

The Back Story

The Old Testament deals a lot about the Second Coming of Messiah (Christ). Eschatology - study of last day events is all about Christ's final victory on earth.

The Old Testament deals with this topic in at least 17 books and in great detail.

The New Testament deals with the topic in 23 of the 27 books.

(Dealing with the wolves in sheep's clothing or the influence of the Gnostics, was the next greatest topic.)

The New Testament quoting these old scriptures helps us understand the meaning of Old Testament usage of some phrases.

The Old Testament sometimes fills in blanks of the New Testament because the New Testament writers often wrote with the assumption that many of the readers already are familiar with certain concepts. The biggest concept in my mind is that The Elect (God's chosen nation) will be scattered due to sin but he will gather them in the last days and the remnant of them will get a second chance.

Remember that most of the early church saints were part of the Elect and a lot of preaching was to the Elect.

In extra-biblical accounts such as the ancient book of Gad the Seer who was a prophet along with Nathan and others during King David's time dealt with this subject in detail. Another ancient book that used to be used extensively by the church is the Prophecies of Enoch, a prophet before the Great Flood of Noah.

These and other prophets often used slightly different terms that reflect the same groups of today. Saints are called the Righteous Ones and the Jews are called the Elect. The prophecies clearly show these as to separate groups both being protected and assisted by the Holy One (Jesus) in the last days.

The Book of Daniel is used in this lesson mostly for the timeline it gives but it talks a lot about the kingdoms of the eastern world all the way through to the end of days.

Terms such as the *Days of Awe*, *The Day of the Lord*, *the Time of Christ*, *the Second coming*, *End of the age*, along with the major feasts of Israel all refer to the end-time period. Some refer to before tribulation, some during and some after but they all are addressing the end time issues.

One last note. The disciples and apostles of Christ had disciples. Those disciples asked them questions point-blank just as we would. By reading their writings, you can get an idea of their mind set. In this study, we will refer to these as the ancient church fathers or Ante-Nicene Fathers. They lived from the time of Christ forward into the next century or two. Remember the Catholic fathers didn't come until a few centuries later so don't confuse the terms.

For example, St. John who wrote the Book of Revelation taught and mentored several disciples such as Ignatius and Polycarp.

In the first part of the Book of Revelation, John refers to the 7 churches of Asia which is modern day Turkey. These were prominent churches and John oversaw them and was Bishop of Ephesus, Polycarp was over Smyrna and Ignatius was over Antioch. You can read the writings of these and other ancient (early) church fathers. There is a 10 Volume set that is pretty heavy but interesting reading. For those that would like to skip the reading you can watch my Bible Study version that will be coming in the next month or two.

The 70 ‘Weeks’ Prophetical from Daniel 9:24

Notes:

There were six days of creation then a pause for rest - day 7

The ancients taught that there 6 thousand years from creation to a pause for peace – year 7000

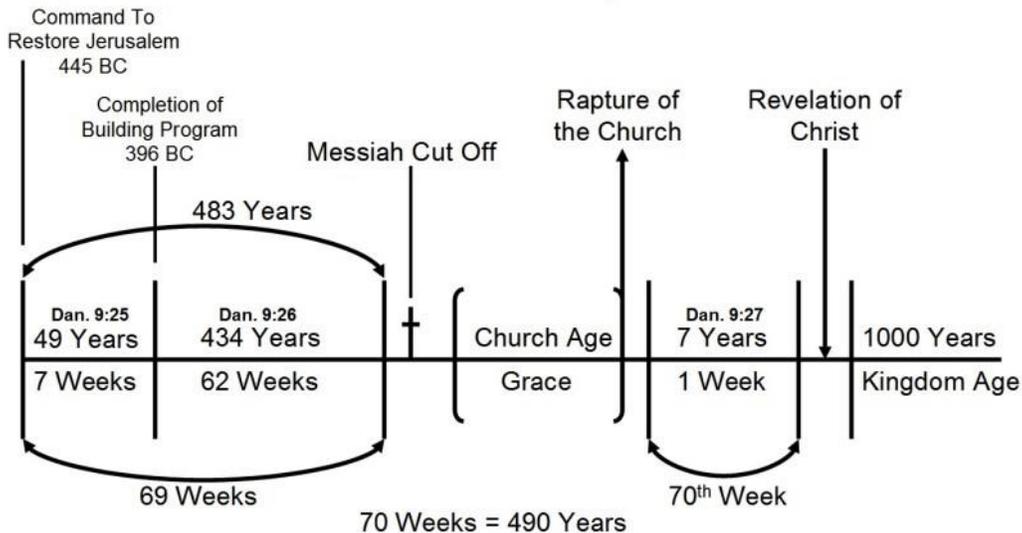
The 70 weeks of prophecy are more detailed events that basically breaks down major events up to the end of the 69th week of years were there is a pause. But when the 70th week of years resumes; things get really bad for some but end really well for others (end of all things).

From the decree to build Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:1) until Messiah comes and is ‘cut off’ (32 AD) there will be 483 years. Then a pause to wait for the 70th year of Prophecy to come. At that time GOD will avenge His people. That is the basic concept.

In the “Book of Revelation” we see the same basic things.

The Church Age is typically identified with the Gap between the 69th week and the 70th week. The Righteous Ones are not the ELECT but they church age will end when the Saints (righteous) are pulled out of the way to allow God to bring vengeance and peace.

Daniel’s Seventy Weeks



<https://www.vcyamerica.org/one-year-bible/2019/12/02/december-2-daniel-the-70-weeks/>