

**“Jesus is the Key”**

**Daniel 9:24-27**

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**I. God wants you to understand the Bible.**

- A. 2 Tim 2:14-15 “approved worker”
- B. Hebrews 5:11-14 “solid food”
- C. Acts 17:11-12- The men of Berea

**II. God wants you to understand that Jesus came as the fulfillment of very specific prophecies.**

- A. Seventy sevens is a reference to seventy sets of seven years (24)
  - 1. Israelites thought in terms of “7” not “10” like our world.
  - 2. The “Sabbatical Year” was once every 7 years (Lev. 25:1-7)
    - a) Curse for not keeping sabbatical year was exile (Lev. 26:33-35)
    - b) Bab. Captivity resulted in rest for the land (2 Chron. 36:21)
  - 3. Sets of “days” and sets of “weeks” fail to make sense given the context.
  - 4. Symbolic sets don’t make sense because of the specificity of the verses.
- B. The decree was issued by Artaxerxes in 458 BC. (Ezra 7:11-26)
  - 1. reconstruction implied by permission to return
  - 2. Jerusalem not rebuilt for 100 years.
- C. The Anointed One is Jesus (See Daniel 7:13-14)
  - 1. He is both priest and king (Zech 6:13)
  - 2. His ministry begins at precisely the right time
    - a) From the decree (458BC) you add 483 years and get 26 AD
    - b) Many scholars agree Jesus was crucified in AD 30
    - c) Jesus was baptized and anointed with the Holy spirit in the beginning of His ministry which last only about 3 years.
    - d) That puts his “arrival” as “anointed one” right around AD 26
- D. The reconstruction of Jerusalem
  - 1. Streets (Meeting places)
  - 2. Trench (“conduit” from the Dead Sea Copper Scroll)
  - 3. “Times of trouble” refers to the trouble Nehemiah had in construction (Neh 4:1)
- E. The cutting off of Jesus
  - 1. As far as the world is concerned, Jesus’ ministry amounted to little.
  - 2. Isaiah 53:8
- F. The destruction of the city
  - 1. Jesus prophesied it (Mat 24:1-2)
  - 2. Titus Vespasianus accomplished it 40 years after Christ’s crucifixion
  - 3. The ruler will come from the peoples and nations of the Roman Empire as Daniel already said in chapter 7.
  - 4. end like a flood
  - 5. War decreed

**III. God wants you to understand that you can have faith that sin will be defeated with the same certainty that Jesus came.**

- A. The gap
  - 1. Christ's crucifixion and destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 occur after sixty-ninth seven but not during 70th seven.
  - 2. After crucifixion and destruction Israel as a nation did not exist for nearly 2000 and therefore a gap is appropriate.
- B. The ruler in verse 27 is the Antichrist
  - 1. His actions match the "little horn" of Daniel 7 who most agree to be the antichrist.
  - 2. This can't be a covenant made by Jesus because his ministry did not last 7 years.
- C. The tribulation period
  - 1. Mat 24:21
  - 2. Literal three and one-half years
    - a) Rev. 11:2
    - b) 12:14
    - c) 13:5
- D. The end will be poured out on the Antichrist (2 Thes 2:8)

**IV. God's divine program for the ages**

- A. prediction of coming Messiah, death of messiah, re-destruction of city of Jerusalem and temple.
- B. Rise of evil ruler
- C. Glorious victory important for us to know as God's people.