

The 9 Significant Issues of Daniel 9:24-27:

1. The prophecy concerns the Jews and the city of Jerusalem.
2. The amount of time the prophecy covers is 490 years.
3. The 490 years would be necessary to accomplish six purposes.
4. The start of the 490 years will be at the decree to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.
5. Messiah would be present on the earth after the 69 weeks
6. After the 69 weeks, Messiah would be cut off and have nothing.
7. After the 69 weeks, Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed.

Leon Wood on Sir Robert Anderson: Numerous premillennial adherents hold to Artaxerxes decree given to Nehemiah in 445 BC, as best. They assert that this directive is nearest in kind to that for rebuilding the city and find evidence in remarkable mathematical calculations by Sir Robert Anderson as he seeks to fit the idea of the 483 years to this date. Anderson's figures show that between the dates March 14th, 445 BC and April 6th, 32 AD there are exactly 173, 880 days which correspond to 483 prophetic years. If the date of 32 AD could be substantiated as the correct year of Jesus Triumphant Entry, this answer should be accepted as correct. (A Commentary on Daniel, Leon J. Wood, 1973, p253)

8. The 70th week did not follow immediately after the 69th week: The continuity of the 490 years (70 Weeks) is suspended after the close of the 483rd year (69th week). Gabriel has already referred to two events that took place after the close of the 483rd Week; (1) The death of Messiah, and (2) The destruction of the temple and the city of Jerusalem. There is Scriptural evidence for the gap: (1) Looking back, the six purposes of the 490 years were not achieved by 39 AD, (2) Jesus indicated that the prince who is to come will come shortly before his second coming (Matthew 24:15-21 & Matthew 24:29-31). Additionally, (3) The death of Messiah and the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem fit within the 490 years. History tells us that the temple and the city were destroyed in 70 AD. If there was no gap, then this destruction should have taken place within 7 years of the triumphal entry. Finally, (4) It is not unusual for biblical prophecies to contain gaps to time (Isaiah 9:6, Zechariah 9:9-10).

9. The 70th week will bring about the Antichrist: In v27 Gabriel deals with the last week, the 70th week, which involved the activities of Antichrist, or the Little Horn of Chapter 7. The "He" in "He shall make a strong covenant with many for one week," refers to "the prince who is to come" in v26. Some believe that this refers to Messiah. However, this is not likely for three reasons: (1) Messiah never made a covenant with anyone for seven years in Scripture, (2) the closest antecedent for the pronoun "he" is "the prince who is to come" in v26, and (3) the other activities (breaks the covenant, brings desolation) are indicative of Antichrist. It is best to view "the prince who is to come" in v26 as Antichrist. Gabriel indicated that the prince who is to come will do three things: (1) He will make a firm covenant with Israel (the many), (2) He will break the covenant after half of the week (42 months) and (3) He will bring about desolations (loss, grief, difficult times). The strong covenant shall signal the start of the 70th week.

Next Week: "A Remarkable Experience (Daniel 10:1-21)"

Babylonian Captivity 605 BC Cyrus' Decree/Some Exiles return 539 BC	Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem 445-444 BC Nehemiah 2:1-8, 17-18		Messiah Cut Off Daniel 9:26 After 69 Sevens	Church Age Pentecost to Rapture Jerusalem Destroyed in 70AD by Rome	Rapture 1st Thess 4:13-18 1st Corinthians 15:51-58	Period of Preparation 10-Nation Kingdom of Revived Roman Empire Daniel 2:41-43 Daniel 7:7, 23-24	Seven -Year Covenant Signed between Israel and Antichrist 7 Years Daniel 9:27		Second Coming Matthew 24:15-21, 29-31 Resurrection Tribulation Saints Rev. 20:1-6 Millennium Rev. 19:11-20 Judgment of Unbelievers (Nations)	New Heaven New Earth New Jerusalem Rev 21-22 Great White Throne Judgment
	49 Years 7 Sevens Daniel 9:25	434 Years 62 Sevens Daniel 9:25					3 ½ Years of Relative Peace	Covenant Broken 3 ½ Years of Great Tribulation World Government Armageddon Revelation 16:16		
Prophetic Timetable – Seventy Sevens of Daniel 9										