

The "Key" OT Prophecy



Introduction

- One of, if not “the” most important prophetic text in the Bible
- It is the source of several NT passages (Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2; Rev 11-13)
- The prophecy of Jeremiah 25:12; 29:10 is the basis for this prophecy in Daniel
 - The reason for 70 years of captivity?
 - Daniel’s prayer is the result of his knowledge of Jeremiah’s prophecy

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.” (NASB)

The Meaning of the "Times"

- 70 "Weeks" for Daniel's people, and for his holy city
- 70 "Weeks" , literally mean in Hebrew, "seventy sevens"
 - The reason they refer to literal "years", not days or months
 - A Jewish year = 360 days

The Focus of the Prophecy

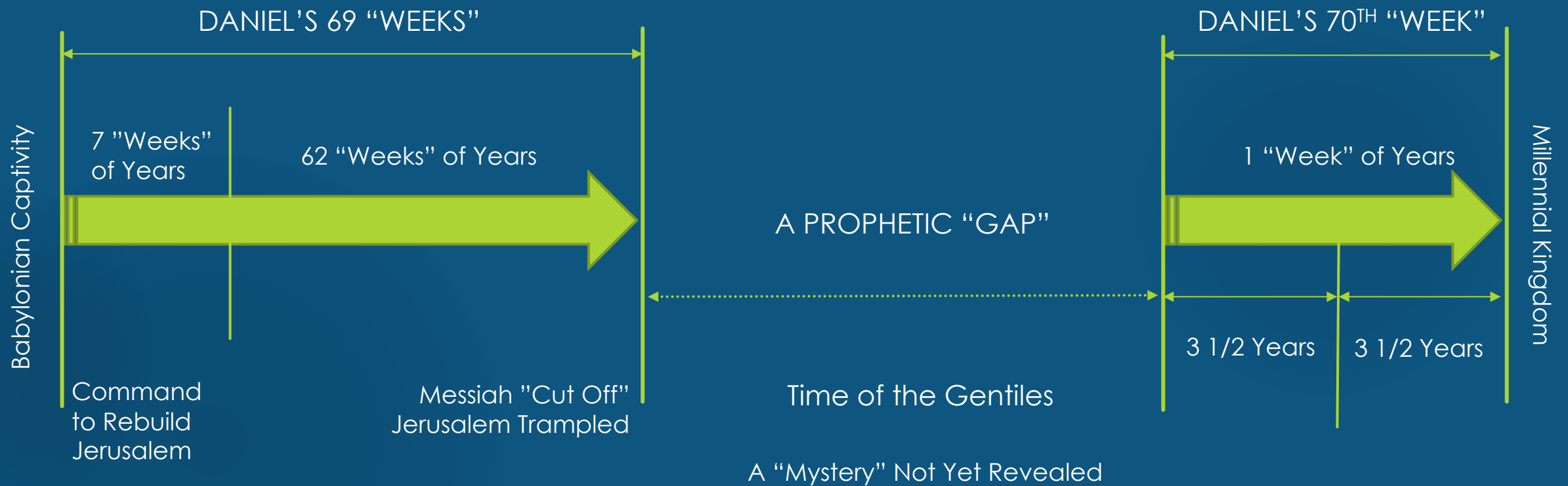
The 490 Period will provide 6 outcomes;

- Finish the transgression
- Put an end to sin
- Atonement for iniquity
- Bring in everlasting righteousness
- Seal visions and prophecy
- Anoint the most holy place

When the Prophecy "Clock" Starts

- ❑ The 70 "Week" period begins when a decree is given to rebuild Jerusalem
- ❑ This was likely when King Artaxerxes issued such a decree in 445 BC
- ❑ The first 7 "Weeks" likely coincide with the closing of Nehemiah's career and the close of the OT

THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL 9:24-27



The Timeline to Jesus

- ❑ 7 + 62 "Weeks" brings us to the time of Christ's entrance to Jerusalem
- ❑ Daniel 9:26 says "after" the 69 "Weeks", Messiah will be "cut off"
- ❑ Then, the "people of the prince to come" will destroy the city
- ❑ The "prince" will make a covenant for one "Week"

But, this presents a challenge.....

The 1st & 2nd Coming "Gap"

- It's not stated clearly, but a "Gap" of time exists in the text
 - There is a historical gap between the 1st & 2nd comings of Jesus
 - The 6 predictions of 9:26 have not all happened
 - The prediction of 9:27 hasn't happened
 - Jerusalem was destroyed several decades after Messiah was cut off, so a "Gap" existed
 - The prophecy of Zech 9:9,10 was not completely fulfilled
- Jesus referred to the "abomination of desolation" as still future
- Paul referred to these events as yet future
- John referred to these events as yet future