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Daniel 9 - The Seventy Weeks

DANIEL 9:25-27

King James Translation

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild 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.

²⁶ **And after threescore and two weeks shall the 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.

LEVITICUS 25:1-3, 20-23

¹ And the L-rd spoke unto Moses in mount Sinai saying:

² "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, 'When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a Sabbath unto the L-rd.

³ Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

²⁰ But in the seventh year it shall be a Sabbath of rest for the land, a sabbath of rest for the L-rd: you shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard.

²¹ And if you shall say, 'What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:'

²² Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

²³ And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.

DANIEL 9:25-26 - JEWISH TRANSLATION

25 And you shall know and comprehend: From the going forth of the **word** to return and rebuild Jerusalem until **an anointed prince** will be seven weeks; and for sixty two weeks it will be rebuilt, street and moat, but in troubled times.

26 And after **the** sixty two weeks **an anointed one** will be **cut off** and will be no more; the people of the prince who comes will destroy the city and the Sanctuary, but his end shall come like a flood. Until the end of war, desolation is decreed.

כ"ה וְתִדַּע וְתִשְׁכַּח מִן מוֹצֵא דְבַר לְהָשִׁיב וְלִבְנוֹת יְרוּשָׁלַם עַד מְשִׁיחַ נְגִיד שְׁבַעִים שְׁבַעֵה וְשְׁבַעִים
שָׁשִׁים וְשָׁנַיִם תָּשׁוּב וְנִבְנְתָה רְחוֹב וְחָרוֹץ וּבְצוֹק הָעֵתִים:
כ"ו וְאַחֲרֵי הַשְׁבַּעִים שָׁשִׁים וְשָׁנַיִם יִכָּרֵת מְשִׁיחַ וְאִין לוֹ וְהָעִיר וְהַקִּדְשׁ יִשְׁחָתוּ עִם נְגִיד הַבָּא וְקִצּוֹ
בְּשֹׁטֵף וְעַד קֵץ מַלְחָמָה נִחְרָצֶת שְׁמֹמֹת:

GENESIS 5:27

And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred **sixty and nine** years; and he died.

וַיְהִיו כָּל יְמֵי מֶתוּשֶׁלַח תְּשַׁע וְשָׁשִׁים וְשָׁנָה וְתֵשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:
and sixty nine

Christian translations of Daniel 9:25 accurately present the message of the angel Gabriel, indicating that there are two anointed ones spoken of in this verse.

<p>King James - 1611 Know therefore and vnderstand, that from the going foorth of the commandment to restore and to build Ierusalem, vnto the Messiah the Prince, shall be seuen weekes; and threescore and two weekes, the street shall be built againe, and the wall euen in troublous times.</p>	<p>King James - 1885 Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Anointed one, the prince, shall be seven weeks: and threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troubled times.</p>	<p>New American Bible Know then, and understand this: from the utterance of the word regarding the rebuilding of Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed and a leader, there shall be seven weeks. During sixty-two weeks it shall be rebuilt, with streets and trenches, in time of affliction.</p>
<p>Revised Standard Version Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in troubled time.</p>	<p>New Revised Standard Version Know therefore and understand: from the time that the word went out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the time of an anointed prince, there shall be seven weeks; and for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with streets and moat, but in a troubled time.</p>	<p>The Bible: A New Translation Know then, understand, that between the issue of the prophetic command to re-people and rebuild Jerusalem and the consecrating of a supreme high priest, seven weeks of years shall elapse; in the course of sixty-two weeks of years it shall be rebuilt, with its squares and streets.</p>
<p>New English Bible Know then understand: from the time that the word went forth that Jerusalem should be restored and rebuilt, seven weeks shall pass till the appearance of one anointed, a prince; then for sixty-two weeks it shall remain restored, rebuilt with streets and conduits.</p>	<p>The Anchor Bible Know then, and understand this: from the utterance of the word regarding the rebuilding of Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed leader there will be seven weeks. Then during sixty-two weeks it will be rebuilt, with its streets and moat, but in a time of distress.</p>	<p>Revised English Bible Know, then, and understand: from the time that the decree went forth that Jerusalem should be restored and rebuilt, seven of those seventy will pass till the appearance of one anointed, a prince; then for sixty-two it will remain restored, rebuilt with streets and conduits.</p>
<p>The Modern Readers Bible Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the anointed one, the prince, shall be seven weeks: and threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troublous times.</p>	<p>The Bible: An American Translation Learn, therefore, and understand: from the going forth of the word to restore and re-build Jerusalem, till there comes a prince, and anointed one, there shall be seven weeks; Then for sixty-two weeks it shall stay rebuilt, with its squares and streets;</p>	<p>The Good News Bible: Today's English Version Note this and understand it: From the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until G-d's chosen leader comes, seven times seven years will pass. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, and will stand for seven times sixty-two years, but this will be a time of troubles.</p>
<p>The International Critical Commentary And thou art to know and understand. From the issue of the word to build again Jerusalem unto an Anointed Prince seven weeks. And for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again, street and moat, but in distress of times.</p>	<p>The Expositor's Bible From the decree to restore Jerusalem unto the Anointed One (or 'the Messiah'), the Prince, shall be seven weeks. For sixty-two weeks Jerusalem shall be built again with street and moat, though in troublous times.</p>	<p>A New Commentary on Holy Scriptures The first period lasts seven weeks, and runs from the prophecy of the restoration to the coming of the anointed prince; the second period of sixty-two weeks is that during which the restoration is duly carried out.</p>

What does it mean to be “cut off”?

EXODUS 12:15

Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be **cut off** from Israel.

NUMBERS 9:13

But anyone who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet refrains from keeping the passover, shall be **cut off** from the people for not presenting the L-rd’s offering at its appointed time; such a one shall bear the consequences for the sin.

PSALM 37:28,38

²⁸ For the L-rd loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones. The righteous shall be kept safe forever, but the children of the wicked shall be **cut off**.

³⁸ But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the posterity of the wicked shall be **cut off**.

LEVITICUS 17:14

For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, you shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eats it shall be **cut off**.

HOSEA 8:4

They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be **cut off**.

OVADIAH 1:8-10

⁸ Shall I not in that day, says the L-rd, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

⁹ And your mighty men, I Teyman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be **cut off** by slaughter.

¹⁰ For your violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be **cut off** forever.

DANIEL 9 (1-14) - THE JEWISH TRANSLATION

¹ In the first year of Darius, son of Ahasuerus, by birth a Mede, who became king over the realm of the Chaldeans -

² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the L-rd to the prophet Jeremiah, must be fulfilled for the devastation of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

³ Then I turned to the L-rd G-d, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

⁴ I prayed to the L-rd my G-d and made confession, saying, “Ah, L-rd, great and awesome G-d, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments and ordinances,

⁵ we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances.

⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

- ⁷ “Righteousness is on your side, O L-rd, but open shame, as at this day, falls on us, the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you.
- ⁸ Open shame, O L-rd, falls on us, our kings, our officials, and our ancestors, because we have sinned against you.
- ⁹ To the L-rd our G-d belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him,
- ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the L-rd our G-d by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.
- ¹¹ “All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. So the curse and the oath written in the law of Moses, the servant of G-d, has been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against you.
- ¹² He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers, by bringing upon us a calamity so great that what has been done against Jerusalem has never before been done under the whole heaven.
- ¹³ Just as it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity come upon us. We did not entreat the favor of the L-rd our G-d, turning from our iniquities and reflecting on his fidelity.
- ¹⁴ So the L-rd kept watch over this calamity until he brought it upon us. Indeed, the L-rd our G-d is right in all that he has done; for we have disobeyed his voice.

The Timetable of Daniel 9

JEREMIAH 25:11-12

- ¹¹ And this whole land shall be desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- ¹² And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says the L-rd, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

JEREMIAH 29:10

- ¹⁰ For thus says the L-rd, that after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good **word** toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

DANIEL 12:4-9

- ⁴ But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
- ⁵ Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.
- "O my L-rd, what shall be the end of these things?"

Years from
Creation

3318	Nebuchadnezar becomes king of Babylon
3319	Babylon subjugates Jerusalem
3338	Nebuchadnezar destroys the Temple
3389	Darius the Mede kills Belshazar Daniel 9

It is eighteen years from the subjugation of Jerusalem until the destruction of the Temple.

Seventy years elapse from the subjugation of Jerusalem until Babylon is overthrown by Media, and the last king of Babylon reigns. This fulfills the prophecy of Jeremiah 25.

This is when Daniel writes chapter 9.

⁶ And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?"

⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that lives forever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

⁸ And I heard, but I understood not: then I said,

⁹ And he said, "Go your way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

NECHEMIAH 2:1, 7-8

¹ In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes when wine was served him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king.

⁷ Then I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province beyond the river, that they may grant me passage, until I arrive in Judah;

⁸ and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my G-d was upon me.

NECHEMIAH 3:13, 23, 28-30

¹³ Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate; they rebuilt it and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

²³ After them Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs opposite their house. After them Azariah son of Maaseiah son of Ananiah made repairs beside his own house.

²⁸ Above the Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each one opposite his own house.

²⁹ After them Zadok son of Immer made repairs opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, made repairs.

³⁰ After him Hananiah son of Shelemiah and Hanun sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam son of Berechiah made repairs opposite his living quarters.

Years since
Creation

3318	Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylon
3319	Nebuchadnezzar conquers Yehoyakin, and the Jewish land becomes a vassal state of Babylon
3327	Nebuchadnezzar exiles Jeconiah and the leading scholars
3338	Nebuchadnezzar destroys the Temple and exiles the remaining Jews
3363	Evil Merodach frees king Jeconiah
3386	Belshazzar becomes king of Babylon
3389	Belshazzar dates Jeremiah's "70 Weeks" from 3318, celebrates the "false prophecy" and is killed by Darius the Mede, who's reign lasts less than a year, and his son-in-law, Cyrus the Persian, whose reign lasts less than 3 years
3390	Cyrus orders construction of the Temple. It is now 70 years since the first stage of exile, G-d "remembered" Jerusalem, as per Jeremiah, but has not yet redeemed it.
3392	Achashverosh becomes king, and orders construction of the Temple to cease
3394	In the 3rd year of the reign of Achashverosh, he assumes the 70 years from the exile of Jeconiah are complete. (Only 67 full years have passed, but he counted a fraction as a full year.
3406	Achashverosh dies. His son Darius the Persian (son of Esther) becomes king. (Chagai and Zechariah prophesy that Zerubavel Yeshua should begin rebuilding the Temple. This is later ratified by Darius.)
3408	Darius orders the construction of the Temple to begin again, it is now 70 years since the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem.

It is now 444 BCE, the time of Nechemiah.

ISAIAH 44:28

That says of Cyrus, "He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, 'You shall be built'; and to the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

ISAIAH 45:1,13

¹ Thus says the L-rd to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him: and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut:

¹³ I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, says the L-rd of hosts.

EZRA 1:1-4

¹ Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the L-rd by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the L-rd stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

² "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia; the L-rd G-d of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

³ Who is there among you of all his people? his G-d be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the L-rd G-d of Israel, (he is the G-d) which is in Jerusalem.

⁴ And whosoever remains in any place where he travels, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of G-d that is in Jerusalem.