

DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS

69th Complete...*Has the 70th week already occurred?*

Daniel 9:24-27; Luke 19:37-44

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This time of year marks the death—and resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This prophecy of Jesus the Messiah's death was given by Daniel hundreds of years before Jesus was even born. The prophecy of Daniel's 70 weeks is found in **Daniel 9:24-27**, and it foresees a day when the promised Messiah would be revealed, and then killed, and then, later on, eventually bring in an end to inequities. The prophecy is very specific...to the very day the Messiah is to be revealed after 483 years (69 “weeks” of years). The 70th week (the last “week” of years--7 years), takes place sometime after the 69th week, in which the Messiah is revealed and killed. The issue is over the exact date of the 69th year, and also whether the 70th year has already taken place--or is still in the future.

Daniel 9:24-27 – Jesus was made known to all, as the Messiah (the long awaited King), upon His arrival at Passover (when He was to be killed). This occurred exactly, *to the very day*, and was recorded here in Daniel 9, over 500 years before Jesus was born, and confirmed by science in writings dating to 200 years before Jesus was born (the Dead Sea Scrolls record these events). In 1894, Sir Robert Anderson, in his work “*The Coming Prince*,” calculated the exact number of days in the 69 weeks of years in this prophecy of Daniel (69x7 years—the Hebrew prophets used a day to refer to a year in God's prophecies—**Numb. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6**). The number of days as calculated from knowing the date of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (**Dan. 9:25; Neh. 2:1-10**, which dates to March 14, 445 B.C., per the decree of Artaxerxes), to the Passover week at which Jesus was killed, including all the leap years and leap days, etc., totals 173,880 days. This prophecy was fulfilled *exactly*, to the very day, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on the 10th of the Jewish month of Nisan, which is the exact day the lamb to be sacrificed is to be selected (**Ex. 12:3-6**--see *Feasts of Israel* Study – or Book “**Revelation, Apostasy, End Times, & This Generation**” – **Target Truth Ministries.com**). Jesus said that if people didn't believe in the prophecies in the Bible, that they would never believe it if someone rises from the dead...and He was right (**Luke 16:31**). These prophecies point to our Creator...able to know all and foretell all. God gave these prophecies to men to write down so as to prove the supernatural nature of the Bible (able to foretell future events *precisely*), and to show us humans that there truly is a God. With today's modern science, we can now pinpoint with accuracy the truth of these biblical prophecies (see Message “**Great Prophecies**” - **Target Truth Ministries.com**).

Jesus, at His “triumphful” entry, claimed to be the awaited King, sitting as a king on a donkey (**Zech.9:9**), on Saturday (the 10th of the month on the *Jewish* calendar—April 8th on our *modern* calendar), the *exact day* the lambs were selected for the Passover sacrifice (**Ex. 12**). When Jesus arrived that day, He wept over Jerusalem (**Luke 19:41**), because, as He said in **Luke 19:44**; “You did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.” Do you think this was just a coincidence? Note in **Luke 19:37-40**, that the song the disciples were singing (**Psalms 118**), was a reference to the coming “King,” and also, note that the Pharisees wanted Jesus to rebuke His disciples for blasphemy (**Luke 19:39** -declaring Jesus as the Messiah—the Christ). Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witness (who came out of the Seventh Day Adventists), mistakenly use the rebuilding of the *temple* in 457 B.C. / 455 B.C. respectfully, as their starting point to count the days in the Daniel 8 and 9 prophecies. But, rebuilding the *temple* does not agree with Daniel 9, which states the rebuilding of the *city*, which began in 445 B.C.

Also, many faiths believe that the 70th week has already occurred. However, if we read **Daniel 9:24**, what is accomplished by the end of the 70th week is the following: To finish the transgression; to make an end of sin; to make atonement for iniquity; to bring in everlasting righteousness; to seal up the vision and prophecy; and to anoint the most Holy Place.

Obviously, transgressions are still going on; sin still exists; we still do not have everlasting righteousness; prophecy is not sealed up (completed); and the Holy Place (Israel's Temple), is still not anointed (cleansed). The 70th week is still in the future. The following charts show the various views of faiths concerning the 70th week, and a biblical view of the unfolding of the 70th week (the balloon chart). Also, the Passover Week (69th

Week), day-by-day events are actually very different from what our modern traditions tell us...see the Passover Week attached also.

The resurrection of Jesus, which we celebrate as the 69th week, gives those who trust in Jesus the assurance of eternal life with God, and now we await the final judgment which the 70th week will bring about...time is almost up!

You may recall that when Jesus' friend Lazarus was dying, that Jesus deliberately waited to go to him (**John 11:1-17**). Jesus could have gone immediately to him and been there in a day or two, and raised him from death then. But, Jesus knew and understood these pagan practices, and He had this purpose in mind of waiting four (4), days to raise Lazarus from the dead (**John 11:17**). Likewise, waiting until the fourth day to rise from the dead Himself, was a way of reaching out to all people from all over the world—to convince them—pagan or otherwise—that He truly was the Messiah. The purpose of waiting was to prove that Jesus was truly God in the flesh—that He alone had power over life and death. Thus the sign of Jonah—three full days and three full nights in the grave. Jesus knew that if He waited until the fourth day, that He would provide evidence all could believe (even the pagans, and pagan Jews), that He truly had power over life and death.

The Passover Week

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** Note: the Jewish day begins at sundown (6 P.M.).

Thursday – John 12:1 (6 days to Passover—long travel from Ephraim—John 11:54).

Friday – John 12:2 (“supper”- supper is after 6 P.M. on Thursday—so this is now Friday).

Mark 11:4-6 (colt brought to Jesus—see also Matt. 21:2-6)

Saturday – John 12:12 (“next day”).

10th Matthew 21:7-11 (Jesus entered Jerusalem—the *triumphal entry*).

Mark 11:7-11 (Jesus entered Jerusalem, “looked around and left”).

Exodus 12:3-6 (lamb for sacrifice to be selected on the 10th of the month).

John 1:29 (Jesus declared the *Lamb of God*—see also Rev. 5:6-14).

Sunday – Mark 11:12-14 (next day – tree cursed).

Mark 11:15-17 (overturned tables of money changers—see also Matt. 21:12-13).

Mark 11:19 (left city—see also Matt. 21:17).

Monday – Mark 11:20 (next morning – tree dead—see also Matt. 21:18-19).

Tuesday – Mark 11:27 (“again” returns to Jerusalem). “Again” can be interpreted as either Monday or Tuesday—doesn’t really matter (Luke 19:47-48 – He taught daily).

Wednesday – Leviticus 23:5-7 (Passover on the 14th of the month—begins at 6 P.M. of 13th).

Exodus 12:1-6 Lamb to be killed on 14th (start of 5th day), *after* being held 4 days / 10th to 13th – Lamb traditionally killed at 6 P.M., just *after* 13th daylight has ended (twilight)—the beginning of 14th (the 5th day). Jesus (the Lamb of God), began His ministry with the world at His baptism (28 A.D.), and at the end of 4 years (at the start of this 5th year—32 A.D.—fulfilling the “4 days” prophetically), Jesus is sacrificed like the lamb in the first Passover, just after the “4th day” (year) ends, and the next day (year) begins. Note that God changed the start of the Jewish year to Passover.

Luke 23:54 (Preparation day—Passover—the Holy Sabbath begins *after* 6 P.M. today).

14th Mark 15:42-47 (Preparation day--Passover--the day *before* the Sabbath of Unleavened Bread—John 19:31—which is a “high day”—Luke 22:1—the names of these feast days are used interchangeably...Passover is the first feast, and Unleavened Bread is the High Holy day...so some people refer to “Passover” and others call it “Unleavened Bread—Lev. 23 delineates them...Passover is on the 14th, and Unleavened Bread begins the next day...the 15th, which begins at 6 P.M. on the 14th).

Matthew 27:45-54 (6th to 9th hour—noon to 3 P.M.). Jesus died around 3 P.M.

1 Corinthians 5:7 (Jesus called our *Passover*).

John 19:31-42 (Jesus prepared for burial, and placed in the tomb by 6 P.M.—the beginning of Thursday).

Thursday – Leviticus 23:6-8 (High Sabbath day--Unleavened Bread--no work allowed).

Luke 23:55-56a (The women say Jesus body laid in the tomb).

John 6:35 (Jesus claimed to be the *Bread of Life*).

Matthew 12:38-40 (3 *days* and 3 *nights* in the earth—Jonah 1:17).

Friday – Luke 23:54-56b (The women prepared spices for the body *before* the Sabbath- Saturday).

Mark 16:1 (bought spices *after* Sabbath over—purchased during day and prepared them).

Saturday – Luke 23:56c (*after* preparing spices, they rested on the Sabbath).

Leviticus 23:3 (Saturday Sabbath – no work allowed).

Sunday – Luke 24:1-3 (*after* the Sabbath—Sunday). Jesus is risen!

Mark 16:2 (first day of week—Sunday).

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (Jesus called the “*Firstfruit*”).

Leviticus 23:9-11 (The Feast of Firstfruits).

Why are these dates important? **Luke 16:31**—Listen to Moses (Leviticus), and the Prophets (Daniel & Ezekiel).

Leviticus 23 (The Seven Feasts of Israel—fulfilled by Jesus).

Daniel 9:24-26 (fulfilled exactly on the 10th of Nisan, 32 A.D., by Jesus).

Ezekiel 4 (fulfilled *exactly* on the very year Israel became a country again in 1948, and also fulfilled *exactly* when Jerusalem was restored to Israel in 1967—fulfilled *after* 2,520 years).

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