

# The Bible Jesus Used

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the Old Testament

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# “70 Weeks of Years” in Daniel 9

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## ❖ **Setting:**

- ❖ **Jeremiah’s “70 years”** (Jer 25:11–12; Dan 9:1–2)
- ❖ **Mosaic covenant curse** (Dan 9:9–11 with Lev 26:33–35; 2 Chr 36:20–23)
- ❖ **Isaiah’s two-stage restoration:**
  1. Physical return (Isa 42:18–43:21) under Cyrus (44:24–48:22)
  2. Spiritual reconciliation (43:22–44:23) by the conquering Servant (49:1–53:12)

# Kingdoms in Daniel



Vision in ch. 2	Vision in ch. 7	Vision in ch. 8	Empire
Head of Gold	Winged Lion		Babylon (2:37–38)
Chest & Arms of Silver	Bear	Ram	Medo-Persia (8:20; cf. 5:28)
Belly & Thighs of Bronze	Winged Leopard	Goat	Greece (8:21)
Legs of Iron; Feet of Clay & Iron mixed	Horrible Beast with 10 Horns		Spiritual kingdom typified by Rome (—)
Stone, mountain	Ancient of Days Gives Dominion to Son of Man		<b>God's kingdom in Christ</b> (2:44; 7:13–14; cf. Mark 14:61–62)

## ❖ Dan 9:24 Overview

### ❖ Six Purposes of “70 Weeks/Sabbaticals”:

#### ❖ *Complete the curse:*

❖ Finish transgression

❖ Put an end to sin

❖ Atonement for iniquity

#### ❖ *Initiate restoration blessing:*

❖ Bring in everlasting righteousness

❖ Seal both vision and prophet

❖ Anoint a most holy place/thing/one

❖ **NOTE:** All associated with Isaiah’s Stage 2, the age of the Messiah

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- ❖ **Part 2:** 62 sabbaticals (434 more years) = times of distress/a troubled time
- ❖ **Part 3:** After 7+62 sabbaticals (total 483 years) = *time of the Messiah*

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❖ **538 BC—Cyrus’ original decree:**

❖ Ezra 1:1–4. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying: <sup>2</sup> “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. <sup>3</sup> Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem.’”

❖ NOTE: Not a sabbatical year!

- ❖ **458 BC—The *single* decree of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes:**
  - ❖ **Ezra 6:14**. And the elders of the Jews were successful in building through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they finished building according to the command of the God of Israel and **the decree** of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
  - ❖ **The Math**:  $458 + 33 = 491$ , but one year subtracted since there was no 0 year, so from 458 BC to AD 33 = 490 years, or “seventy sevens.”

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❖ **7 sabbaticals + 62 sabbaticals = 69 weeks**

❖ **70 weeks proclaimed to fulfill the purposes of v. 25**



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❖ **The Messiah is cut off** = Jesus' death

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❖ **“But not for himself”** – substitutionary atonement

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❖ In v. 25, the Messiah = the prince

❖ Suggests “the prince” of v. 26 is = the “Messiah” who is cut off; “the people of the prince” = Jews

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❖ **Destruction of city and temple in AD 70.**

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❖ **The one who makes the strong covenant = “the prince” of v. 26 = the Messiah.**

❖ **“Strong covenant” = new covenant with the many**

- ❖ **“Strong covenant”** = Jer 31:31–34. Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when *I will make a new covenant* with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, . . . <sup>34</sup> I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”
- ❖ **“with many”** = Isa 53:11–12. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, *make many to be accounted righteous*, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will *divide him a portion with the many*, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet *he bore the sin of many*, and makes intercession for the transgressors.



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❖ **Christ is the true temple, and his cross event ends all other substitutionary sacrifice and offering.**

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❖ A-B-A'-B' pattern.



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- ❖ 2nd parts of v. 26 and v. 27 focus on the A.D. 70 destruction that would visualize definitively the end of the old age and old covenant.

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❖ **All curse is overcome.**

❖ Gal. 3:13. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

❖ Rev. 22:3. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

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- ❖ **All righteousness secured.**
  - ❖ Rom 3:26. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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❖ **The prophetic word fulfilled.**

❖ **Matt 5:17**. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

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❖ The true temple established.

❖ John 2:19–21. Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”<sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”<sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body.