

“Seventy Sevens” Daniel 9:24-27

1. In Daniel 9, the angel Gabriel is dispatched by God to give Daniel insight into God’s purposes for His people. Daniel is first informed that God’s program would take place in 70, sevens. If a “seven” represents 7 years, how long would a span of 70 “sevens” be?

2. By the time these 490 years run their course, God will have completed six things for Israel. The first three have to do with sin, and the second three with the kingdom.

What are the first three things that God will accomplish in Daniel 9:24?

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The basis for these first 3 were provided in the work of Christ on the Cross but all six will be fully realized at the 2nd Coming of Christ.

What are the second three things that God will accomplish in the last part of Daniel 9:24?

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3. Gabriel then says in Daniel 9:25 that the 70, sevens would begin with the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. The decree issued on March 5, 444 B.C. (see Nehemiah 2:1-8) granted the Jews permission to rebuild Jerusalem’s city walls. The end or goal of the prophecy is the appearance of Messiah (“Anointed One”), the Prince. Who is this referring to?

4. The 490-year period is divided up into 3 segments:

- 7 “sevens” = 49 years
- 62 “sevens” = 434 years
- 1 “seven” = 7 years

The 434 years (62 “sevens”) concluded on the day of Christ’s Triumphant Entry just before Messiah would be “cut off and have nothing” (Daniel 9:26). What is Christ being “cut off” referring to?

The present Church Age is the interval between the 69th and 70th “sevens”.

5. The prophecy continues with a description of the judgement that would come on the generation that rejected the Messiah. Jerusalem (which contains the sanctuary) would be destroyed. This was accomplished by Titus in A.D. 70 when he destroyed the city of Jerusalem. The 70th seven will begin after the Rapture of the church and will continue until the return of Christ to the earth.

What significant event will mark the beginning of this seven-year period of the Tribulation?

What will happen in the middle of this seven-year period (3.5 years into the Tribulation)?

What did Christ’s death and resurrection accomplish for you?