

God's Countdown

Daniel 9:24-27

Introduction:

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I. Seventy Weeks Explained (v.24)

A. Shibim Shabua is literally seventy (Shibim) sevens (Shabua): $70 \times 7 = 490$.

B. The Six Things to be accomplished at the end of Seventy Weeks:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

C. Matthew 24: So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand"

II. The First 7 Weeks (v.25)

- The decree of Artaxerxes in 445 BC (Nehemiah 2:8-9)
- Temple rebuilt in Jerusalem in 396 BC, which took 49 years (7 weeks)

III. The Next 62 Weeks (v.26)

- From 396 BC (after the first 7 week), 62 weeks ($62 \times 7 = 434$ years), the Messiah the Prince cut off.
- Jesus Crucified (AD 30-32)

IV. The Gap and the 70th Week (v.27)

- In the middle of the week (the last 7 years), the Anti-Christ figure will emerge
- Abomination of desolation will take place in the last half of the 70th Week.
- Romans 11:25-27
- 2 Peter 3:9-10

V. Two Truths

A. _____

B. _____

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20 Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

21 while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.

22 He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.

23 "At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." (Dan 9:20-27 NAU)

Bible Study Questions:

1. How does the seventy weeks consist of? What is the significant event in each period?
2. What are the first three goals that will be accomplished at the end of the seventy "weeks"?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
3. What are the next three goals that will be accomplished at the end of the seventy "weeks"?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. According to 9:27, what event will precede before the return of Christ?
5. According to Romans 11:25-27, how should we prepare ourselves to be a part of God's program?
6. Share the gospel this week to a person who may not know their destiny.
7. Pray for the missionaries and the way you could involve in the overseas mission work.