

# The Book of Daniel



## Chapter Nine

Daniel's 70 Prophetic Times

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## Overview:

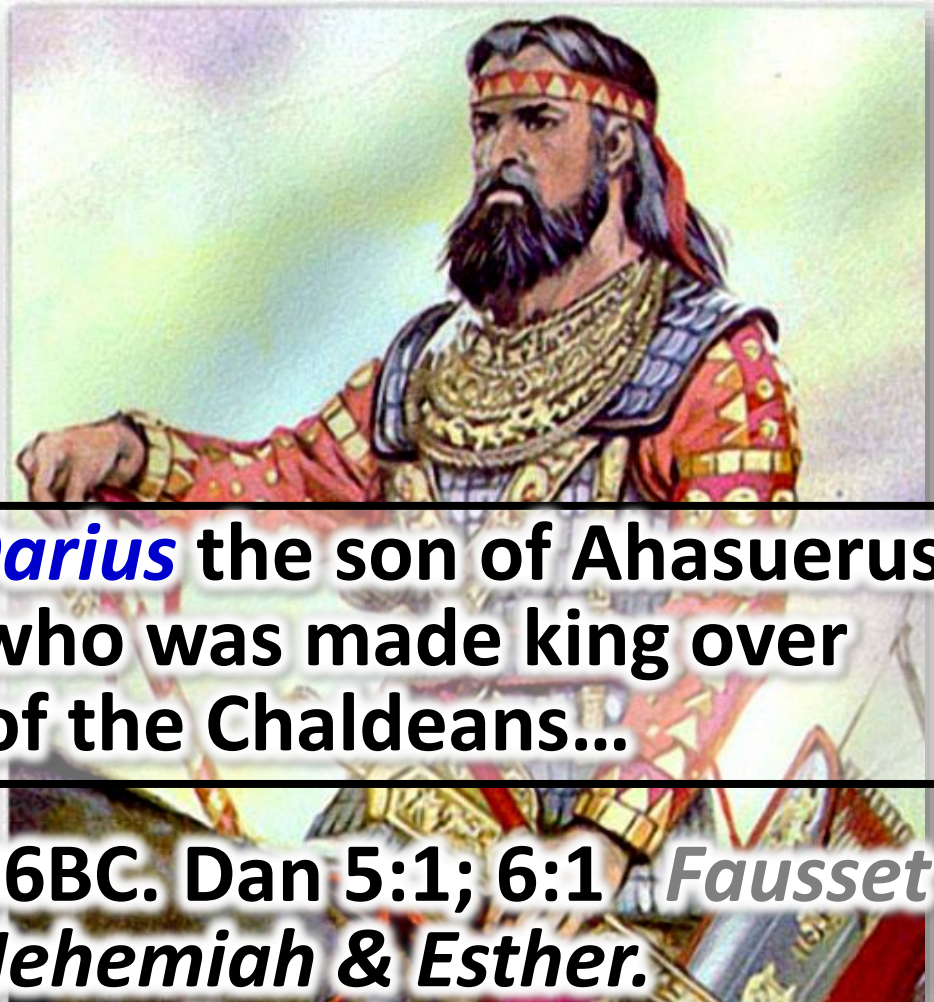
v. 1-23 Are **Simple**

v.24-27 Are **Difficult**  
4 cool verses.

## Introduction: v.1-3

v.1 In the *first year of Darius* the son of Ahasuerus, of *Median descent*, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans...

*Darius* the *Mede* 538-536BC. Dan 5:1; 6:1 *Fausset*  
*Contemporaries: Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther.*  
*About 3 years away from ending their captivity.*



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⌚ Dan 9:2 In the *first year* of his reign I, Daniel, *observed in the books the number of the years* which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely, 70 years.* ⌚

v.2 *I observed in the books*: OT scriptures.

*The number of years revealed to Jeremiah* (Jer 25:11-12; 29:10)

*Desolations of Jerusalem 70 years*:

Daniel is now about.. *age 85!*

Finally hit Daniel... *it's TIME!*

*What if Tacoma were a ghost town for 70 years?*



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Dan 9:3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God *to seek Him by prayer and supplications,* with fasting, *sackcloth,* and *ashes.*



*By prayer*: He's been praying 3 times a day. (Dan 6:10, 13)

*Sackcloth*: rough material for an emblem of *mourning*, often worn about the hips. *Barnes*

*Ashes*: Worn on the forehead as a sign of distress. *UBS*

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## Daniel's Prayer: v.4-19

Confession of Sins of the Nation v.4-10

Dan 9:4 “ O Lord, the great and awesome God, *who keeps His covenant* and lovingkindness..”

God keeps His end of the bargain! (Neh 1:5)

v5 “*We have sinned*, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, & rebelled, even turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.”

Neh 1:6 -7 “*Confessing the sins of the sons of Israel* which we have sinned ... We have acted very corruptly .. not kept commandments..” (Zeph 3:3-4)



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Daniel's Prayer: The *Curses* v.11-14

Dan 9:11 All Israel has transgressed Thy law and turned aside, not obeying Thy voice; **so the curse has been poured out on us**, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

Dan 9:12 "Thus He has **confirmed His words** which He had spoken against us ..."

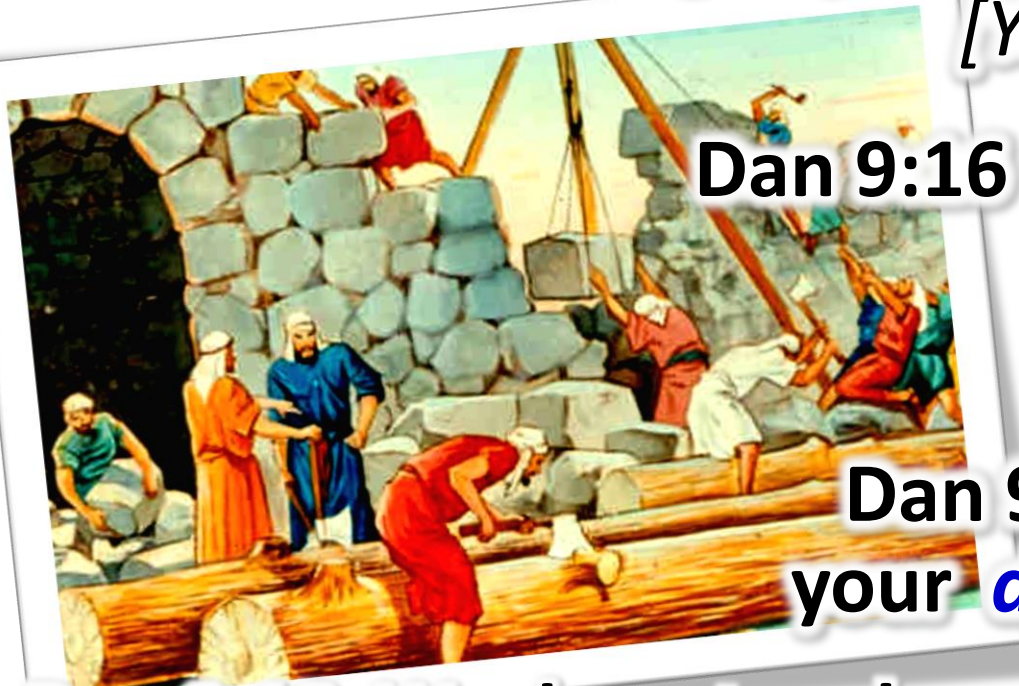
(Deut 28:15, 20 -21, 46 -47)

"Until He has **consumed you** from this land..."

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Daniel's Prayer: *Rebuild Jerusalem* v.15-19

Dan 9:15 *You brought* your people out of Egypt. *NIV*  
[*You have the Power*]



Dan 9:16 *Turn away your anger from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill.* *NIV*

Dan 9:17 Look with favor on your *desolate sanctuary.* *NIV*

Dan 9:18 We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, *but because of your great mercy...*  
*Act! For your sake, O my God (see PS 23:3)*

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## *Vision of Gabriel: v.20 -23*

Dan 9:21 “While I was still speaking in prayer, then the *man Gabriel*, whom I had seen in the vision previously...” (Dan 8:15-17; Lk 1:19)



v21 “*Time of the evening offering: 3pm* (Acts 3:1)

v23 Said: “*At the beginning of your supplications..*”  
God began to answer his prayer for Jeru immediately

v23 “*You are highly esteemed.*” What do elders think about your goals? What does God & angels think?



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***Answer to Daniel's Prayer: v.24 -27***

Dan 9:24 "***Seventy weeks*** have been decreed for your people and your holy city."

- a) 70 weeks is ***cannot*** be literal.
- b) That allows only ***1 yr 4 mo.***
- c) But command to rebuild ***Jeru***  
***till Messiah*** requires ***500 yrs. (v.25)***
- d) Jerome knew of ***9 different***  
interpretations!
- e) The answer is contained in ***4 verses.***



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**Dan 9:24 *Have been decreed:***

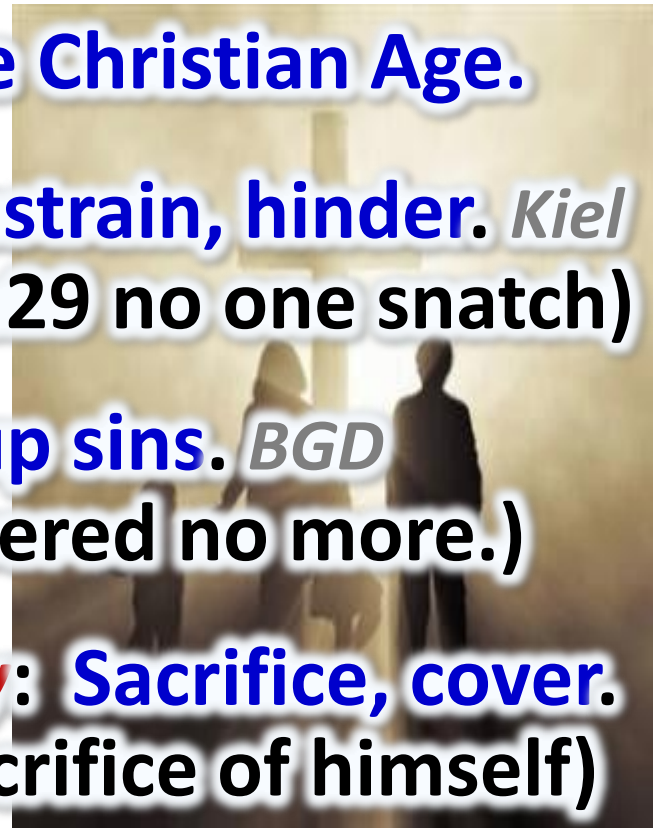
**6 Items are fulfilled in *Christ*.**

**This sets Time fulfilment in the Christian Age.**

**#1 *To finish Transgression:* To restrain, hinder. *Kiel*  
(1 Cor 10:13 escape; John 10:29 no one snatch)**

**#2 *Make an end of sin:* To seal up sins. *BGD*  
(Jer 31:34 Their sins remembered no more.)**

**#3 *Make Atonement for inequity:* Sacrifice, cover.  
(Heb 9:26 Put away sin by sacrifice of himself)**



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**Dan 9:24 *Have been decreed:***

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**#4 *To bring in everlasting righteousness.***

**(2 Tim 4:8) Crown of righteousness.. award**

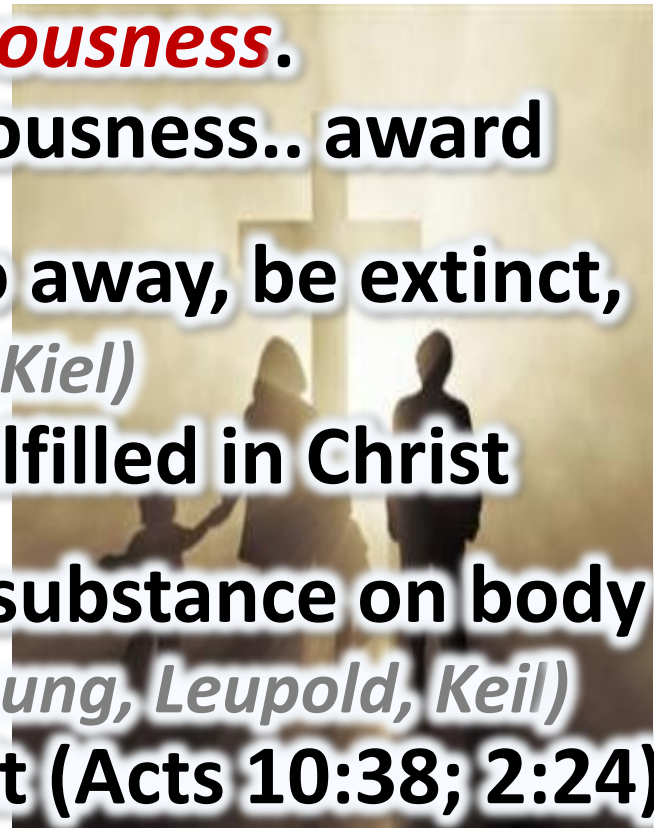
**#5 *Seal up vision & prophesy.* Do away, be extinct,  
dispose of. *(Young, Leupold, Kiel)***

**(Luke 24:44) Prophecy is fulfilled in Christ**

**#6 *Anoint the Most Holy.* Pour a substance on body**

**Referring to Messiah *(Pulpit, Young, Leupold, Keil)***

**Jesus anointed with Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38; 2:24)**



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Dan 9:24 "***Seventy weeks*** are decreed for your people and your holy city..."

## ***Possibilities:***

**#1 If literal** 70 wks then 1.4 years Daniel to Christ!

**#2 If Day-Year theory** (70 wks x 7 days = 490 days)

- Then switch the days to years = 490 years.
- Cyrus command to rebuild 536BC (***Ezra 1:3***)
- Christian Age didn't begin 46BC (536-490yrs)

**#3 If figurative**—Seven Prophetic Events, Not years.

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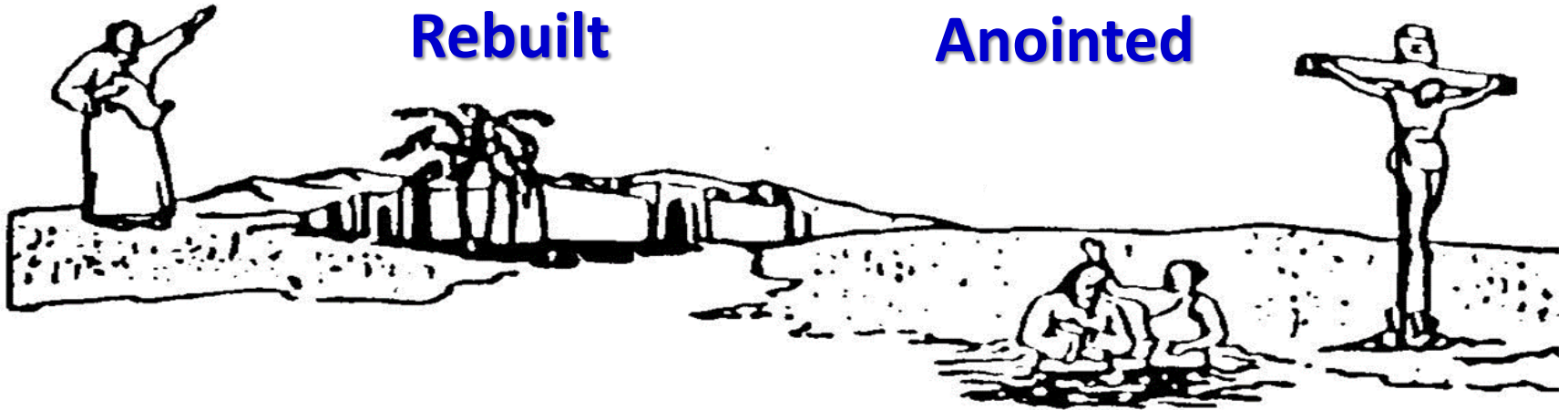
**Dan 9:25** From the issuing of a decree ***to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince*** there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks

**Command**

**Jerusalem  
Rebuilt**

**Messiah  
Anointed**

**Cut off**



**7 Times  
Weeks**

**62 Times / Weeks**

**1 Time / Week**

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***Answer to Daniel's Prayer: v.24 -27***

**Dan 9:26**

**“Then after  
the sixty-two  
weeks the  
*Messiah will  
be cut off ..”***

**Prophecy of  
*Jesus Death***

**Isa 53:8;  
Mt 16:21.**



**v26<sup>b</sup> “Will have nothing..”**

**No kingdom, no territory, no  
power, no confident subjects.**

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**9:26<sup>c</sup> *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.**

***General Titus* & Roman Army  
of Emperor Vespasian.**

***70,000 Roman soldiers*  
against 30,000 defenders**

**Josephus says *a million people were killed* during  
the siege and 97,000 were captured & enslaved.**



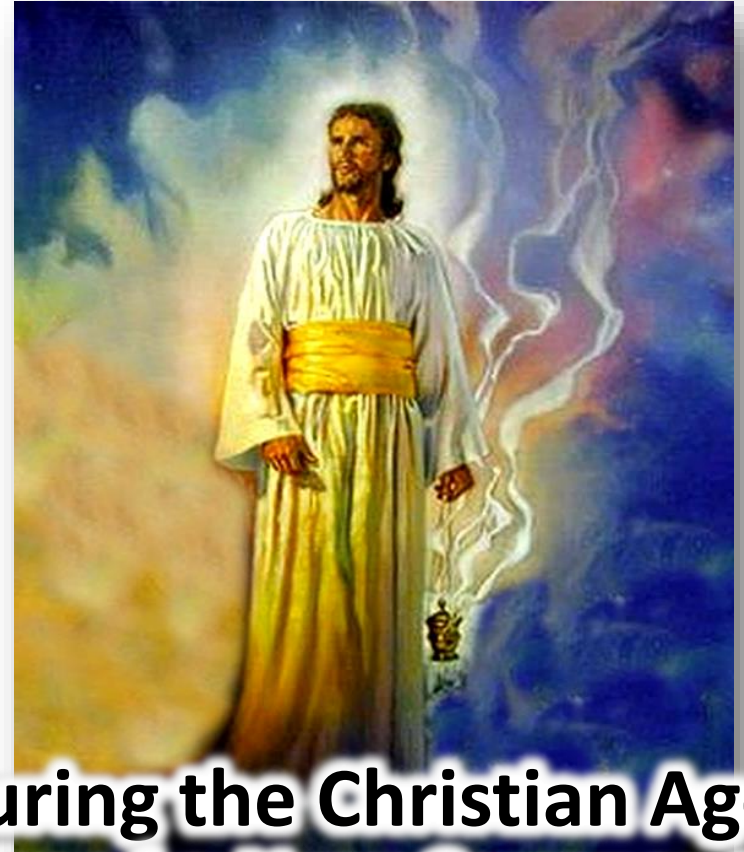
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*Answer to Daniel's Prayer: v.24 -27*

27<sup>a</sup> "And He will make a firm covenant with the many for one week.

CEV wrongly translates this as "*This Foreigner*"

But the context better fits v26 "*The Messiah*"



This is Jesus' **New Covenant** during the Christian Age.  
Heb 12:24 "Jesus, the mediator of a **New Covenant**"  
See also (Heb 2:22 and 8:6) "Better Covenant."



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***Answer to Daniel's Prayer: v.24 -27***

v27<sup>b</sup> But in the middle of the week he will  
***put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering.***

Jesus put a stop to the Old  
Covenant Sacrifice by the  
Sacrifice of His own body.



Heb 8:13 When He said, "A new covenant," He  
***has made the first obsolete.*** But whatever is  
becoming obsolete and growing old  
***is ready to disappear.***

Heb 10:12 He offered one sacrifice for sins ***for all time.***

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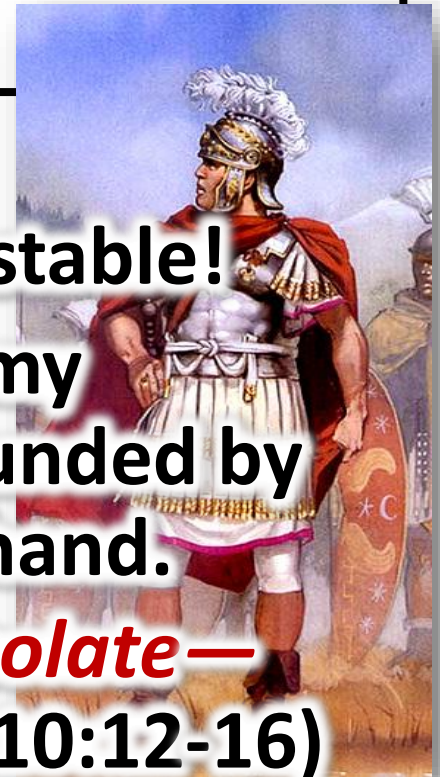
v27<sup>c</sup> and on the wing *of abominations* will come one *who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction*, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

*On the wing*— implies speed.

*Abominations*— Loathed, hated, detestable!

*One who makes desolate*— Roman Army (Mat 24:15; Lk 21:20) Jerusalem surrounded by armies, recognize her *desolation* is at hand.

*Poured out on the One who makes desolate*— Romans will fall to barbarians. (Cf Isa 10:12-16)



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*God's Answer to Daniel's Prayer* 9:24-27

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- 1. Yes, Jerusalem will be rebuilt.**
  - 2. Yes, the Temple will be restored.**
  - 3. Messiah will come and be killed.**
  - 4. Jerusalem will be destroyed again.**
  - 5. The OT sacrifices will come to end.**
  - 6. But there will be a New Covenant that will last throughout the Christian Age!**