

The 70-Week Prophecy and the Messiah [S7]

-The Date of the Anointing and Death of Jesus Predicted & Fulfilled-

**Remember to pray for wisdom before you begin*

- 1.) What two prophetic statements about the coming of Jesus as the Messiah are made in the book of Genesis? Genesis 3:15 And I will put _____ between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; ___ shall bruise thy _____, and thou shalt _____ his heel. 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until _____ [Messiah] come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. **NOTE: In the first verse above, obviously Christ is the only one who could crush the serpent's [Satan's] head and even He [Jesus] would not come out unscathed in this mission because His feet would be bruised. The second verse prophesied of a coming Messiah. In this particular study, we're going to see that God had a special time table for when Jesus would come. There would be a specific time, yes, even a particular year when Jesus would be anointed with the Holy Spirit and a specific year when He would yield up His life on the cross! And it all comes right out of the Bible and history confirms it!**
- 2.) What does the Apostle Paul say about the "time factor" when Jesus would come as our Savior? Galatians 4:4 But when the _____ of the _____ was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, Ephesians 1:10 That in the dispensation of the _____ of _____ he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: **NOTE: God is orderly in everything He does. Even in the starry heavens there are precise time factors where planets in their travel through space arrive at certain points precisely at a given time as scientists and astronomers have found out. Why wouldn't one of the most important events in the history of our world –the first coming of Jesus be marked by a specific time-table for His arrival?! Let's look at this special Messianic Time Prophecy, the 70-week time prophecy in its fullness and see how Jesus' ministry came right on time!**
- 3.) Where is this special 70-week prophecy to be found in the Bible? Daniel 9:24 _____ are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an _____ of sins, and to make _____ for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the _____ and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the _____ forth of the _____ to restore and to build _____ unto the Messiah the _____ shall be _____, and _____ and _____ weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And _____ threescore and two weeks shall _____ be cut _____, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27

And he shall _____ the _____ with many for one _____: and in the _____ of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to _____, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the _____. **NOTE: You may have read all this and think to yourself, woe! How can I ever make sense of all this! Hang on! We're going to try to unravel and unpack all this the best that we can. Just follow along closely! Keep in mind that in Bible prophecy there is some symbolism involved. And any time you have a "time" prophecy involved, you generally can't understand it as literal time. In the next question below you will find the Biblical key for interpreting and understanding for instance, what a day and a week stand for.**

4.) What does a "day" in Bible prophecy stand for? What two passages in the Bible relating to two different mini-prophecies give us this standard? Ezekiel 4:6 *And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty _____: I have _____ thee each _____ for a _____.* Numbers 14:34 *After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even _____, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even _____, and ye shall know my breach of promise.* **NOTE: There are many other patterns and principles for a day-for-a-year throughout scripture of which there isn't time or space to show here, so this will suffice. So, we see here that a "day" means a year but only in the setting of prophecy. A week which is made up of seven days would be seven literal years. Proof that the day-for-a-year principle is the correct interpretation is the fact that when applied literally, it doesn't find fulfillment and doesn't make sense, but when applied symbolically as a "day-for-a-year" it comes out majestically accurate like an arrow striking directly on the bull's eye!**

5.) Obviously, a time prophecy without a starting point would be meaningless! In this passage in Daniel ch. 9 where do we find the starting or beginning point? Daniel 9:25 *Know therefore and understand, that _____ the _____ forth of the _____ to _____ and to _____ Jerusalem _____ the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.* **NOTE: The whole historical context for this time prophecy is the desolation of Jerusalem when the kingdom of Babylon invaded Judah and God's people were displaced. The city of Jerusalem with its walls were broken down and in disrepair. By this time the kingdom of Persia was in full power with Babylon being a thing of the past. Three decrees were issued for the favor of God's people and their dwelling place. The third decree by the Persian King which not only commanded the rebuilding of the city, streets and wall but also its civil government to be restored was issued in the fall of 457 B.C. and it was the only decree that was complete in truly restoring Jerusalem. This was the official starting point for this Messianic Time Prophecy.**

6.) What scriptures bring out about these decrees and the most important third decree? Ezra

6:14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the _____ of Cyrus, and Darius, and _____ king of _____. **6:12** And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I _____ have made a _____; let it be done with speed. **6:3** In the first year of _____ the king the same Cyrus the king made a _____ concerning the _____ of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; **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 Jerusalem, in the _____ year of _____ the king. **8** And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the _____. **NOTE: The third decree by King Artaxerxes restored the full function of the Jewish government and this occurred in the seventh year of Artaxerxes' reign. This third decree firmly establishes the starting point for the Seventy Week Time Prophecy of Daniel 9:25 and the larger 2,300 Time Prophecy of the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary/Investigative Judgment.**

7.) From the Decree to rebuild and restore Jerusalem which was in 457 B.C., what was the main event that was to take place and be fulfilled and how many days (years) was given for this? Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the _____ the _____ shall be _____, and _____ and _____: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. **NOTE: A "score" is twenty. Three-score would equal sixty. Seven and two equals nine plus the sixty would be sixty-nine weeks. Sixty-nine times [X] seven (week) equals four hundred and eighty-three (483) days. A day for a year would make this 483 years from the decree of 457 B.C. When the math is done on this (while keeping in mind that there is no "0" year when crossing from B.C. to A.D.) takes us to 27 A.D. What happened on this specific year? See next question below.**

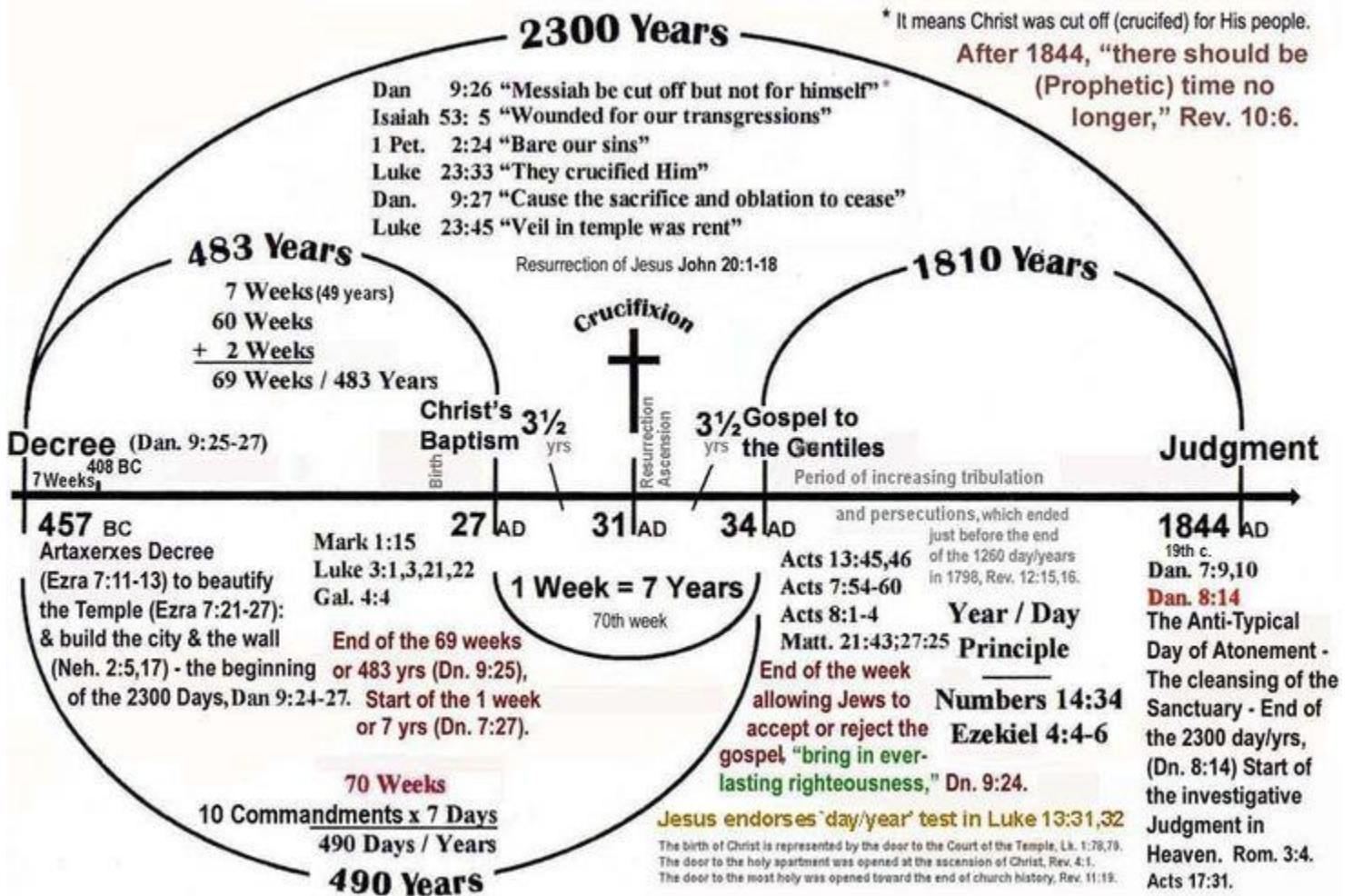
8.) Daniel 9:25 says that these 69 weeks go to the "Messiah" the Prince. What does the word "Messiah" mean? In the Hebrew it simply means "anointed" or consecrated One. Was Jesus actually anointed? What special occasion and where was Jesus anointed? Acts 10:37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the _____ which _____ preached; **38** How God _____ Jesus of Nazareth with the _____ and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **NOTE: Here in Acts it tells us where and how Jesus was anointed. It was at Jesus' baptism by John the baptizer in the Jordan river when Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Him. [See prophecy chart on 5th pg. of lesson]**

9.) What further scriptures confirm this anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit? Luke 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that _____ also being _____, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 And the _____ descended in a bodily shape like a _____ upon him, and a _____ came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well _____. Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the _____ returned from Jordan, and was _____ by the _____ into the wilderness, 14 And Jesus returned in the _____ of the _____ into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 18 The _____ of the Lord is _____ me, because he hath _____ me to _____ the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to _____ the brokenhearted, to preach _____ to the captives, and recovering of sight to the _____, to set at _____ them that are bruised, **NOTE: Was it important for Jesus to be anointed by the Holy Spirit? Absolutely!! He had an immense task before Him besides being the Savior of the world. His work was to restore every human being who was willing to be changed and healed and be His loyal subjects for God's Kingdom. How interesting that God placed more importance on the anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit at His baptism than on the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. There is a prophetic date for Jesus' baptism but not for His birth.**

10.) How do we know that Jesus' baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit happened in the year 27 A.D. which would fulfill this prophecy? Luke 3:1 Now in the _____ year of the reign of _____ Caesar, Pontius Pilate being _____ of Judaea, and Herod being _____ of Galilee, and his brother Philip _____ of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, 2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto _____ the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the _____ of repentance for the remission of sins; **NOTE: This passage here in Luke 3:1 with all its details including the actual year of the rein of Tiberius Caesar allows scholars and historians to pinpoint the actual year of 27 A.D.! There is a reason for this uninteresting text with all its details of various leaders. God inspired Luke to record this extra detail so that prophecy could be seen to be fulfilled! The baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River is right in the immediate context of all this! [See prophecy chart on 5th pg. of lesson]**

11.) The last phrase and part of Dan. 9:25 says, "the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times," referring to the rebuilding of what was desolated. How long for this to take place after the decree was given in 457 B.C.? Daniel 9:26a (first part) And after _____ and _____ weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: **NOTE: This is tricky—follow closely! The Messiah being cut-off has to occur after 69 weeks (483 yrs.) But this says "and after 62 weeks." This phrase comes immediately after the end of verse 25 where it talks about the rebuilding taking place, which means that 7 weeks (49 years) have taken place from the decree in 457 B.C. to the rebuilding of the walls, streets, etc [408 B.C.]. After the rebuilding takes place, there are 62 weeks or 434 years left that reaches to the Baptism and Holy Spirit anointing of Jesus. It is still after this that the**

Messiah would be "cut off." This happened at the cross in spring of 31 AD. [See Prophecy Chart below]



12.) What does it mean for the Messiah to be "cut-off" Where do we see this term elsewhere in scripture? Let's let the Bible explain itself. Exodus 31:14 *Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to _____: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be _____ from among his people.* Leviticus 7:20 *But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be _____ from his people.* Psalm 37:34 *Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the _____ are cut off,* Isaiah 53:8 *He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was _____ out of the land of the _____: for the _____ of my people was he stricken.* NOTE: Being "cut-off" from God's people means to be lost and ultimately die. Jesus, to save His people from their sins had to become sin for us and die or be "cut-off" in our place. It also says He will not be cut-off for Himself which means Jesus was totally innocent –He didn't die for Himself but strictly for our sins. The last verse above (Isa.53:8) is a prophecy about Jesus.

- 13.) What is meant by the latter part of verse 26 about the destruction of the city and sanctuary which would be a future event? Daniel 9:26b . . . 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 _____ are determined. **Matthew 24:1** And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the _____ of the temple. **2** And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, there shall _____ be left here one _____ upon another, that shall not be _____ down. **NOTE: Verse 24 says** "Seventy weeks are determined upon Thy people and upon Thy holy city." The word "determined" in Hebrew also means "cut-off." So, what does it mean seventy weeks are cut-off? Cut-off from what? Keep in mind there is another long Time Prophecy in Dan. Ch 8 in which no starting point is given [See Study on "The Bible's Longest Time Prophecy"]. The starting point is the same as the Seventy Week Time Prophecy of which the Seventy Weeks are "cut-off" from. Seventy weeks are 490 years of probation given for the Jewish people. The Seventy-Week Time prophecy is actually part of the larger 2,300 Day Time Prophecy. We know what happened after the 490 years which ended in 34 A.D. In the text above (Matt. 24) Jesus was referring to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.
- 14.) What does the first-half of Daniel 9:27 say and what does it mean? And He shall _____ the _____ with many for one _____: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, Did Jesus confirm His testament (or Covenant) of blood to be shed for the sins of the world? Compare KJV with NKJV –**Matthew 26:28 (KJV)** For this is my _____ of the new testament, which is shed for many for the _____ of sins. **28 (NKJV)** "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **NOTE: The pronoun "He" refers to the Messiah – Jesus Christ in the previous verse 26. Keep in mind that there was one week left in the seventy-week time Prophecy after Jesus' anointing and baptism which occurred at the sixty-ninth week. At Jesus' baptism, one week or [7 years] was left for the Jews to get their act together, repent of their sins and accept Jesus as the Messiah. Did they do it? A few did, but the majority didn't, especially the leadership and they finally sealed their doom in 34 A.D. when the deacon Stephen preached a powerful sermon appealing to the Jewish religious leaders to repent and accept Jesus as their Messiah and Savior. Their response? He was taken out and stoned! At this point probation closed for the Jews and the Gospel went to the Gentiles (See Acts 7,8) and the Seventy Weeks [490 yrs] ended.**
- 15.) When Jesus died on the cross ("cut-off"), did He cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease? **Matthew 27:51** And, behold, the _____ of the temple was _____ in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; **Colossians 2:14** _____ out the handwriting of _____ that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, _____ it to his cross; **Ephesians 2:15** Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in

_____ ; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; **16** And that he might _____ both unto God in one body by the _____, having slain the enmity thereby: **NOTE: The Bible is so plain and consistent with itself. The Apostle Paul confirms what Daniel said in this prophecy of the 70 weeks. The “handwriting of ordinances” meaning all the regulations and ceremonies regarding animal sacrifices was nailed to the cross –done away with! (See Bible lesson on “Salvation in Types and Shadows.”) Jesus paid for our redemption on the cross. Animal sacrifices were no longer needed.**

16.) Many popular and modern “prophecy teachers” teach that the last “week” of the 70 week time prophecy is separated from the other 69 weeks and placed almost 2,000 years later to be fulfilled in the last end-times just before the world ends. Is there any scriptural or logical reason for doing this? With so many false teachers and prophets in these last days, is it safe to believe or follow what they say if it contradicts God’s Word? Daniel 9:24 _____ weeks are determined upon _____ people and upon thy _____, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. **NOTE: There is absolutely no logical reason, let alone scriptural reason, to put the last week (7 years) separate it from the 69 weeks and put it way down at the end of time. As stated in verse 24 above, it clearly says 70 weeks are calculated for “thy people” (the Jewish people) and thy “holy city” Jerusalem. We’ve already seen that in 34 A.D., probation closed for the Jews and Jerusalem was destroyed and desolated in 70 A.D. because their cup of iniquity was full! Whatever prophecies of blessing or good that was to happen for the Jews and Israel was conditional. [See study on “God’s Original Purpose for Israel”-S8]**

17.) When the Seventy Weeks ended in 34 A.D. when Stephen made a final appeal to the Jewish religious leaders, what significant scene did Stephen see in vision as He was being stoned? Acts 7:5 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus _____ on the _____ hand of God, **56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man _____ on the right hand of God. **NOTE: Jesus, the Son of God was standing! In Dan. 12:1, another standing is taking place when the end-of-the-world probation is closing. Probation was closing for the Jewish nation here in Acts 7. Jews can still be saved individually by accepting Jesus’ shed blood for them, but as a nation collectively they are no longer God’s chosen body of believers. God’s commandment-keeping followers are now His chosen people. [See Supplemental Lessons “God’s Original Purpose for Israel” & “True Israel”]****

18.) What significant turn of events takes place after Stephen is stoned and the Jewish nation seal their doom? Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great _____ against the _____ which was at Jerusalem; and they were all _____ throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. **4 Therefore they that were _____ abroad went _____**

preaching the word. NOTE: At this point the gospel started really going to the Gentiles in a big way! The Jews didn't do very much to share the gospel with others outside of their nation and the fact that as a whole, they didn't accept Jesus as their promised Messiah, caused them to forfeit their position as God's ambassadors to share salvation with the rest of the world. As God's commandment keeping Christians who are given the 3 Angels Messages to share to the world – we have the privilege to be faithful to share what He has entrusted to us!

Brief Quiz

CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) True/False – God has His timetable for certain events in the history of our world.
- 2.) True/False – The Bible gives a time and date for the birth of Jesus.
- 3.) True/False – Jesus was officially anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism.
- 4.) True/False – It was the first decree of the Persian king Artaxerxes that provides the starting point of the seventy-week time prophecy. [See # 5 & 6 in lesson]
- 5.) True/False – The seventy-week time prophecy is unbroken all the way through the (last) seventieth week with no gaps anywhere.
- 6.) True/False – In the midst of the last seventieth week [31 A.D], it says the Messiah would be cut-off which means Jesus died on the cross at that time.
- 7.) True/False – At the end of the seventieth week, the Jewish nation's probation closed and they are no longer considered God's chosen people.
- 8.) True/False – The Seventy-Week Time Prophecy of Daniel 9 is actually part of a larger time prophecy given in previous ch. 8 which is the 2,300 Day Time Prophecy. [see point # 13]

My Response

Even though I might not fully grasp or understand all the details of this important time prophecy regarding the coming of the Messiah – Jesus Christ, I appreciate the fact that Jesus' time for ministry in this world and especially His death for my sins came right on time. I accept His provision for my salvation right now.

*Signed*_____

****NOTE: Please don't feel discouraged if there is still some confusion about understanding this study. These type of prophecy studies sometimes take a number of times going over and from different sources to be able to fully grasp and comprehend the subject well.**