

# Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

## The Longest Time Prophecy

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This study explores the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8:14. The sure word of God will detail important events within that time period, culminating in a very important event. That event occurred not too long ago in history and should cause us to awaken from our slumber. Jesus said, "**I will come again, and receive you unto myself.**" *John 14:3*. Are we nearing that time?

**Opening prayer:** Heavenly Father, prove Your word to us today. Give us spiritual minds to discern this faith-building prophecy. Make us able, Lord, to understand what You have revealed to Your children beforehand, now as prophecy fulfilled. We ask in the precious name of Jesus Christ, Your only begotten Son, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What great event does the 2300 day prophecy end upon?

Begin by reading *Daniel 8:3-14*. This is an account of a dream given to Daniel by God. It will be explained as we proceed.

Continue reading *Daniel 8:19-26*. These scriptures are the interpretation of verses 3-14. During the time of Babylon, Medo-Persia, as a ram, will come to take the north, east, south and west, for his territory. A goat, or Greece, will come to overtake Medo-Persia. The notable horn on the goat was a prominent king. Out of one of the territories, or "winds" came "a little horn, which waxed exceeding great" with the earth and heavens as its focus (political and religious interest). The greatest evil of this exceeding great horn was its attack on the ministry of Christ.

1. *Daniel 8:27* " I Daniel \_\_\_\_\_, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was \_\_\_\_\_ at the vision, but \_\_\_\_\_ understood it." Daniel relates that he did not understand the vision. Although most of it was explained, there was still a part of the vision that Daniel did not hear from the angel because he had fainted. What was *not* explained was the 14<sup>th</sup> verse saying, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Being burdened about understanding of this prophecy, Daniel was constantly studying the words of the prophets to find answers.

2. *Daniel 9:2* "I understood by books the \_\_\_\_\_ of the years, whereof the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to \_\_\_\_\_ by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." (See *Jeremiah 29:10*) The next several verses, *Daniel 9:4-19*, are a beautiful prayer that Daniel prayed for himself and for the sins of the people.



3. *Daniel 9:21-22* "Yea, whiles I was speaking in \_\_\_\_\_, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he \_\_\_\_\_ me, and talked with me, and said, O, Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and \_\_\_\_\_ the vision"

4. *Daniel 9:24* "Seventy weeks are \_\_\_\_\_ upon thy people and upon the holy city, to \_\_\_\_\_ the transgression, and to make an end of \_\_\_\_\_, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness, and to \_\_\_\_\_ up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." **According to Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:1-6, a day equals a year in bible prophecy. Therefore, seventy weeks would equal 490 years.**

5. *Daniel 9:25-26* "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to \_\_\_\_\_ and to build Jerusalem unto the \_\_\_\_\_ the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall \_\_\_\_\_ the city and the \_\_\_\_\_; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." **The definition of score is 20, so threescore is 60 weeks. Adding up the prophetic weeks then it would equal 69 weeks or 483 days (69 x 7) until the coming of the Messiah from the time the command was given to restore Jerusalem.**

6. *Ezra 6:14* "And the elders of the Jews \_\_\_\_\_, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and \_\_\_\_\_ it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia."

7. *Ezra 7:7* "And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of Artaxerxes the king." **The bible predicted that, at the command of Artaxerxes, which was in the year 457 B.C. (the seventh year of his reign), Jerusalem would begin being rebuilt. From that time, there would be a 483 year period of time until the coming of the Messiah. Adding 483 years to the date 457 B.C. we come to the date A.D. 27. Remember when adding between B.C. and A.D. there is no 0 year, for example; 3BC 2 BC 1 BC 1AD 2AD 3AD.**

8. *Luke 3: 21-22* "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being \_\_\_\_\_, and praying, the heaven was opened," **Returning to the significance of the date A.D. 27, this was when Jesus was baptized, or anointed, and began his ministry. The arrival of the Messiah was A.D. 27. Acts 10:38 states that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost." The word anointed is the literal translation of the word, Messiah: "God with us."**

9. *Mark 1:14-15* "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, **The time is \_\_\_\_\_, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**" Reading prior to verse 14, in the same chapter of Mark, we see that after Jesus was baptized, he went to the wilderness where he was tempted by Satan. And it was after this experience, that he began preaching the gospel. The 69 weeks or 483 year prophecy of Daniel 9 was fulfilled.

10. *Daniel 9:26* "The people of the prince that shall come shall \_\_\_\_\_ the city and the sanctuary." **Jerusalem was destroyed in A. D. 70. We find this referred to in *Matthew 24:15-20* and *Luke 21:20-24*.**



11. *Daniel 9:27* "And he shall confirm the \_\_\_\_\_ with many for \_\_\_ week: and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the week he shall cause the \_\_\_\_\_ and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." **This is a reference to the death of our Saviour in A.D. 31. The sacrificial system was divinely abolished. The curtain which separated the holy from the Most Holy was ripped from top to bottom, signifying the fulfillment of the promises. The sacrificial system of the Jews, which was a shadow, or type, of things to come, was done away in Christ. Reference is made to this in *Matthew 27:50-51*. Jesus was crucified in the midst of the week allotted to the Jews. His ministry was for 3 ½ years, half of the seven years allotted. At the end of the 7 years, A.D. 34, Stephen was stoned and the gospel message went to the Gentiles.**

12. *Daniel 8:14* "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the \_\_\_\_\_ be cleansed." *Daniel 9:24* indicates that the 490 year or 70 week time period is "determined" or cut off from the 2300 year prophecy. That leaves 1810 years. From the end of the 490 years which ended in A.D. 34, add the remainder of the years, and that brings us to the year 1844.

The earthly Day of Atonement should be diligently looked at in Leviticus 16. It was a type (shadow) of the literal Day of Atonement we are now in. Christ, our high priest, is in the literal Most Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary. He is judging everyone according to his works, first the dead and then the living. We will be studying more about this in the lessons to come, with scripture to support this.

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the mistake of Adventism in 1844 pertained to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the event then to transpire, not to the \_\_\_\_\_; that no prophetic period is given to reach to the \_\_\_\_\_ advent, but that the \_\_\_\_\_ one, the two thousand and three hundred days of *Daniel 8:14*, terminated in \_\_\_\_\_, and brought us to an event called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sanctuary.

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The mistake of a body of believers, that arose out of many other denominations, occurred during a time of great revival, and is referred to above. Religious history confirms that this group, now called Seventh Day Adventists, after much bible study, prayer and fasting, believed that the "cleansing of the sanctuary" meant the second coming of Christ. In fact, the bible describes the cleansing in Leviticus 16, as a time of judgment. This investigative judgment in heaven, occurs prior to Jesus return. He serves as our high priest, as supported by scripture. We can learn of the Day of Atonement from the shadow, or earthly sanctuary given by God to prepare his people.

**Closing prayer:** Our Father in heaven, You have given us so much in order that we might believe and be saved. May Your word be our only foundation. We have learned that we are in the final days of earth's history. Help us Lord, to live the urgency of this message. We have so much more to learn; sustain us we pray, in Jesus holy name, amen.

Further Study: Romans 15:8; **Matthew 26:28; Matthew 23:37-38**; Matthew 3:16-17; Revelation 22:11-12

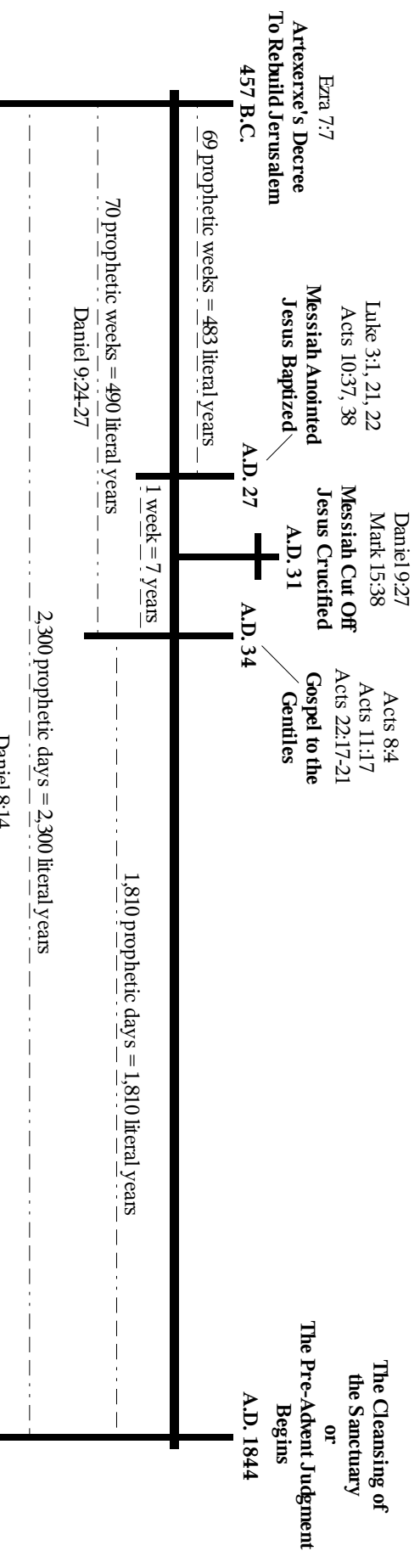
Answers: 1. fainted, astonished, none 2. number, seventy, seek 3. prayer, vision, informed, skill, understanding, consider 4. determined, finish, sins, everlasting, seal 5. restore, Messiah, destroy, sanctuary 6. builded, finished 7. Jerusalem, seventh 8. baptized 9. preaching, fulfilled 10. destroy 11. covenant, one, midst, sacrifice 12. sanctuary



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## The 2,300 Days

Daniel 8:13-14; 9:24-27



**“Seventy weeks are determined for your people . . .” Daniel 9:24**

The word **“determined”** means “cut off”, “separated”, or “allotted”.

490 years were given to the Jews as a final probation, as a nation, to fulfill God's plan for them and for the advent of the Messiah. After this, at A.D. 34, the gospel was taken to the “Gentiles” or the rest of the world. The “Covenant”, that is the New Covenant established upon Christ, was carried to the Jews, by Christ until His crucifixion on A.D. 31, and then by the apostles until the stoning of Stephen in A.D. 34. At this time and afterward the gospel was then taken to the Gentiles.

**Day for a year:** Numbers 14:34

Ezekiel 4:6

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