

Seventy Weeks of Seven Years Each

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

We are looking at the **Book of Daniel**. You might say, “I am not a mathematician to understand all this about these different dates.”

Well, God is a God of order and time. So, in **Daniel 9, verses 24 to 27**, we read -

24 Seventy weeks. . . - *“Now what in the world is that?” you say.*

That means seventy weeks of seven years each - . . . **are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city . . . -that is Jerusalem - to**

finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make

reconciliation for iniquity. . . These verses have been so clearly

defined through other Scriptures. This little verse, which I am reading

from, is so applicable for us to follow what has happened and what will

happen, because we read the last three statements have not yet been

fulfilled. That is prophecy. . . **and to bring in everlasting**

righteousness, and to seal up the vision of prophecy, and to anoint

the most Holy.

“Oh,” you say, “I do not understand!” Listen carefully. Daniel, who was

told these things, was amongst the first captives taken from Jerusalem

by King Nebuchadnezzar. and was brought to Babylon. He lived an

official life there and saw the exile of the Jewish people from the

beginning to the end, that is, the seventy years. He witnessed those things. Why seventy years prophecy concerning the prophet we are learning about with the holy city of Jerusalem and Daniel's people? Because we look back to **Leviticus**. The whole Word of God is complete: the old Testament needs the New Testament and the New Testament needs the Old Testament. **Leviticus 25** says -

2 . . . When you come into the land which I give you. . . - that was God giving them the land of Israel - . . . then shall the land keep a sabbath - that is a rest - to the Lord.

3 For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits.

4 But in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of a solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the Lord: you shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. *There it is: the seventh year, the land had to be rested.* Therefore, the Lord protected not only the land, but what the land would produce. The land needed to be replenished. God, the Creator, knew that, and He knew, to get the best from the land, to leave the land and let it go fallow, as we would say in Britain.

In **Jeremiah 25**, we read it was predicted that the captivity should last for seventy years. In this Scripture, the word, *captivity*, is used. You say, "What was this captivity? What does it mean?" It was the people who had been taken captive; people who were in exile; people who were oppressed. This seventy-year captivity - when the children were

taken out of Israel and brought as slaves into Babylon - lasted from that very first invasion, when Nebuchadnezzar came and at the time when Solomon's temple was built and all this was destroyed by these invaders. The captivity lasted the seventy years- from that time to the time which we read of in **Nehemiah 2**. King Cyrus was then on the throne and, of course, Daniel was still around. It was through King Cyrus that orders were given that they could go back to their land and they could reconstruct the temple. Therefore, when we add all this up, we see that Jerusalem was, in the timing of God, allowed the seventy years that they had rest. This all fitted into the perfect pattern of what God said would happen when there was disobedience.

You know, in **Daniel 9**, we read in **verse 2** – **In the first years of his reign, I, Daniel, understood by books . . . - understanding by reading and understanding other prophets - the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.**

Have you ever thought there is no trial, there is nothing God ever allows us to go through, that the Word of God does not bring a promise and an encouragement? Sometimes we think, “Why is this happening?” Turn to the Word of God and you will see God is going a work in your life and God is doing a work in the lives of those around.

In other words, God uses His timetable to the maximum. He is doing His work even though it does not look as if things are happening. They are.

Back there then, in **Daniel 9, verses 10 and 11**, we read—

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice. . . Do you obey the voice of the Lord? Are you willing to say, *Deal with my life. I have not obeyed You, Lord. My land has not obeyed You. I confess my sin and need. I want to get right with You today.*

Write and tell us. We want to help you spiritually.

In the Name of Jesus, Amen.