

# Daniel 9

The Backbone Prophecy







# Significant Aspects & Lessons

- Proper prayer
- Lynchpin prophecy



<u>Date</u>	<u>Historical</u>	<u>Prophetic</u>
605 BC	Chapter 1	
602 BC	Chapter 2	
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539 BC		Chapter 12

Aramaic Language



1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. 6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

**Q: What year is Daniel talking about?**

A: Darius is a title, not a person. This is referring to Cyrus, who made king in 539 BC, right after Belteshazzar fell.

**Q: What prophesy by Jeremiah is Daniel referring to?**

A: [Jeremiah](#)

**Q: How much time had elapsed since the deportation?**

A: From Daniel's capture, 67 years

**Q: How did Daniel pray?**

1. Earnestly in self denial - fasting, in sackcloth and ashes
2. Though he had not been a cause of the deportation, he included himself with his people. "We"
3. Dependent on God's character, for His glory

**Q: What are the elements of Daniels prayer?**

1. Confession of sin
2. Acknowledgement that sin had caused their situation
3. Plea for Gods mercy

8 "O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. 10 We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. 12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. 14 Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

**Q: Had deported Jews turned from their wicked ways?**

A: No (v13)

**Q: Was God's punishment just?**

A: Yes, Daniel acknowledges God has acted righteously (v14)

16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. 17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

**Q: What is Daniel's plea?**

1. To God's Mercy
2. To restore Jerusalem and His good name on earth



20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, 21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. 23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

24 "Seventy weeks are determined  
For your people and for your holy city,  
To finish the transgression,  
To make an end of sins,  
To make reconciliation for iniquity,  
To bring in everlasting righteousness,  
To seal up vision and prophecy,  
And to anoint the Most Holy.



**Q: How long did Gabriel take to get to Daniel?**

A: Flying swiftly, it took from the time Daniel started praying until evening.

**Q: Why was Daniel greatly loved?**

A: The text doesn't specifically say. However, Daniel was steadfastly faithful, greatly concerned for his people and for God's honor.

**Q: Are these actual weeks?**

A: The language indicates "units". These are 70 years of weeks.

**Q: What are the purposes of the 70 years?**

The first 3 relate to sin:

1. Finish transgression – End Israel's apostasy habits
2. Make an end to sin – To judge it with finality
3. Reconcile iniquity – Atoning sinful man to Himself (v26)

The second 3 relate to righteousness

1. Everlasting righteousness – Can only occur with Messiah's rule and reign forever
2. Seal up prophecy – No future revelation would be necessary or given
3. Anoint the Most Holy – Consecrate the Holy Temple forever

25 "Know therefore and understand,  
That from the going forth of the command  
To restore and build Jerusalem  
Until Messiah the Prince,  
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;  
The street shall be built again, and the wall,  
Even in troublesome times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks  
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;  
And the people of the prince who is to come  
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.  
The end of it shall be with a flood,  
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

But in the middle of the week  
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.  
And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,  
Even until the consummation, which is determined,  
Is poured out on the desolate."

**Q: What are the first 7 weeks (years) attributed to?**

A: Rebuilding Jerusalem

**Q: When does this cycle begin?**

1. Artaxerxes decree to rebuild Jerusalem – 445BC
2. Nehemiah's departure from Babylon
3. Completion of temple and walls -

[Around 445-448 BC](#)    [70 Weeks Timeline](#)

**Q: When was Messiah cut off (not for Himself) v26?**

A: After 62 weeks of years (483 years) at Christ's crucifixion (30-33 AD),

**Q: When was Jerusalem cut off with a flood?**

A: It is a flood of the enemy, see Isaiah 59:19

**Q: What occurs in the last week of 7 years?**

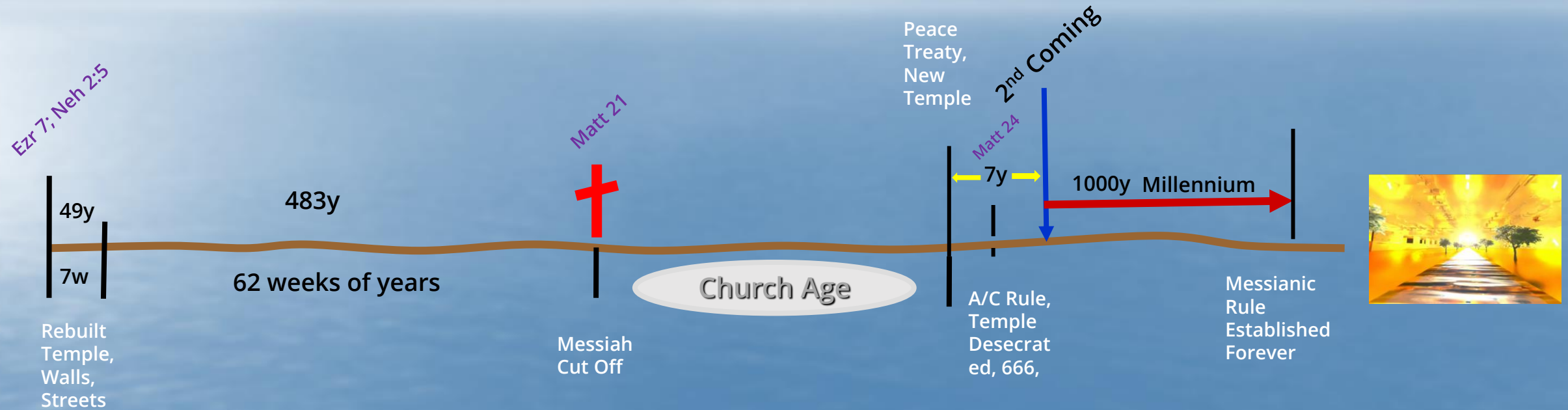
A: Peace treaty is signed (v27), then tribulation, which is interrupted after first 3.5 years

**Q: Has a 7 year peace treaty been signed with Isreal?"**

A: Not yet!



# 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL 9



1 Unit (week - 7 days) = 7 Years

*Dan 5:18-19  
Jer 27:5-11*

*Dan 5:28*

*Alexander  
The "Great"*

*Latter Days*

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD	BABYLON BC 605 - 539	LION	NONE	NONE
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA BC 539 - 331	REAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS	FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)
BRASS	GREECE BC 331 - 168	LEOPARD	HE GOAT	MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)
IRON	ROME BC 168 - AD 476	FIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS	LITTLE HORN GREAT	KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-39)
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY	TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)

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# Jeremiah 25

- 11 And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- 12 'Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,' says the LORD; 'and I will make it a perpetual desolation. 13 So I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all the nations. 14 (For many nations and great kings shall be served by them also; and I will repay them according to their deeds and according to the works of their own hands.)' ”

# Jeremiah 29

10 For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.



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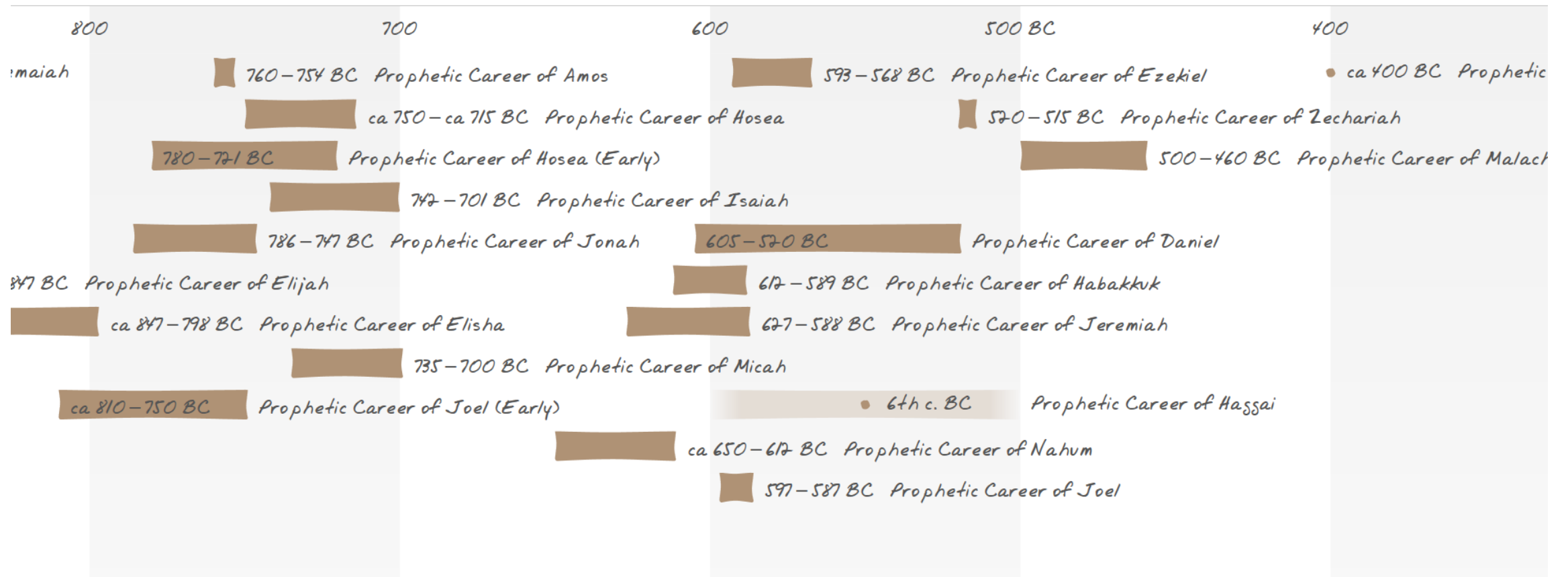


# Appendix





- Writer – “God is my Judge” (Daniel Himself)
- Historical Timeline
  - 605 BC – 535 BC
  - Daniel was in first set of 3 exile events
  - 605 (Daniel)
  - 597 (Ezekiel)
  - 586 BC
- When – Written between 536 and 530 BC
- Why Exile?
  - Judah’s ongoing sin
  - Israel had fallen to Assyria in 722 BC
  - **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah warnings ignored**
- Language – 2:4 – 7:28 Aramaic, international language
- Purpose(s)
  - Encouragement and prophesy
  - During Successive gentile domination until Messiah’s return
  - Display of Gods sovereignty
  - Major display of miracles





# Deportations of the Israelites and Returns

- 605 BC
- 597 BC
- 586 BC

