12 indicates that the Jews were building the **bad city and the wall**. Again Isaiah 44:28 proves who gave the commandment of Daniel 9:25.

If 454 BC (date obtained from Josephus) was the correct date for the giving of the “commandment” and “Messiah the Prince” was Jesus riding the colt into Jerusalem, then another major problem exists. If you subtract 483 years (69 weeks * 7 yrs. /week = 483) from 454 BC you come up with **29 as the age of Jesus** when he rode the colt into Jerusalem. That is impossible! Jesus Christ was **33 years old** when he rode the colt not 29 years old. This can be proven by Luke 3:23 (“Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age” when He began His ministry) and by the number of pass-overs during Jesus Christ's ministry per the Book of John (three). That would make Jesus about 33 years old when he rode the colt. The above math does not have anything to do with our current calendar. It is another work of Satan for one to try to say our calendar is off by 4 years and add the 4 years to 29. Our calendar never entered into calculating the 483 years. The 454 BC is given as the starting point per Josephus and is accepted by most of Christendom. Adding the 4 years to 29 is a sneaky way of using history to support false doctrine.

2. A serious Bible student should not use Josephus to prove that Jesus riding the colt into Jerusalem fulfilled “Messiah the Prince”.

Luke 19:28-39 indicates that Jesus was riding the colt down from the Mount of Olives and his disciples were saying, “Blessed be the King ---“. They did not ever say the word Prince but King. Ephesians 2:2 indicates that Satan is the **prince** of the power of the air today. Matthew 4:8-9 states that the Satan offered Jesus the kingdoms of this world. Jesus will become “The Prince” after Satan is removed from power (Rev. Chapter 19).

3. Acts 5:31 “To be a Prince”

The above verse is incorrectly used to show that Jesus Christ was the Prince upon riding the colt into Jerusalem. Acts 5:31 reads “to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.” The “to be” is future tense. Israel does not get their salvation (sins forgiven) until Jesus Christ’s second coming.

Acts 3:19
I Peter 1:5
I Peter 1:9
I Peter 1:13

The Gospel of the Kingdom/Gospel of the Circumcision believers have to maintain their faith to the end of their life and they cannot “fall away” and be “renewed”.

Matthew 24:13
Hebrews 6:1-6

Their salvation is future. Jesus Christ **will be** Israel's Savior and **the Prince** at His second coming (Revelation 19).

4. Luke 19: 41-44 "Time of thy visitation"

This verses are used to prove that the people during Jesus Christ's day should have been able to prove who He was by Scripture. They most definitely should have known. Such knowledge was not based on Josephus. He was not even alive at that time. They could have dated Cyrus's commandment using the Old Testament and therefore dated the "cutting off of the Messiah". The 1st year of Cyrus was ~3,433 years from Adam. Through prayerful and honest efforts a Biblical time line of important Bible events can be prepared. The time line is based on starting in Genesis and proceeding through the book of Matthew. Life spans of the patriarchs and time intervals between certain events (all obtained from only the K. J. Bible) are used. Details of this effort are presented in another paper. Given 3433 as the date for the 1st year of Cyrus, the "cutting off of the Messiah" would have been ~3867 from Adam (3433+62*7). Jesus Christ also said many times that they should have known Him based upon His works and miracles (John 10:25, 10:38, and 14:11). A third proof that Jesus was the Christ was John the Baptist's proclamation in Matthew 3 (behold the Lamb of God).

Luke 19:41-44 is not a proof text that only 1-week of Daniel's 70 weeks remain to be fulfilled. It does state that the Jews of Jesus's day should have been able to determine the year when the Christ was to be crucified. Note Josephus lived after Jesus Christ's time. Therefore, Josephus's work is not required.

5. Romans 11: 25-26 "Fullness of the Gentiles"

I have also heard this referenced as support for the only 1-week remaining position. I do not understand why. Verse 26 indicates that the Deliverer shall come out of Sion and save all Israel. Verse 25 indicates that part of Israel (must be a major part) is blinded now and will remain so until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. Most people have been taught that the fullness of the Gentiles will occur immediately **before** the 70th week of Daniel (1-week theory). That does not sound correct because Israel will remain blind in-part until Jesus Christ's second return to the earth. The time of the "rapture" is also supposed to occur before the 70th week begins.

Romans 11: 25-26 indicates that **all** Israel will be saved **at** the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. His Second Coming will be the **end** of the times of the Gentiles. Therefore, His second coming cannot occur at the beginning of Daniel's unfulfilled prophetic week. There is not one explicit verse anywhere that teaches that Jesus will return to the earth before the start of Daniel's unfulfilled prophecy.

Daniel Chapter 2 and Luke 21:24 support that the "times of the Gentiles" and the "fullness of the Gentiles" occurs at the second coming of Jesus Christ. Daniel's interpretation of the Great Image vision explains the time period of the Gentiles. This period is terminated when "the stone" (Dan. 2:35) "smites" the image. This occurs at the second coming of Jesus Christ (Rev. 19) and not at the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel.

6. Unfulfilled Prophecy Occurring After Riding A Colt Into Jerusalem

Another major problem exists by interrupting Daniel's 70-weeks with Jesus riding the colt into Jerusalem. If God stops Daniel's prophecy with His riding the colt, then a **mystery period** must begin at that point. It was a mystery that God would interrupt Daniel's prophecy. The following **prophetic** events occurred **after** Jesus rode the colt:

- Jesus' crucifixion
- Giving of the Holy Ghost (Joel Chapter 2, John 14:15-17, and Acts 2:16)
- "The people of the prince" (Daniel 9:26) destroyed Jerusalem and scattered the Jews in 68 ABC (After the **B**irth of **C**hrist)
- The Jew still first and sign gifts still present during the Acts Period (Acts 13:46; 28:5-8).

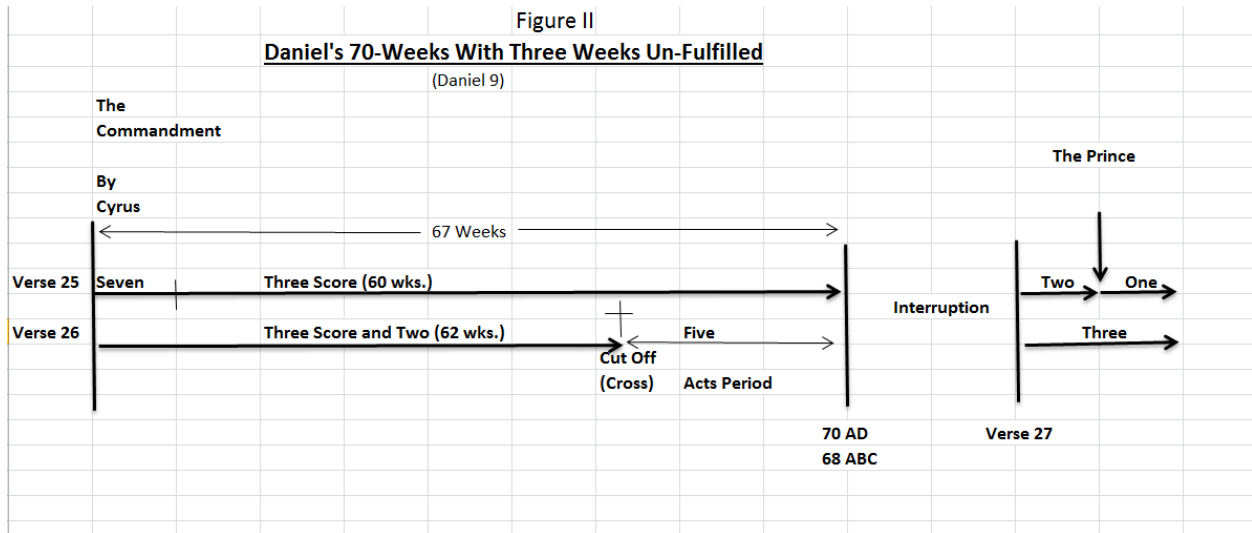
It should be noted that Daniel 9:26 is one sentence. The latter part of the sentence states that "the people of the prince shall destroy the **city** and the **sanctuary**". **This has to be part of the 70 weeks.** If you subscribe to the one-week theory, you have a major dilemma. Since they stop the prophecy when Jesus rode the colt into Jerusalem, they cannot allow the remaining part of the sentence to be part of the 70-weeks. However, God said that the prophecy concerned "**thy people and thy holy city**". The temple and the holy city were not destroyed until 68 ABC (35 years after Jesus Christ riding the colt into Jerusalem) or 70 AD per our current calendar.

7. Exact Remaining Prophetic Time Intervals Given Cannot Fit Into One Week

Another problem with only one week remaining position is that a person cannot get all the time periods mentioned in Daniel and in the book of Revelation (1260 days, 1290 days, 1335 days, 2300 days, three and half years, and time, times and dividing of time) to fit within the last 7 years. These time periods do concern "thy people and thy holy city" and are thus part of the 70-weeks of Daniel.

Three Weeks Of Daniel's Seventy Yet To Be Fulfilled

Since the above positions rely on secular history and do not include all prophetic time intervals, another hypothesis will be presented and tested. We are looking not for another private interpretation but God's truth. It appears to me that only 67 weeks of Daniel's seventy have been completed. Therefore, three weeks are still in the future. I have a major problem trying to exclude the latter part of Daniel 9:26 from being part of the 70-weeks of Daniel. Note Figure II.



Daniel 9:25 states that from the “commandment” (given by Cyrus, Is. 44:28, II Chron. 36:22-23, Ez. 4:12) to “Messiah the Prince” is seven weeks, three score and two weeks. This adds up to 69 weeks. God stated the 69-weeks (Daniel 9:25) as He did for a specific reason. Note that the seven weeks are listed first. The 7 weeks evidently represent the time required from the “commandment” to complete the “rebuilding the temple” (John 2:20, 46 years plus a 3 year postponement by Artaxerxes I in Ezra 4:21). God could have said the “seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks” as “threescore and nine weeks” but He didn’t. Also, the King James Bible does not say sixty two weeks but “threescore **and** two weeks”. This is interesting. Could this be a place for a second break in the 70 weeks? The seven weeks plus the three score weeks (67 weeks) of verse 25 could represent the time from the “commandment” to the destruction of Jerusalem by "the people of the prince" (Dan. 9:26). Let’s see if this position will stand up to Bible scrutiny.

Note that given this interpretation of Daniel’s weeks, the time interval from being “cut off” (62 weeks, the cross) until the end of the 67-weeks is 5 weeks (67-62=5). Note (Figure II page 7) verse 26 starts at the “commandment” of verse 25. If our calendar started with the birth of Jesus Christ the “cutting off” would occur at 0033. If there were 5 weeks from the “cutting off” to the

interruption of Daniel's 70-weeks, the interruption would occur at 0068 ($33+5*7=68$). Therefore, the Bible supports the destruction of Jerusalem as 68 AD not 70 AD. There is no mistake why God wrote in Daniel 9:25 – “seven weeks, threescore and two weeks until Messiah the Prince”. Therefore, only 67 weeks of Daniel's 70 have been completed. With this understanding the Cross, Joel 2/Acts 2, and “the people of the prince” **all occur** within the 70-weeks of Daniel. The setting aside of Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem occurred at 68 ABC (the end of the 67th week). Therefore, there remains the 2 weeks until Jesus is the Prince and 1 additional week to complete the 70. “Messiah the Prince” is future. Therefore, week 69 is still future.

The cross is within Daniel's weeks because the weeks are not interrupted until 0068. The 1-week position mistakenly has the cross, Acts 2:16, and the destruction of Jerusalem (68ABC) **outside** of Daniel's 70 weeks. Acts 2:16 (“this is **that** which is spoken by the prophet Joel”) is clearly prophetic as stated. “The people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary” in Daniel 9:26 is within the 70 weeks. Since Daniel 9:26 is one sentence, the **entire** sentence has to be part of the 70-weeks.

With 3-weeks of Daniel's weeks still in the future, all the time periods mentioned in the Bible concerning end-time can be put on a time chart (Dan. 8:14, 9:24-27, 12:11, 12:12, 7:25, Rev. 9:15, 9:5, 11:2, 11:3, 12:6, and 12:14). The one week position cannot make the time references concerning end-time fit into one week. People have undertaken the task but it would not work. A person should not be concerned with preserving man's tradition but accepting God's Word.

Here is another example to test your doctrinal bases. The 1-week position folks cannot have the seals, trumpets, and the vials occurring chronologically. Most have the 6th seal and the 7th trumpet occurring at the same time. That is impossible per God's Word. The seven seals occur chronologically. The 7th seal is the seven trumpets. Therefore, no trumpet can occur before the 6th seal. The trumpets are identified as the Wrath of Lamb. Revelations 15:1 states that the vials are the “last” plagues. The vials are the Wrath of God not the Wrath of the Lamb. If the vials are the last plagues, the seals and the trumpets must come before the vials. It seems clear to me that the seals, trumpets, and the vials are chronological.

Be a Berean (Acts 17:11) and study to see if these things are true!

Additional “misguided” interpretations of Daniel's 70 weeks are given below. I do not think these positions will pass Spiritual scrutiny.

One Year Of The Last Week Consumed-Only 6 Years Remaining

The Commandment		The Prince		Interruption With Paul	
By		Riding	Acts 7		Remaining
Artaxerxes		Colt	Steven		Time Of
					70th Week
	Seven	Three Score and Two	1 Year		Remaining 6 Years
			Into The 70th Week		Of 70th Week
		69 Weeks			
			Luke 13:8, "this year also"		
			70th Week Divided		
Problems:	Who Fulfilled Dan. 9:27, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"				
	Where to place Dan. 9:26, and the people of the prince shall destroy the city and the sanctuary"				
	How to handle Dan. 9:24, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and thy holy city "				

The 69th Week Ending At Acts 7 With Steven's Execution

<u>The Cross At The "Hinder End" Of 69th Week</u>					
The Commandment		The Prince		Interruption With Paul	
By		Riding	Acts 7		
Artaxerxes		Colt	Steven		
		69 Weeks			70th Week
			Luke 13:8, "this year also"		
	Seven	Three Score and Two			
			Dan. 9:26, "after" meaning the "cutting off" occurs at the hinder end of the 69th wk., not necessary the exact end.		
			Had to go back to the Hebrew to "concoct"		
			this point on view. II Sam. 2:23 used incorrectly.		
Problems:	How to handle Dan. 9:24, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and thy holy city "				
	Where to place Dan. 9:26, and the people of the prince shall destroy the city and the sanctuary"				
	Motivation To Go To Hebrew Text For "Concoct" Position				

"Tribulation" Postponed By Jesus Christ And Steven

		(Luke 23:34 and Acts 7:60)						
The Commandment				The Prince		Interruption With Paul		
By Artaxerxes				Riding Colt	Acts 7 Steven			
								"Tribulation"
	Seven	Three Score and Two		1 Year	X Years			
				Postponement Of Trib By Jesus Christ	Postponement Of Trib By Steven			70th Week
		69 Weeks		Luke 13:8 "this year also"	Acts 7:60 "lay not this sin to there charge"			
				Luke 23:34 "forgive them"				
Problems:	How to handle Dan. 9:24, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and thy holy city " Where to place Dan. 9:26, and the people of the prince shall destroy the city and the sanctuary"							

Details of The Last Three Weeks of Daniel’s 70- Weeks

The 68th Week

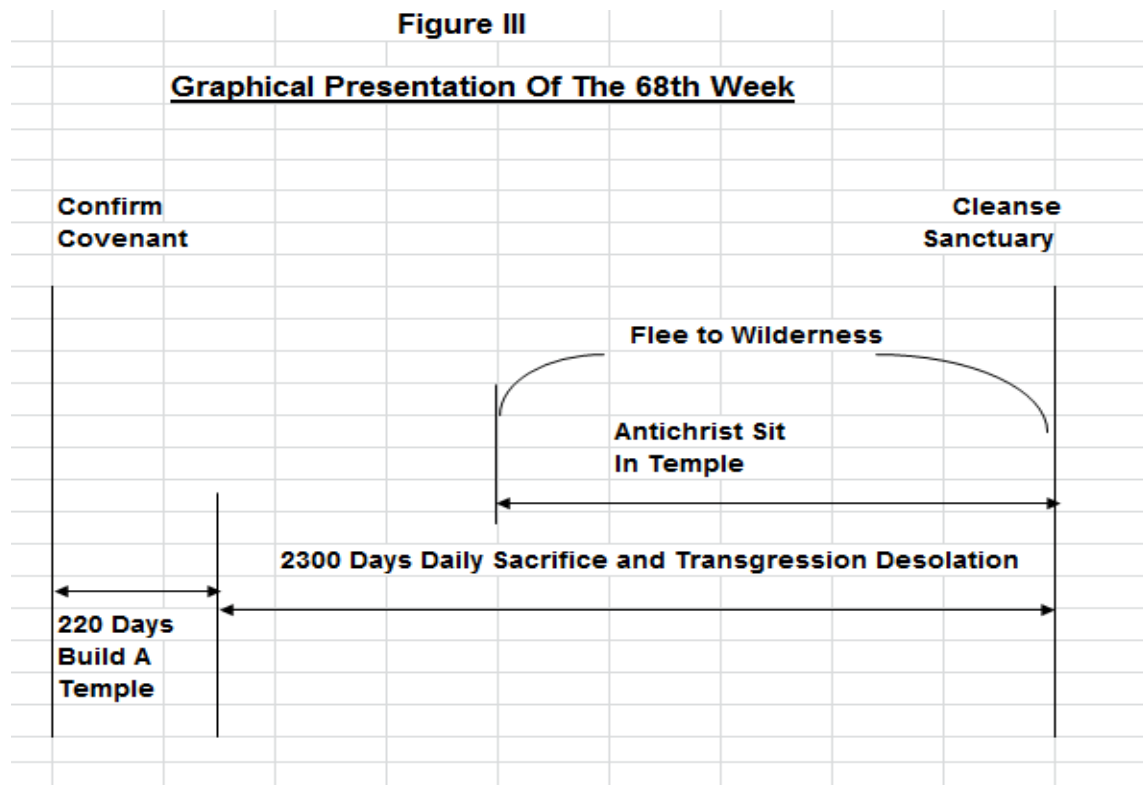
Daniel 9:27 is not the last week (70th) but the 68th week. The beginning of the 68th week will occur with the antichrist “confirming the covenant with many for one week” (Exodus 30:16). The antichrist will allow the Jews to build a temple, start daily sacrifices and observe the Sabbath days. Note Daniel 8:13-14. Daniel is told that the “daily sacrifice and the transgression of desolation” will last 2,300 days. The “transgression of desolation” is when the antichrist stops the daily sacrifice and states that he is the Messiah. Daniel 9:27 states that in the “midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease”. In II Thessalonians 2:1-4 we see that the man of sin will sit in the temple of God and proclaim himself as God. All this occurs during the 68th week. Since 2,300 days are involved with the temple and there is no temple today, a temple will be constructed during the 220 days after the “confirm the covenant” (2,520-2,300 = 220 days) is given by the antichrist.

In the midst of the week when the antichrist **sits** in the temple as the Messiah, temple worshipping Jews will flee to the wilderness for safety for 1,260 days (Revelation 12:6). The sanctuary will be cleansed at the end of the 68th week (Daniel 8:14) by most likely the Jews

returning from the wilderness and with the help of the two witness (Moses and Elijah) of Revelation 11:1-3.

II Thessalonians 2:3-4 is part of this 68th week. Verse 4 states that the antichrist will sit in the temple of God and proclaim himself as God. The antichrist will do this during the last half of the 68th week or for 1,260 days. The reader might note that according to II Thessalonians 2:1-4 that our resurrection will not occur until there will be a falling away first, the man of sin be revealed, and the antichrist sits in the temple of God. The “falling away first” is identified in verse 10-11 as the people who “received not the love of the truth”. II Thess. 2:6 indicates this information about the “man of sin”, so he can be revealed. He is revealed to us who are “waiting” for the coming of our Lord and our gathering unto Him.

Note Figure III for a graphic summary of the 68th week.



First Half Of The 69th Week

Revelation 11:1-2 and Daniel 8:14 indicate that the temple will be cleansed and the Jews will again be worshipping therein. However, Jerusalem will be controlled by the Gentiles for the next 42 months. During this same time period the two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days (Revelation 11:3-13). One of the witnesses is for sure Elijah (Malachi 3:1 and 4:5-6). Elijah is to come before the Messiah and proclaim the Day of the LORD is at hand. The miracles that Elijah performed on the earth during the reign of the Kings are the same miracles that the witness in Revelation 11 will perform (rained not). The other witness is most likely Moses. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus Christ during the transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-3). The power displayed by the second witness is the same as displayed by Moses (water into blood and smite the earth with all plagues).

At the end of the 1,260 days the two witnesses will be killed and their dead bodies will be visible for people from around the earth to see (3 ½ days). They will rise from the earth and go to meet the Lord in the air (Rev. 11:11-12). My granddad could not understand how this could be, but by faith he believed the Book. With today's technology we can easily understand how the world can view the events in Jerusalem.

Since Elijah will come and prepare the way for Jesus Christ, we can learn some things from the first coming of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist could have been Elijah if the Jews would have accepted Jesus as the Messiah (Matthew 11:13-14). We know that John the Baptist was 6 months older than Jesus Christ (Luke 1:36) and Jesus Christ was about 30 years old when He began His ministry (Luke 3:23). We know that Jesus Christ's ministry was 3 years long (three Passovers elapsed per the book of John and the parable of the fig tree, Luke 13:6-9). So we will postulate that the two witness of Revelation 11 will appear 6 months before Jesus Christ. In Revelation 6:14-17 the people on the earth during the 6th seal will see the heavens open and Jesus Christ appear in His wrath. Isaiah 31:5 indicates that Jesus Christ will fly over the earth and protect the temple as in Revelation 11:1-2. The temple is protected by the two witnesses and by Jesus Christ orbiting the earth.

The seven trumpets are the "Wrath of the Lamb" or the "Day of His Wrath" (Revelation 6:16-17). The Lamb is Jesus Christ. If we were to remove the word "Wrath" from both statements, we do not affect the validity of the statement. The same is true in mathematics. If you remove the same quantity from each side of the equal sign, you do not affect the validity of the equation. So you have the trumpets identified as the **Day of Christ**.

Wrath of the Lamb (**Christ**)
Day of His Wrath

There is no other place in the Bible, that I am aware of, that identifies the Day of Christ except Revelation 6. Therefore, based on this logic the Day of Christ will last 3 years. We will have to test each statement to see if Scripture can disprove.

Paul states that there will be a judgement of believers at the Day of Christ (I Corinthians 3:12-15 and II Corinthians 5:10). Philippians 1:6 and 10 indicate that the Body of Christ members will be here "until the day of Christ". Also, note that per I Corinthians 15:52 the Body of Christ will be

resurrected at the last trump. Revelation 11:18 indicates that at the last trumpet there will be a judgement and rewards given to “the saints and them that fear His name”. Simple conclusion: the Body of Christ will be resurrected at the last trump in the Day of Christ. The Judgement seat of Christ occurs at the 7th trumpet.

Activities Of The Antichrist During The First Half Of The 69th Week

The antichrist has ties to Babylon, Tyrus, Assyria, and Nineveh. I am still trying to understand how to pull all these references together. I think there are many references tucked away in the Old Testament that describes the attributes and activities of the antichrist.

When the antichrist is forced out of the temple at the end of the 68th week, he will return to his own land (Daniel 11:28). Daniel 11:21 indicates that the antichrist is the “King of the North”. Jeremiah 46: 10, and 24-26, and 25:9 identifies the King of Babylon as the King of the North. Nahum 1:11 discusses a person as being the “wicked counsellor” from Nineveh. Nahum 3:18-19 indicates the King of Assyria’s (antichrist’s) people were scattered and there was no healing for his wound. Ezekiel chapter 28 has to do with Satan. The chapter discusses Satan as the anointed cherub that fell because of sin. The first part of the chapter discusses the prince of Tyrus and the latter part of the chapter the king of Tyrus. All of these verses I think should help to understand the activities of the antichrist during the first half of the 69th week.

After the antichrist is forced out of the temple at the end of the 68th week (Daniel 8:14), he returns to Babylon (Daniel 11:28). He is there for a short time and returns toward Jerusalem (Daniel 11:29). He does not come into Jerusalem because of the two witnesses (Daniel 11:29, Is. 31:9, and Revelation 11:3-6). He returns to Babylon. While in Babylon he is killed by strangers (Ezekiel 28:8-10, Revelation 13:3). The antichrist will rise from the dead to demonstrate Satan’s power just as Jesus Christ’s resurrection demonstrated God the Father’s power (Romans 1:4). Other supporting Scriptures concerning the antichrist’s resurrection are:

1. Ezekiel chapter 28 discusses a prince and a king of Tyrus. After the prince is killed a king of Tyrus is discussed. The prince of Tyrus seems to match the antichrist before he is killed and the king of Tyrus seems to match the risen antichrist.
2. Revelation 17:8-11 indicates that the seven kings mentioned are controlled by Satan. “Five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space”. The “five” fallen kings (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media/Persia, and Greece, it seems) are past rulers of the earth and the “one is” is the Roman ruler Caesar. The one “yet to come” must be referring to the antichrist of II Thessalonians chapter 2 and the beast of Revelation 13:1-4. The eighth beast of Revelation 17:11 must be the risen antichrist.

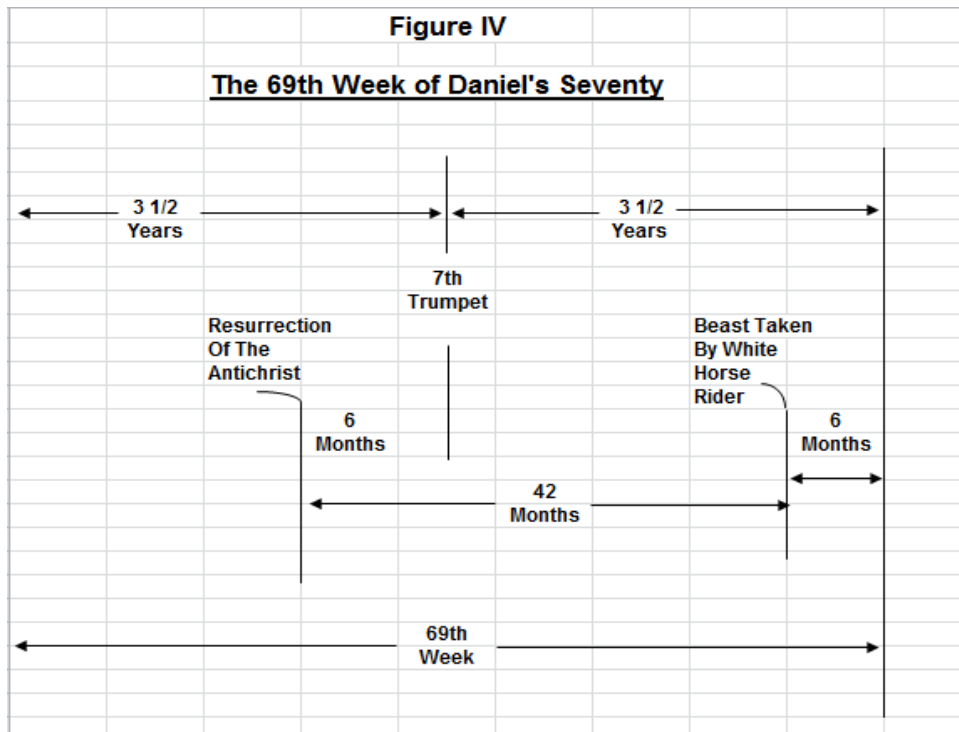
The risen antichrist will “continue forty and two months” (Revelation 13:5). He will be taken by the white horse rider (Jesus Christ) and cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 19:11-20) at the end of the 42 months. After the antichrist is risen for the dead, the False Prophet (second beast of Revelation 13:11-14) will make an image of the risen antichrist. This image will be placed by corrupt Jews within the temple (Daniel 11:31). This act is referred to as “**place** the abomination that maketh desolate”. Note this is what Jesus Christ was referring to in Matthew 24:15 as “**stand** in the holy place”. You stand or place an image. We will place these on the time chart later. This placing of the image (Dan. 11:31) is not the same as the “transgression of desolation” (Dan. 8:13).

Activities The Last Half Of The 69th Week

An **assumption** will be made that the last half of the 69th week will be a mirror image of the first half. This will be tested with Scripture for validity. The Wrath of God starts immediately after the 7th trumpet. Revelation 15:1 indicates “the seven last plagues” are the Wrath of God. Note there is a difference between the Wrath of the Lamb (seven trumpets) and the Wrath of God (seven vials). The Wrath of God will be 3 years in length as is the Wrath of the Lamb. The white horse rider of Revelation 19:11-21 will come with the saints (I Thessalonians 3:13) and Jesus Christ will smite the nations. This is the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16-21). The antichrist and false prophet (Revelation 19:20) will be cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of the 3 years. The battle of Armageddon will last 6 months. The bases for the six months are to have matching symmetry between the first half and the last half of the 69th week. This will allow Daniel 12:11 (1,290 days) to be placed on the time chart.

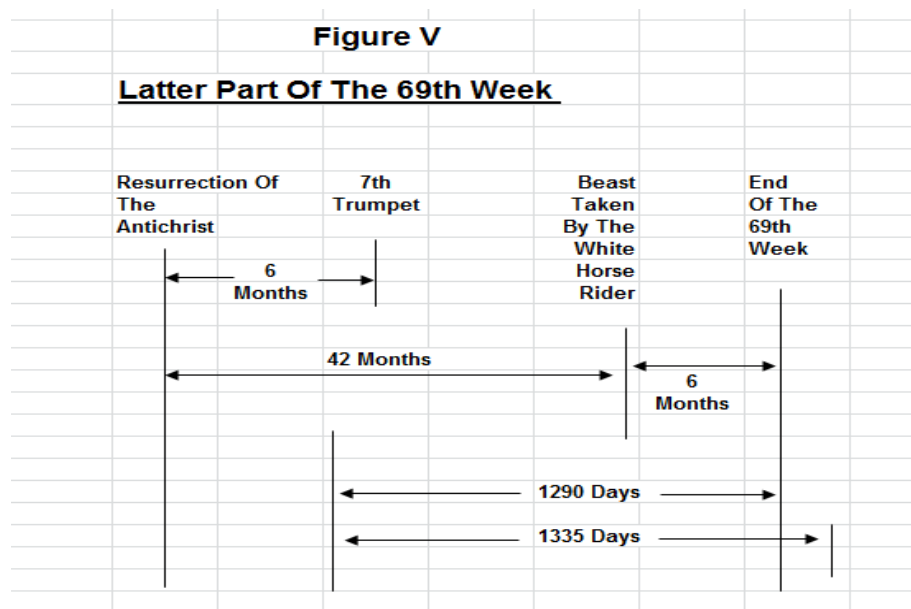
Back To Numbers Placement In The 69th Week

Since the antichrist is taken six months before the end of the 69th week and if you back up 42 months to his resurrection, it becomes possible to place the resurrection of the antichrist. His resurrection occurs six months before the 7th trumpet. Note Figure IV:



Daniel 12:11 (“And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days) can now be placed. The stopping of the daily sacrifice and setting up of the antichrist’s image occur at the same event. Remember that in Revelation 11:1 the temple is cleansed and protected for the Jews to conduct sacrificial worship. This is terminated at Daniel 12:11. God does not indicate when to start the 1,290 days of Daniel 12:11 or when to stop them. In order to get the Scriptures verses to agree the end of the 1,290 days stops at the end of the 69th week. Now count backwards. That would put the beginning of the 1,290 days 30 days before the 7th trumpet (middle of the 69th week). Note Figure V.

The sacrifice is started and stopped twice: once (II Thess. 2:4) when the “man of sin” sits in the temple and second time when the image is set up as noted above (Dan. 12:11).



Daniel 12:12-13 is more difficult to place. It sounds like God is telling Daniel and other Old Testament saints to rest, wait, and stand with their lot at the end the 1,335 days. In I Corinthians 15:23 it sounds like there is an **order** in resurrection of the saints (not all at the same time). If this is the case, it seems the Old Testament saints must go up at the end of the 1,335 days. There are two resurrections: one for saints and one for the lost. The one for the saints has an order: first fruits (Revelation 14:4), great multitude (Revelation 7:9-14), 7th trumpet (I Corinthians 15:52, and Revelation 11:15-18), and after the 1,335 days. Let's try to place the 1,335 days on the time chart. Since the beginning of Daniel 12:11 is 30 days before the middle of the 69th week, let's start the 1,335 days at the same place. That would make the 1,335 days extend into the 70th week by 45 days. Therefore, the Old Testament Saints' resurrection is 45 days into the 70th week. Why God has it this way, I do not know. How do you line up the numbers? At least with this scenario all of the exact dates given in Daniel and the book of Revelation are placed within the 70 weeks of Daniel (Seventy weeks are determined upon **my people** and upon **my holy city**). Sure is nice it works out this way.

The 70th Week

At the end of the Battle of Armageddon Satan is cast into the Bottomless Pit (Revelation 20:1-3). After that Satan is no longer the prince of the power of the air. Jesus Christ is The Prince (end of the 69 weeks of Daniel 9:25). Satan is bound for 1,000 years. The beginning of the 70th week starts the Millennium reign of Christ. During the peacefulness of the 70th week the temple of Ezekiel Chapter 41-43 will be built. It will be built by the Branch, Jesus Christ (Zechariah 6:12). Since it took 7 years to build Solomon's temple (I Kings 6:38), it seems logical to take 7 years for the Branch to build Ezekiel's Temple (the 70th week of Daniel). Likewise, Solomon's temple was built in peaceful times.

As we get closer to the end time God will reveal more details of the 70-weeks of Daniel. I would appreciate if you would help us to better understand the Truth. As God's reveals Truth to you, even showing you where I have erred, please share with me.

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