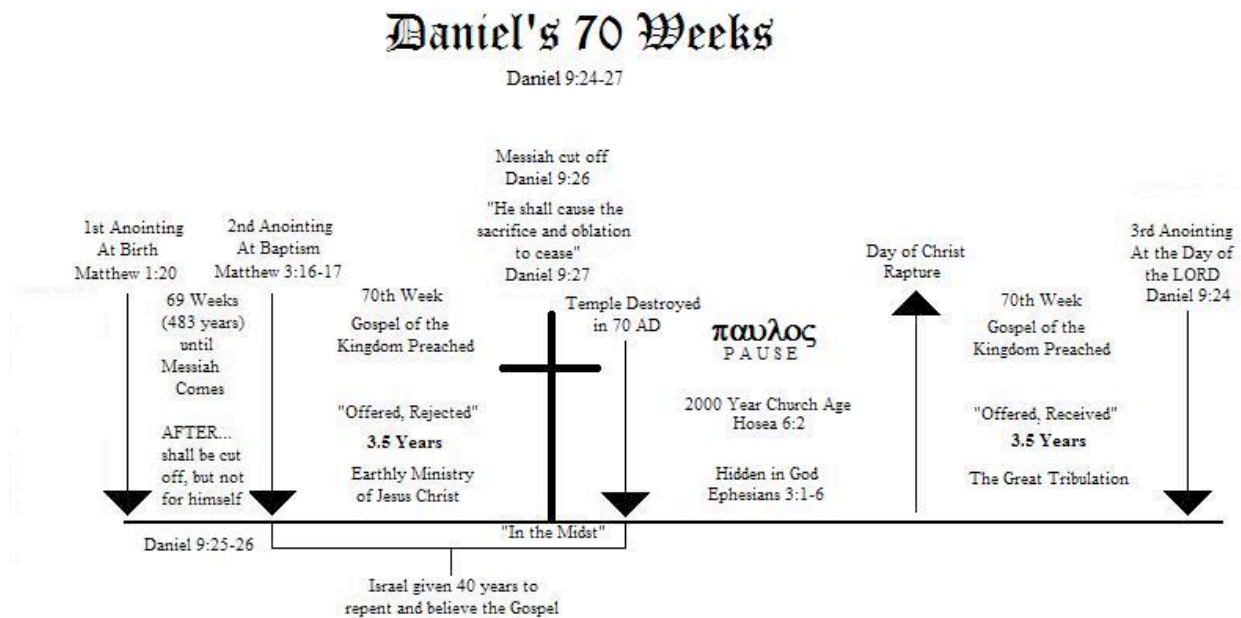


## DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS

### Introduction

The prophecy given unto Daniel by God is peradventure the greatest prophecy in all the Bible. This passage of Scripture *silences* the Jews and the Greeks. The last three verses of Daniel 9 reveal the exact time that would pass from the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah would come to his people. It plainly states that the Messiah would die for others and that the Romans would come and destroy the Temple and Jerusalem. It also states that the Messiah would put an end to the sacrifice and oblation and would make desolate the Temple (as he did to Solomon's) because of its abominations and that it would be left that way until the end of time.



**πΑΥΛΟΣ** This is Paul's name in Greek which means "to pause" (Acts 13:9)

There is a "pause" in Daniel's 70th week with the apostle to the Gentiles, Paul. God put on "pause" the last 3.5 years of Daniel's 70th week that he might take out from among the Gentiles a people for his name (Acts 15:14-18) due to the Jews' unbelief (Romans 11). After the fulness of the Gentiles come in (Romans 11:25-26), God will return to Israel and the final 3.5 years of Daniel's 70th week (also known as the great tribulation) will commence. At the end of the tribulation, the Lord Jesus Christ with his saints and angels come back to earth and destroy those which come against Israel (Zechariah 14) and the Lord will set up the kingdom of heaven: and he shall reign for ever, even for ever and ever. Amen.

**9:2** Daniel understood by reading Jeremiah, which was the word of God given to him that Jerusalem would be desolate for 70 years (Jeremiah 25:11-13, 29:10-14).

**9:3-19** Daniel's prayer unto the Lord.

3. He sought the Lord by *prayer, fasting, and repentance* (make reference to "Seek Ye Him" Bible study)

4-15 Confession

\*notice he starts of by declaring the glory and greatness of God (good way to start a prayer!)

5. We have sinned – how so – not keeping his precepts and judgments (his word)

6. We have not listened to the prophets (the word of the Lord again)

7-8. We have confusion (because of their sin against the Lord)

9. BUT there is mercy and forgiveness with God

9-11. We have not obeyed the Lord (by not walking in his law)

11-15. God brought the evil upon them according to the written word

-and God is justified in doing so!

#### 16-19 Plea for Mercy

16. Let your anger and fury be turned away

17. For your sake do these things (hear me)

18. We are not praying to thee for our righteousness, but for your great mercies (hear me)

19. Hear, forgive, and do: not because of use, but for your mercies sake, for the city and people called by your name – and that's it

#### **9:20-23** God's Response

20-21. While he was praying, Gabriel came to him at the evening sacrifice

22. Came to give Daniel skill and understanding

23. God heard him at the beginning and sent Gabriel to come and show him the vision. Daniel is greatly beloved.

#### **9:24-27** The Vision: The Greatest Prophecy in the Bible

24. 70 weeks (70 7's), or  $70 \times 7 = 490$ . 1 week can equal 7 years (Genesis 9:27, this is also the first mention).

490 years are determined upon the Israelites and upon Jerusalem for 6 purposes; to accomplish these 6 things. \*All of these things fulfilled in our around the person of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:10-11)

1. Finish the transgression

4. Bring in everlasting righteousness

2. Make an end of sins

5. Seal up the vision and prophecy

3. Make reconciliation for iniquity

6. Anoint the most Holy

3 ½ years (earthly ministry)

3 ½ years (tribulation)

Daniels 70 7's are broken up into three parts: 7 weeks (49 years), threescore and two weeks (62) (434 years), and one week (7 years) for a total of 490 years.

**25.** From the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince; it shall be 69 weeks or 483 years. From the time of the commandment 483 years would come to pass until the Messiah showed up! They *knew* when Messiah would come (if they believed like Daniel did concerning Jeremiah and 70 years of desolation) to Jerusalem. See Malachi 3:1. Notice these things would occur in troublous times: Ezra, Nehemiah, Maccabean period.

When was the commandment give?

The Lord stirred up the spirit of king Cyrus for an important purpose "that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished" (2 Chronicles 36:22-23, Ezra 1:1-3, Daniel 9:2). King Cyrus gave the commandment that ended the 70 years or captivity and sent the Jews back to Jerusalem to rebuild. The commandment God gave Cyrus caused the rebuilding of Jerusalem and not just the temple (see Isaiah 44:28, Isaiah 45:1, 13). So the prophesied period of 483 years began with Cyrus' commandment (around 453 BC) and ended at the appearing of Jesus Christ (his baptism around 30AD), not his birth: this is significant. This 483 year period ends when Messiah the Prince appears to all of the nation (this did not occur at his birth but at his baptism). The "69" weeks would end at one historic moment: the arrival of the Messiah!

**IMPORTANT:** The 483 year period ends not with the crucifixion of the Messiah, but at his appearing; when he is revealed to Israel. Jesus Christ was made manifest to Israel at his baptism (John 1:31-34).

The Three Anointings of David and Jesus.

David is a great type of Christ: Both from the tribe of Judah, both born in Bethlehem of low estate, both were shepherds, both rejected, persecuted, yet triumphant afterwards, both described as men of war, both prophets, and both kings, both to reign over Israel (Jeremiah 30:9).

David anointed 3 times

1. In Bethlehem at an early age (1 Samuel 16:11-13, 17:33). This was only among few witnesses, however not yet ready to be revealed as Israel's king. The Spirit came upon him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:13).
2. In Hebron at the age of **30** when some Jews (the tribe of Judah) accepted him as their king (2 Samuel 2:4). Following this second anointing David ruled for a period of **7** years (2 Samuel 2:4, 1 Kings 2:11, 1 Chronicles 29:27).
3. David's third anointing came **7** years later in Jerusalem when the whole nation received him as their king and rule over all of Israel until his death (2 Samuel 5:3-5).

Jesus Christ anointed 3 times

1. In Bethlehem (Matthew 1:20) There were only a few witnesses that new he was to be king (like David), however not yet ready to be revealed as Israel's king (like David).
2. At his Baptism at the age of **30** (Luke 3:21-23). The Spirit descends upon him anointing him (Matthew 3:16-17, Acts 10:36-38). Some Jews (like David) follow him as their shepherd and King (Luke 12:32, John 1:49). This ended the 69 weeks and started the 70<sup>th</sup> week.
3. Jesus' third anointing comes **7** years from his baptism at the end of the last week of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week (Daniel 9:24 – anoint the most Holy) when all Israel shall receive him as their King (Romans 11:25-27).

The Baptism of Jesus Christ was the time appointed of the Father Galatians 4:1-7 fulness of *the time* (referring to Daniel's 70 weeks). This was the end of the 69 weeks or 483 years. At 30 years of age he was anointed and revealed to Israel. Also 30 years of age was when men were anointed as priests (Luke 3:21-23 and Numbers 4:43).

See also Mark 1:14-15 Notice *the time* is mentioned here again – this refers back to Daniel's 69 weeks have been fulfilled, Messiah is here, and I am he! Amen! Now the 70<sup>th</sup> week began.

**26. AFTER** the 62 weeks (434 years) Messiah shall be **cut off** (it means to die: the first mention of the phrase "cut off" in the Bible is Genesis 9:11) but not for himself. See also Isaiah 53:8 (make mention of other bible versions of this verse). Messiah's death would not take place at the end of the 62<sup>nd</sup> week but after that time period, which *must* mean it would occur in the last week or 70<sup>th</sup> week.

QUESTION: Remember how Daniel 9:24-27 divides the 70 weeks into three parts: 7 weeks, 62 weeks, and 1 week. What is the 7 weeks (or 49 years) referring to? Go to John 2:13-21. Maybe that distinction of 49 years refers to how long it took to rebuild the temple? Maybe the Jews didn't have the exact date right but were close? Maybe it was 49 years? And then after the Temple was rebuilt 62 weeks (or 434 years) would pass until the Messiah the Prince was revealed to Israel?

This is the *only* explicit verse in the entire Old Testament that states Messiah would die. Praise the Lord! (Make mention of Daniel's class). Not only does it tell you the Messiah would die, but it then tells you it was *not* for himself. Well if he didn't die for himself, then he must have died for others. And he did.

In the Old Testament we have more verses about the glory and kingdom of the Messiah. Yet in the OT we have verses about his suffering as well (see 1 Peter 1:10-11). The Spirit of Christ which was in the prophets testified of both the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. In this study we shall focus on the death of Messiah as it is written in the OT.

Luke 24:25-27 and Luke 24:44-48. The Lord Jesus Christ made the claim that it was written in the OT that it was NECESSARY for Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul said Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. So where is written in the OT?

Where does it say that Christ would die for our sins?

Daniel 9:26 – Messiah to die but not for himself

Isaiah 53 – Wounded and died for our sins, "cut off" from life because of the transgressions of his people. The sin of us all were laid upon him. His soul was made an offering for sin.

Where does it say that Christ would be raised from the dead on the third day?

Isaiah 53:10 – he shall prolong his days

Psalms 16:8-11 His soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption.

Jonah 1:17, 2:1-10. Three days and three nights, Jonah died, his soul went to hell, he came back to life after three days and three nights. (Notice how in chapter 3 Jonah preaches to the Gentiles and they believe the word) Matthew 12:38-40

Hosea 6:1-2 \*make mention of the dual application of this verse. After three days they would rise from the dead and live in his sight.

2 Applications:

*The resurrection of Christ:* Matthew 27:50-53.

What happened to the saints after they rose from the dead and went into the holy city and appeared unto many? They ascended up into heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ to “live in his sight.” Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9-11 then look at Hebrews 12:1, Zechariah 14:4-5, Jude 1:14, Revelation 19:11-14 (who are the armies? They are clothed in fine linen white and clean) They are the saints (Revelation 19:7-8).

*The resurrection of Israel as a nation and the resurrection of the tribulation saints:*

After 2000 years (See 2 Peter 3:8, Psalm 90:4) (of church history which none of the prophets foresaw, which was a mystery-Ephesians 3:3-6). He would revive us (the us is Israel). After nearly 2000 years scattered abroad the Jews now have their homeland back! Israel is a nation again (Israel would go a long time without these things! Hosea 3:4-5). There are two captivities concerning Israel in the Bible. (Note: Egypt was not considered a time of captivity in the Scriptures: for in Egypt they *became* a great nation. The Egyptians did not take Israel out of their land. We know the story of how they ended up in Egypt. God brought them up out of Egypt and gave them their land. The first captivity was the Babylonian captivity. The second captivity was caused by the Romans in 70 AD.

**The Second Captivity spoken of:**

Luke 21:5-11 This portion discusses what will occur towards the very end of time.

Does the passage he that endureth unto the end appear in Luke's account? No!

Luke 21:12-24 BUT BEFORE ALL THESE (the key to understanding the eschatology in the gospels is this verse in Luke. For Matthew and Mark only speak of the very end of time what will occur. Luke is the only gospel that discusses what will happen immediately within that generation).

v. 20: Note the abomination of desolation is not mentioned here! This is crucial! Because that which was spoken of Daniel was not fulfilled in that generation, it was postponed! The desolation of Jerusalem is near. Jesus prophesied of the people of the prince that would come (the Romans) would destroy Jerusalem and the Temple: and they did as Jesus said in 70 AD.

v 22. These are the days of vengeance that the Scriptures might be fulfilled (referring to Daniel 9:26). The abomination of desolation is not mentioned in Daniel 9!

v. 23 The wrath being poured out upon is *specifically* for the Jews. In the tribulation, the wrath is not just on “upon this people”, the Jews, but upon the whole world!

v. 24 We read the verse about the second captivity of the Jews. They are led away captive into all nations. Between 70 AD and 1948 AD The Jews have not had a homeland. Their nation was revived in the 1940's and Jews from all over the world are returning to their homeland in fulfillment of end time prophecy!

Isaiah 11:1-9 is one paragraph: this speaks of the millennial kingdom of Christ. Isaiah 11:10-12 the next paragraph speaks of Gentiles trusting in the root of Jesse, and God for the second time is recovering the remnant of his people from all the earth.

Hosea 6:2 In the third day (in the 3000<sup>th</sup> year) After 2000 years of church history, and Israel being scattered, and the Gentiles trodden under foot Jerusalem, we have 3 ½ years of tribulation and the Christ the King comes back to earth and establishes his kingdom. What happens when Christ returns to earth? There is a resurrection of JEWISH tribulation saints (Revelation 20:4-6)! And they shall live in his sight: that is exactly what Revelation 20 says. What a book! Do you see how both applications of this passage are in perfect harmony with the history of events!

The Lord gave Israel 40 years (see notes: time of testing, proving) to repent and believe the gospel starting from the public ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ (started at 30 AD). The number 40 represents a time of testing, a time of probation, and chastening. The Jews wandered 40 years in the wilderness before they entered into Canaan. Why did they wander (Numbers 32:13, Deuteronomy 8:2). Moses spent 40 years being tested in Egypt (Acts 7:23), 40 years in the desert of Midian (Acts 7:30), and 40 years leading the children of Israel in the wilderness. Moses spent 40 days upon Mt. Sinai receiving the law. The twelve spies spent 40 days scouting the land of Canaan (Numbers 14:34). Saul, David and Solomon each reigned 40 years (Acts 13:21, 2 Samuel 5:4, 1 Kings 11:42). God gave Nineveh 40 days to repent after Jonah began to preach (Jonah 3:4). The Lord Jesus spent 40 days proving his righteousness (Matthew 4:1-11) and 40 days proving his resurrection (Acts 1:3).

## 27. Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week (very controversial)

The main question is who is "he" mentioned in this verse? Anti-Christ or Christ? Most think it is the Anti-Christ. But I propose to you the HE is the Lord Jesus Christ.

**-HE** confirms *the covenant* (Romans 15:8, Galatians 3:15-17). The covenant referred to here must be the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:2-3, Psalm 105:8-13, Acts 3:22-26). In the midst of the week (7 years), so in 3 ½ years (correlates to the earthly ministry of Jesus)

**-HE** causes the sacrifice and oblation to cease

How? By the sacrifice of himself. Did not Jesus die after 3 ½ years of public ministry? John 19:30, Hebrews 10:1-2, 10, 12, 14, **18, 26**.

**-HE** For the overspreading of abominations he shall make **it** desolate. The "**it**" must be the Temple since the verse is talking about sacrifices and oblations. This is consistent with the Temple being destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans (9:26) and see (Acts 6:9-14). What were the abominations then? At least it was a den of thieves (Jeremiah 7:8-14, Shiloh-Psalm 78:58-64, Matthew 21:12-13. How long shall **it** be desolate? Even until the

consummation (means: to the end, completion, the end or completion of the present system of things; the end of the world)! To the end and completion of the last three things of Daniel 9:24 and last 3 ½ years of the 70<sup>th</sup> week.

### **The All Important Pause**

It is obvious that 490 years have passed since the commandment given by king Cyrus to restore and build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince. We are currently in 2008, what happened? Is the Bible not true? Did the Lord lie? The Bible is true and we know that it is impossible for God to lie. How do we make sense of this? More importantly, how does the Bible make sense of it?

Question: Does Daniel 9:27 describe the last half of the week? If so where?

In Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week we have a "pause." God put on pause on the last 3 ½ years of the 70<sup>th</sup> week for one main reason: **That God might have mercy upon the Gentiles.**

We currently are living in the dispensation of the grace of God, also called the church age (1 Corinthians 9:17, Ephesians 1:10, Ephesians 3:2, Colossians 1:25). Today, the church is the focal point of God's attention and work. Israel is *temporarily* set aside because of their rejection and unbelief (see Romans 11:11-15, 11:25-32). TODAY, ever since the resurrection of Christ, God has been calling out of the Gentiles a people for his name (Acts 15:14-18). After the stoning of Stephen in Acts 7, we read about in Acts 8 the Ethiopian eunuch (a Gentile) getting saved. In Acts 9 we have the salvation of Saul (Paul). In Acts 10 we have Peter sent unto Cornelius (a Gentile) to hear the gospel that he might be saved. In Acts 11 we have the retelling of Acts 10 to the saints in Jerusalem. In Acts 13 Paul and Barnabas say that because the Jews have judged themselves unworthy of eternal life, they would turn unto the Gentiles. And the rest of the book of Acts focuses mainly on Paul's ministry. Look at how the book of Acts ends. Turn to Acts 28:25-31. For 2,000 years Gentiles have been hearing the gospel of salvation and believing it. Once the fullness of the Gentiles come in God will resurrect the church and we shall meet him in the air, and God will turn AGAIN to Israel.

As we just read in Romans 11, there is a fullness of Gentiles that is to come in FIRST, THEN all Israel shall be saved. The church age can be thought of as a parenthetical note in the midst of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week. It is separate from God's plan concerning the nation of Israel. Remember this was a mystery: this was *not* revealed in time past to the prophets but it is revealed today unto us (See 1 Peter 1:9-12). We read about the mystery of the inclusion of the Gentiles in Ephesians 3:1-11. However there are types in the Bible that point to God setting aside Israel temporarily, and then dealing with the Gentiles for 2000 years, and then he goes back to Israel.

Hosea 6:1-2

Genesis 23 (Abraham and Sarah), Genesis 24 (Isaac and Rebekah), Genesis 25 (Abraham and Keturah)

Exodus 19:10-11 They were told to wash themselves for "two days" then the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people.

John 4:3-43 He leaves Judea – He **must** go through Samaria and abides there “two days” (John 4:40) – He goes to Galilee.

John 11:1-7 Lazarus (Israel) is sick (his sickness is for the glory of God) – He abides “two days” (with the Gentiles) and then says “let us go into Judea **again** (John 11:6-7) – The resurrection of Lazarus (Israel)... sounds like Hosea 6:1-2.

The church is not Israel and Israel is not the church. The church did not replace Israel or is not new Israel. The body of Christ, which is the church composed of Jews and Gentiles does not maintain a distinction between the twain (Galatians 3:26-29, 6:15).

In Acts 13:9 we read that Saul is also called Paul. His name in the Greek tongue literally means “to pause.” With Paul we have a “pause” in Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week. This was known unto God but kept hidden in himself from all, even his prophets in the OT, and is now revealed by his Spirit unto us through Paul.

#### Other Pauses in the Bible:

Genesis 3:15 The Lord's heel bruised / the serpent's head bruised

Isaiah 9:6-7 God manifest in the flesh / God establishing his kingdom and government

Isaiah 61:1-3 The acceptable year of the LORD / the day of vengeance of our God

Malachi 3:1-6 The messenger of the covenant appears / purification of the sons of Levi

Hebrews 9:26-28 Once appeared to put away sin / Shall appear the second time unto salvation

Numbers 24:17 A star shall come out of Jacob / A scepter shall rise out of Israel

Isaiah 66:7-9 and Revelation 12:1-7 Messiah comes before her pain (tribulation) / Messiah caught up to God for 2000 years / 3 ½ year tribulation / Then comes the kingdom of Christ.

\*Consider the two distinct pronouncements by the angel at his birth:

Christ saving us from our sins (Matthew 1:21) / P A U S E (2000 years) / Christ the King (Luke 1:31-33)

#### What about the last 3 ½ years of Daniel's 70th week?

Tribulation period: Daniel 11:30 – 12:13.

11:31 – the abomination that maketh desolate is spoken of here (also in Daniel 8:8-14)

11:36-45 – the antichrist

12:1 compare with Revelation 12:7-17

12:6-7 and Revelation 10:2-7 – how long to the end of these wonders? 3 ½ years (see also Daniel 7:23-25, 12:11; Revelation 11:1-3, 12:6, 12:14, 13:5)

#### The Book of Revelation Outline:

Chapter 1 Introduction, commanded to be sent to the 7 churches

Chapter 2-3 The 7 churches addressed (prophecy of the 2000 year church age)

Chapter 4 Rapture of the church (4:1-2), Description of heaven

Note: After John is caught up to heaven (type of rapture) he is to write things which **MUST** be hereafter (the 3 ½ year tribulation)

Chapter 5 Worship of the Lamb, preparation for the opening of the 7 sealed book, likely the Bible

Chapter 6-18	Discusses the things that will be occurring during the 3 ½ year tribulation.
Revelation 19	The second coming of Christ (day of the LORD)
Revelation 20	Satan bound in hell, resurrection of tribulation saints, kingdom established for 1000 years, destruction of the final rebellion at the end of the millennium, Great White Throne of Judgment
Revelation 21-22	New Heaven and New Earth, For ever living and serving God in a perfect universe

### What happens at the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week?

The fulfillment of the last three things of Daniel 9:24

- to bring in everlasting righteousness (2 Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 21:4, 24-27, and 22)
- to seal up the vision and prophecy (Daniel 12:4, 8-9, Revelation 10:3-7 16:17-21, 21:6, 22:6 and 10)
- to anoint the most Holy (Daniel 2:44-45, 7:13-14, 9:24; Isaiah 9:6-7, 1 Timothy 6:14-16)

At the end of the 70<sup>th</sup> week Christ returns with his bride, and the OT saints, to destroy the antichrist and false prophet and the nations that come against Israel, and bind Satan for 1000 years in hell.

### **End Notes:**

He that endures to the end shall be saved – every time this is mentioned in the Bible is in the context of the tribulation!

Matthew 10:22 Context is preaching of the physical kingdom of heaven, Matthew 10:17-23 compare with Matthew 24:9, 14; Mark 13:9-10, 12-13

Matthew 24:13 – Tribulation

Mark 13:13 – Tribulation

### The significance of 40

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Will there be a Third Temple before the end? See 2 Thessalonians 2, Revelation 11:1-2

# Daniel's 70th Week until the End of Time

## Daniel 9:24-27

