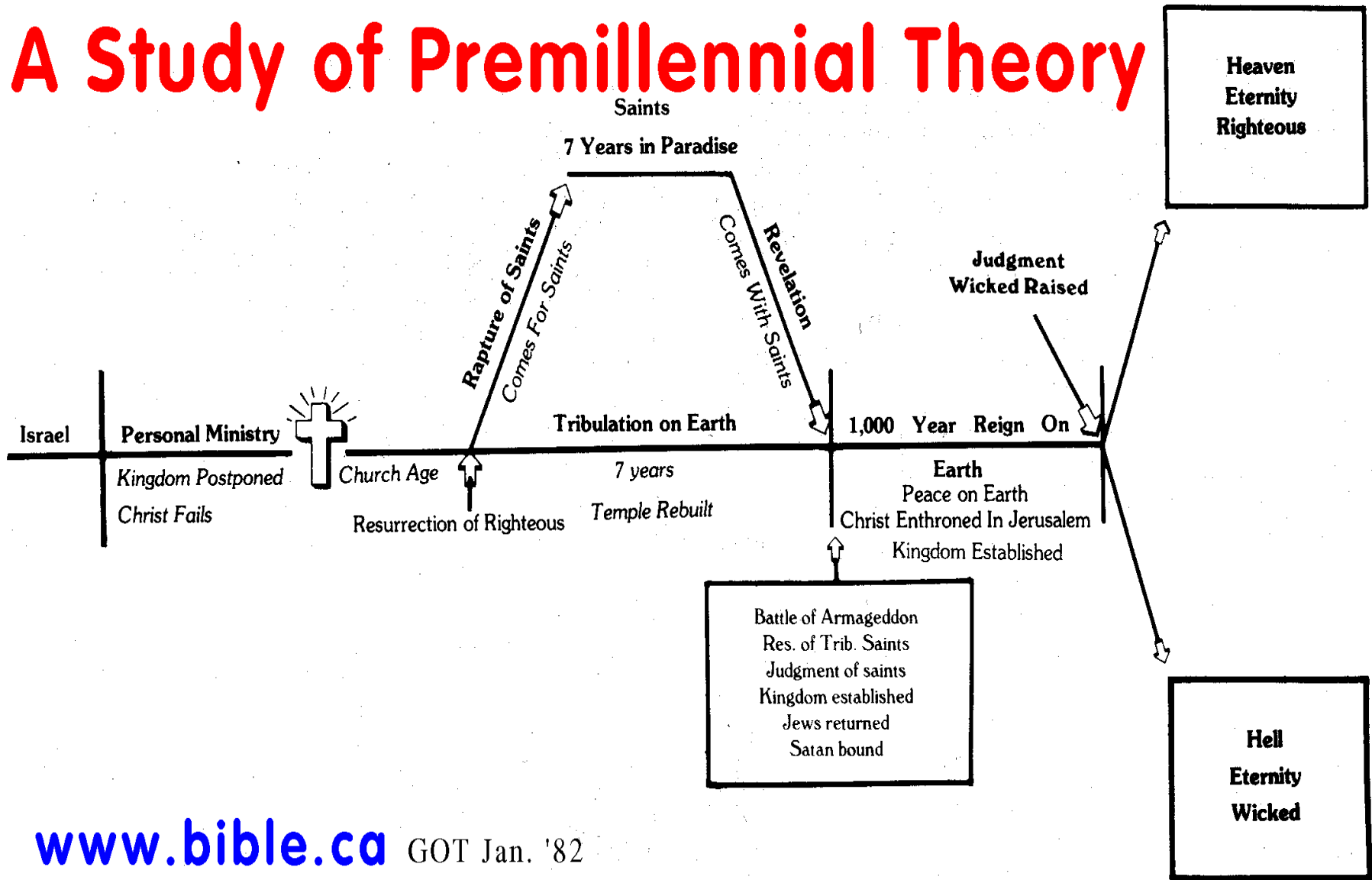


# Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week

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# A Study of Premillennial Theory





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## Daniel 9:24

- ***24“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place”.***

We see the word “*weeks*” in this passage, but we must remember that this is an English translation from Hebrew, and that meanings don’t always translate perfectly. While the English word “*week*” always means “a period of seven days”, the Hebrew word is actually *less* specific because it only means “*a period of seven*”. Some translations (e.g. NIV, NLT, GWT) address this difference in meaning by using the word “*sevens*” instead of “*weeks*”.

The word “*weeks*” (or “*sevens*”) used here should be understood as “periods of *seven years*”. While this may seem odd to most English speakers, it isn’t unusual in the Biblical context because Israel observed cycles of seven years as well as cycles of seven days (e.g. [Gen 29:20](#), [Gen 41:27](#), [Lev 25:8](#), [Deut 15:12](#), [Deut 31:10](#), [Judg 6:1](#), [2 Chron 36:21](#)).

70 weeks = 70 X 7 years or 490 years

(Be mindful that “weeks” are periods of seven years)

God told Daniel that something would happen with and for Israel over a period of 490 years

**DO NOT CONFUSE THESE EVENTS FOR ISRAEL WITH EVENTS FOR THE CHURCH. THESE YEARS OR FOR THE NATION OF ISRAEL.**

The list of things to be accomplished in these 70 “weeks of years” include 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 vision*
- *To seal up the prophecy*
- *to anoint the most holy place*

# Prophecy: The First 69 Weeks

***25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.***

- ***from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;***

***7 weeks = 7 X 7 or 49 years***

***62 weeks = 62 X 7 or 434 years***

***Total = 483 years***

***The total prophesy is for 490 years, not 483, leaving 1 week or 7 years to be accomplished.***

- There will be first event, which is a *decree issued to restore and rebuild Jerusalem*, including the *plaza and moat even in times of distress*.

Many years after this prophecy was made, there were some different decrees issued by Persian kings to rebuild parts of Jerusalem. However, the one decree that stands out as a referencing the city and its *defences* is the decree of Artaxerxes described in Nehemiah 2: 1-8). This decree given by king Artaxerxes is dated (by our modern calendar) in 444 BC.



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- There will be a second event, which is the arrival of *Messiah the Prince*

Therefore, according to Daniel's prophecy, the appearance of the Messiah would occur about *476 years* after this decree, which (accounting for the absence of a "year zero") indicates a date in the year 33 AD. Amazingly, the year 33 AD may be well-argued as the final year in the life of Jesus Christ, the true *Messiah the Prince* according to Christian doctrine.




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- ***(9:26a) Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing,***

Thus, Daniel prophesied that the Jewish Messiah would be killed. This was fulfilled when Jesus was crucified.

When Daniel says “after sixty-two weeks”, this is not a separate 62 weeks from when he said 7 plus 62 in verse 25. He divides the 69 weeks (483 years) into 7 weeks and 62 weeks.

# Daniel's prophecy does not include the Church age as the Jews did not accept the Messiah of the Church, thus the "time gap"



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in verse 24, where the angel said to Daniel  
“*Seventy weeks have been decreed for **your people***“. This is equivalent to saying, “*Seventy weeks have been decreed for **the people of Daniel***“. Either way, it refers to *Israelites*, the people with whom Daniel shares a *common descent*,

<sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks shall  
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and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

<sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:

and in the midst (middle) of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

- The *wicked ruler described in the 70th week of Daniel* must be the wicked ruler of the end times, who we call the Antichrist.
- the *70th week of Daniel* matches up with the seven-sealed scroll of Revelation 5:1, and its associated seal events starting in Revelation 6.
- The persecution in the second half of the 70th week matches with the martyrdom in the *fifth seal event*, and the decreed destruction of the wicked ruler matches with the coming wrath described in the *sixth seal event*.

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