

**THE THINGS WHICH DANIEL SAW
CONCERNING THE NATION OF ISRAEL**

**I. DANIEL SAW FIRST OF ALL HOW THE GENTILES WOULD
RULE OVER THE JEWS AND PERSECUTE THEM BECAUSE
OF THEIR DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD.**

- A. This is pointed out in the visions of the four Gentile kingdoms and the vision of the revived kingdom in the last days (Dan. 2:37-40; 7:17; 8:20).
- B. This is also pointed out in the visions concerning the Syrian King Antiochus Epiphanes IV who defiled the temple and persecuted the Jews (Dan. 8:9-14; 11:21-31).
- C. Thirdly this Gentile rule over the Jews and persecution of them is revealed in the visions which Daniel saw concerning the Antichrist (Dan. 7:8-12; 7:24, 25; 8:23-25; 11:36-45).
- D. This persecution of the Jews is also pointed out in the prophecy concerning the tribulation period and the abomination of desolation which will be carried out by the Antichrist (Dan. 9:26, 27; 12:1).
- E. Notice what Daniel saw concerning the Gentiles ruling over the Jews and persecuting them is exactly what the Lord said would happen to them because of their disobedience (Dt. 28:49-68).

**II. DANIEL SAW THE PARTICULAR TIME WHICH WAS
INVOLVED BEFORE THE JEWS WOULD BE DELIVERED
FROM GENTILE RULE AND PERSECUTION.**

- A. This particular time is referred to as seventy weeks (Dan. 9:24).
 - 1. It is significant to understand that a week here refers to a week of years or seven years. A week meaning seven years is used in other places in Scripture (Gen. 29:27, 28; Lev. 25:8).
 - 2. Seventy weeks of years or "seventy sevens" would be equivalent to 490 years. We will

see this also refers to the time when Israel is in her land.

- B. This particular time is what the Lord has determined that will be required to bring about certain things (Dan. 9:24).
1. First, it will take this amount of time or 490 years to "finish the transgression" or put an end to Israel's rebellion as a nation.
 2. This amount of time will also be required "to make an end of sins" or bring about Israel's redemption (Zech. 13:1; Rom. 11:26,27).
 3. This time will also be required "to make reconciliation for iniquity" or for Israel to be punished for their sins.
 4. It will take this much time fourthly to bring in everlasting righteousness" or the millennial kingdom with its righteous rule (Jer. 33:14,16; 31:31-34; Isa. 1:26; 46:13).
 5. Fifthly, 490 years will be required "to seal up the vision and prophecy" or bring to pass all the prophecies concerning Israel.
 6. Finally this is the amount of time which will be required "to anoint the Most Holy". This refers to the temple (neuter) and not to the Lord. What is in view is the Shekinah glory which will return to the Millennial Temple. (Ezek. 43:2-5; 44:4)
- C. This particular time has all been fulfilled except for one week or a period of seven years.
1. Notice first of all that these seventy weeks or 490 years began when Artaxerxes permitted the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem in 445 B.C. (Neh. 2:1-8) and it was done during troublous times (Ezra 4).
 2. Daniel was told that from the decree to rebuild unto the Messiah would be seven weeks (49 yrs.) and threescore and two weeks (62 weeks or 434 yrs.). These together make 69 weeks or 483 years History shows us, that from Artaxerxes' decree in 445 B.C. to Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, it is exactly 483 years or 360 days.

3. Notice with 69 weeks fulfilled there remains one week or one period of seven years remaining.
4. Now notice Daniel saw Messiah being cut off and then the city being destroyed. This refers to the crucifixion of Christ and then the Roman invasion of 70 A.D. (Dan. 9:26).
5. Then we notice here in Dan. 9:27 some things which will come about during the final week of seven years. The final week will begin when Antichrist makes a covenant of seven years with Israel. Then we notice in the middle of the week or after 3½ years he will break the covenant and cause the sacrifices to cease. This will be the abomination of desolation when he places his image in the temple and demands worship (Dan. 9:27; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; II Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:14,15).