



# Daniel 9

## Daniel's 70 Weeks



# Daniel 9:20-23

- ◆ 20 And whiles I was speaking, and 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 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
- ◆ 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.
- ◆ 23 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 consider the vision.



- ◆ “evening oblation” — time of the evening sacrifice
  - ◆ even though there was no temple in Jerusalem, for Daniel this was an established time by God to offer sacrifice to Him and it was Daniel’s mentality to pray and offer sacrifice of praise at this time of day — temple or no temple — his body was in Babylon but his mind and heart were in Jerusalem
- ◆ “beloved”
  - ◆ Gen 18, Jn 14 - Abraham and Jesus’ disciples are considered “friends” and they receive prophetic insights, but Daniel and John are “beloved” and they receive apocalyptic details



# Daniel 9:24

- ◆ 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 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.



- ◆ “weeks” = “sevens” — Gabriel was speaking about seventy periods of 7 years, or 490 years
- ◆ these years relate specifically to Daniel’s people, the Jews, and their Holy City, Jerusalem
- ◆ in this prayer Daniel’s great concern was that his people be forgiven their sins against the Lord, the city be rebuilt and the temple restored



- ◆ during these 490 years, the Lord would accomplish six specific purposes for the Jewish people
- ◆ the first three have to do with sin and the last three with righteousness:
  - ◆ finish the transgression — the transgression of the Jewish people
  - ◆ make an end of sins — Israel's national sins
  - ◆ reconciliation for iniquity — by offering a sacrifice that would atone for their sin — Jesus Christ



- ◆ when Christ died on the cross it was for the sins of the whole world (1 Jn 2:2); therefore we can proclaim the good news of the Gospel to sinners everywhere
- ◆ He died for the church (Ephesians 5:25)
- ◆ He died for the people of Israel (Isaiah 53:8 — ...for the transgression of my people was he stricken.)
- ◆ He died for sinners of every tribe and nation (Rev. 5:9, 7:9) but in a very special way He died for His own people, the Jewish nation (Jn 11:44-52)



- ◆ the last three divine purposes focus on righteousness and the future kingdom of Messiah
- ◆ when Jesus returns He will establish His righteous kingdom (Jer. 23:5-6; 31:31-34) and rule in righteousness (Isa 4:2-6)
- ◆ in that day, the OT prophecies of Israel's glorious kingdom will be fulfilled, and there will be no need for visions or prophets
- ◆ "to anoint the most Holy" refers to the sanctifying of the future temple that is described in Ezekiel 40-48



- ◆ these six purposes declare the answers to Daniel's prayer!
- ◆ Ultimately, Israel's sins will be forgiven (Zech 12:10-13:1)
- ◆ the city of Jerusalem will be rebuilt
- ◆ the temple and its ministry will be restored — all because of the atoning death of Jesus Christ on the cross
- ◆ all of these accomplishments will be fulfilled during the 490 years that Gabriel goes on to explain



# Daniel 9:25

- ◆ 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto 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.



- ◆ we will be looking at a period of 483 years (7 “weeks” and 62 “weeks”) (9:24)
- ◆  $7 + 62 = 69$  weeks
- ◆  $69 \times 7 = 483$  years
  - ◆ the 70th week of Daniel has not been fulfilled as of yet



- ◆ decree to rebuild Jerusalem:

- ◆ Cyrus, 537 BC — Ezra 1:2-4

- ◆ Darius — Ezra 6:1-5, 8, 12

- ◆ Artaxerxes, 458 BC — Ezra 7:11-26

- ◆ Artaxerxes, 445 BC — Neh 2:5-8, 17, 18

- ◆ the first three deal with the Temple, the last one was to rebuild the city, the walls, etc

- ◆ this is the one we're interested in because it fulfills Daniel 9:25

- ◆ we have a date of when this decree was issued



- ◆ March 14, 445 BC
- ◆ 360 day years
- ◆  $7 + 62 = 69$
- ◆  $69 \times 7 = 483$
- ◆  $483 \times 360 = 173,880$  days
- ◆ Daniel was given the exact day that the Messiah would appear on the scene
- ◆ 173,880 from the decree of Artaxerxes on March 14, 445 bring you to April 6, 32 AD (31 AD?)



- ◆ this prediction of Daniel is to the presentation of the Messiah the King
- ◆ on several occasions in the NT when they attempted to take Jesus as a King, He invariably declined, "Mine hour is not yet come." (Jn 6:15; 7:30, 44)
- ◆ then one day, He arranges it

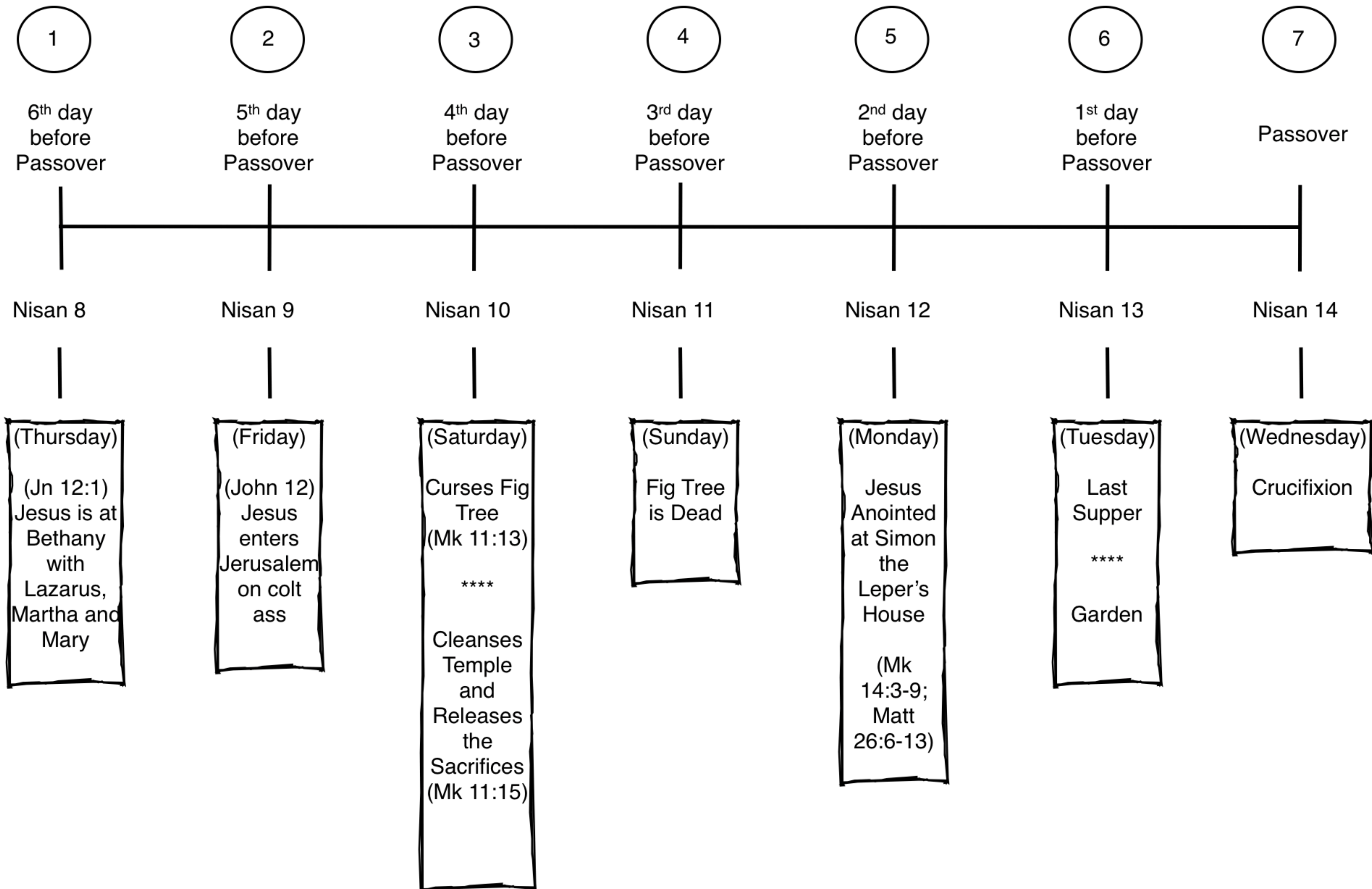


- ◆ The Triumphal Entry

- ◆ Zechariah 9:9 — Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
- ◆ all four Gospels recored this for us



## John 12:1 -- Six Days Before Passover





- ◆ if we go forward from the decree to rebuild the city and wall 173,880 it takes us to the day that Jesus comes into the city of Jerusalem riding on a colt ass
- ◆ Luke 19:38 — 38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
- ◆ they were singing Psalm 118
  - ◆ 118:24-26 — 24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.



- ◆ Luke 19:39 — And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.
- ◆ the Pharisees wanted the multitude to be quiet because they knew this prophecy and they knew that they were declaring Him the Messiah
- ◆ Jesus' reply to them? — Luke 19:40 — And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.



- ◆ Judgment is now declared

- ◆ Luke 19:41-44 — 41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.



# Daniel 9:26-27

Who is the "he?"



# Daniel 9:25

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# Daniel 9:26-27

- ◆ 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, 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 confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice 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.



- ◆ we have determined how Christ, the Messiah, was “cut off” at the end of 69 weeks
- ◆ notice, He was not cut off for Himself, but for us



- ◆ Daniel 9:26
- ◆ ...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
- ◆ these are the Romans that destroyed the Temple in 70 AD and their ruler, Titus Vespasian



- ◆ between 9:26 and 9:27 there is a pause, a break, an interval, a time period that is not detailed for us in Daniel
- ◆ it's a time between the 69th week and the 70th week
- ◆ many believe that we are at this point right now in history, closing in on the 70th week



- ◆ Rabbis recognize that this verse is Messianic
- ◆ between verses 9:25-9:26 it teaches us that the Messiah would be killed before the destruction of the Temple — that happened in 70 AD — and there is only one that qualifies as a candidate — Jesus Christ
- ◆ Midrash Berishit, Warsaw edition, p. 243 — Messiah to exit prior to AD 33 (Yakov Prasch)



- ◆ the Jewish nation has been blinded — Luke 19:42 — Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
- ◆ for how long?
- ◆ Romans 11:25 — For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in



- ◆ what is this “interval?”
- ◆ the church
- ◆ from Luke 19:42-Romans 11:25 is the interval of the church
- ◆ this era was kept secret in the OT
- ◆ Paul’s greatest privilege — Ephesians 3:5, 9 — “Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:



- ◆ Ephesians 3:9-12

- ◆ 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.



- ◆ the church is a body concept — Eph 3:3-5, 9
- ◆ the church indwells every believer — Col 1:26-27
- ◆ the church represents the one “new man” — Eph 2:15



- ◆ the interval

- ◆ Gabriel assured Daniel that the nation of Israel would be restored to their land, the city of Jerusalem and the temple would be rebuilt and God would make provision for the cleansing of the nation
- ◆ this interval has to do with the church, the body of Christ, which was a mystery God had hidden in the OT and didn't reveal until Christ and the apostles



- ◆ Daniel wasn't told that the rejection of the Messiah would bring about a new thing, a spiritual body that would include Jews and Gentiles and in which all natural differences would be unimportant (Eph 2:11-22; Gal 3:22-29)
- ◆ we are living today in the age of the church, when Israel has been partially blinded (Rom 9-11)
- ◆ we must have a heart concern for the Jewish people, pray for them, and seek to share the gospel with them
- ◆ Gentile believers have a debt to the people of Israel (Rom 15:24-27)
  - ◆ they gave us the knowledge of the true and living God, the inspired written Scriptures, and the Savior, Jesus Christ



# Daniel 9:27

- ♦ 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice 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.



- ◆ who is the “he” of this verse?
- ◆ let's take the traditional viewpoint and then let's look at this in a different light



- ◆ Traditional teaching
  - ◆ “the prince that shall come”
    - ◆ usually referred to as the antichrist
    - ◆ this talks about the final 7 years of history, also known as Daniel’s 70th week and the tribulation, or the “day of the Lord,” which introduces a time of terrible suffering that will climax with the return of Jesus Christ



- ◆ the event that triggers this last seven-year period is the signing of a covenant (peace treaty) between the Antichrist and the Jewish nation
- ◆ at this time, the antichrist is a key political figure in Europe — one of the 10 toes of the image in Daniel 2 and the “little horn” who emerges from the 10 horns (7:8)
- ◆ he covenants to protect the Jews from their enemies, probably so they can build their temple and restore their sacrifices
- ◆ the spiritually blind Jewish leaders, ignorant of their own Scriptures, will gladly enter into the covenant



- ◆ after 3 1/2 years the Antichrist will break the covenant, seize the temple and put his own image there, and will force the world to worship him
- ◆ this is the “abomination of desolation” that Jesus spoke about that marks the midpoint of the tribulation period
- ◆ the “man of sin” and “son of perdition” will now reveal himself as a tool of Satan and a cruel world dictator
- ◆ Christ will defeat him when He returns to establish His kingdom



- ◆ while I agree with parts of this, we need to look again at Daniel 9:27 (NASB)
- ◆ And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; 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.”



- ◆ Daniel 9:26 — it's referring to the past; it has already happened (the Romans)
- ◆ Daniel 9:27 — it's referring to the future (coming world leader)
  - ◆ (both verses would have been future from Daniel's perspective but not from ours)
- ◆ I don't believe that the "prince" of 9:26 is the "he" of 9:27



- ◆ is Daniel 9:27 the 70th week?
- ◆ it's a week of 7 years
  - ◆ that's 2520 days
- ◆ the verse tells us that in the "middle of the week"
- ◆ that would be 1260 days, 42 months
  - ◆ ref: Dan 12:7; Rev 11:2; 13:5; Rev 11:3; Dan 12:6; Dan 9:27



- ◆ it's a covenant with "many"
- ◆ not with "Israel" in particular and not a "peace treaty," as many have taught
  - ◆ "covenant" = treaty, alliance, pledge
- ◆ this is an agreement, covenant, that must be made with one of the nations that has come against Israel throughout history



- ◆ let's look at the Iran nuclear deal:
- ◆ is an agreement on the Iranian nuclear program reached in Vienna on 14 July 2015 between Iran, the P5+1 (the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council—China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, United States—plus Germany), and the European Union.



- ◆ May 9, 2018 — Headline (BBC) — Iran nuclear deal: Trump pulls US out in break with Europe allies
- ◆ America officially came out of the agreement on May 8, 2018 ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United States withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_withdrawal_from_the_Joint_Comprehensive_Plan_of_Action))
- ◆ out of curiosity, I decided to go back 1260 days, which took me to Tuesday, November 25, 2014
- ◆ being curious, I wanted to know what happened on that day in history



- ◆ Senator and Secretary of State, John Kerry, was in Vienna trying to seal the deal on the Iran nuclear deal
- ◆ he left Vienna on November 24, 2014
- ◆ this date was exactly 1260 days before the US pulled out of the agreement
- ◆ they were not able to solidify the deal in Vienna, but it had begun, marking the beginning of it
- ◆ they would complete this deal under an extension from the Vienna meeting — July 14, 2015
- ◆ Wikipedia — In July 2015, an agreement was concluded with [Iran](#), [China](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Russia](#), the [United Kingdom](#), the [United States](#) and the European Union. It provided that Iran's nuclear activities would be limited in exchange for reduced sanctions



- ◆ SUNSET SATURDAY, JULY 4 (2015): A solemn period including a time of fasting begins for Jews around the world tonight in a tradition known as: "the Three Weeks." Beginning on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month of Tammuz, and ending on Tisha B'Av, Jews lament the destruction of the First and Second Temples and historical misfortunes of the Jewish people. (<https://www.readthespirit.com/religious-holidays-festivals/the-three-weeks-jews-enter-period-of-mourning-for-the-temples/>)



- ◆ the Iran deal was put into effect on July 14, 2015 — 10 days into the Jew's mourning period for their temple
- ◆ It had 60 days to be voted down by Congress and they tried twice but couldn't knock it out and it became valid/active on Sept 13, 2015 which was Feast of Trumpets



- ◆ President Obama gave Iran \$150 billion, \$1.8 billion in cash



- ◆ let's go back to the Scripture (Daniel 9:27)
- ◆ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:  
and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and  
the oblation to cease
- ◆ let's talk about the "midst of the week"



- ◆ we know that is 1260 days, which we established that's when president Trump decided to pull out of the Iran agreement
- ◆ The US Treasury said economic sanctions would not be reimposed on Iran immediately, but would be subject to 90-day and 180-day wind-down periods (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-44045957>)



- ◆ President Trump pulled out on May 8, 2018 and 180 days later takes us to November 5, 2018
- ◆ shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation (grain offering) to cease
  - ◆ President Obama gave billions to Iran (Persia)
  - ◆ the prophecy says the "he" (world ruler, not man, but office held) would cause the sacrifice and offering to cease
    - ◆ sacrifice — the \$150 billion
    - ◆ offering — new sanctions placed by President Trump
      - ◆ monies into Iran had ceased after they had begun 3 1/2 years earlier



- ◆ now, let's go forward 1260 days from November 5, 2018
- ◆ it brings us to April 18, 2022
  - ◆ this happens to be the 3rd day of Pesach (Passover)
  - ◆ that just happens to be the day of Resurrection



- ◆ Let's look at the verse one more time
- ◆ 9:27 (NASB) — And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of <sup>[ae]</sup>abominations will come one who <sup>[af]</sup>makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who <sup>[ag]</sup>makes desolate.”

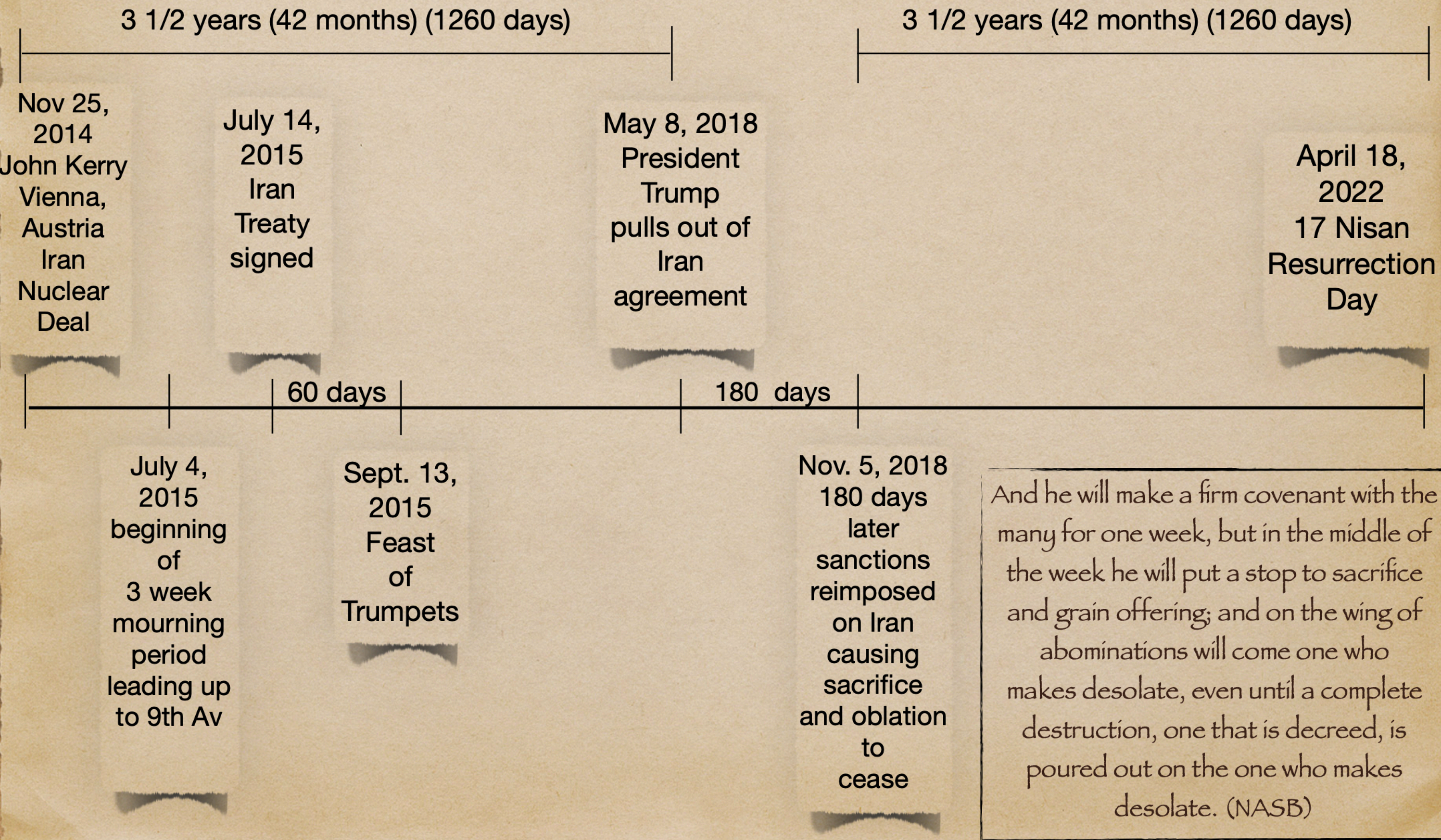


- ◆ there are three men in this verse
- ◆ one that makes a covenant with many for one week and one on the wing of abominations that will come who makes desolate
- ◆ Kevin's opinion:
  - ◆ "he" — world leaders
  - ◆ "one who makes desolate" — antichrist



# Daniel 9:27

7 years  
(2520 days)





# Christian Widener

Witnessing the End



- ◆ Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent (Turkey) rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem from 1535-1541, by decree



- ◆ another decree?

- ◆ Isaiah 60:10a — Foreigners will come to rebuild your towns, and their kings will serve you.
- ◆ during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, only the Jews rebuilt, but Suleiman was not Jewish (did he fulfill Is 60:10?) — he treated the Jews well while they were persecuted in other parts of the world (ex. Spain)



- ◆ Daniel 9:25 (NASB) — So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a [a]decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.
- ◆ stones around the moat are same stones from the Temple Mount (possibly from Solomon's time)
- ◆ Suleiman placed a stone plaque for the decree
- ◆  $1537 + 483 = 2020$



## And it has a plaque



- “The order to construct this tower for protection of the Islamic walls by his power and duration of his reign, and to dispose of the favouring idols by his force and strength, the One that did Allah especially elected to rule the neck of the Kings in the World, the possessor in chain of the throne of Caliphate, Sultan son of Sultan, son of Sultan, Son of Sultan, Süleyman...”

• Tütüncü, *Turkish Jerusalem*, “Figure 009, Cat. 7B-Cat. 40.”; p. 45. Photo by Max van Berchem (circa 1898).



# The Temple Mount Plaque

- *"He has ordered the construction of this blessed Sabil, our Master, the Sultan, the greatest Sultan and the honourable Hakan, who rules the necks of the nations, the Sultan of the lands of Rum, the Arabs and Persians (ajams), the Sultan Süleyman, son of Sultan Selim Khan, may Allah perpetuate his reign and his sultanate, On the date of Hijra of the Prophet at the beginning of Shaban the blessed in the year 943. And blessings be upon Muhammed and upon his followers."*
- *The Gregorian date of the decree is the 13<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 1537.*
- Tutüncü. *Turkish Jerusalem*, 74.





## Two Appearances?

- Daniel 9:25 Declares 7 and 62 weeks until MESSIAH PRINCE — two titles.
- Daniel 9:26 Says the MESSIAH will be cut off and the people of the PRINCE will destroy the city and the sanctuary, i.e. the Antichrist, not Jesus.
- Possible Interpretation: There are TWO seventy sevens, one for each appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# Two Seventy Sevens

