

**70TH WEEK OF DANIEL**  
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Tonight, we will be looking at Daniel chapter 9. This passage is considered or called the “70th week of Daniel’s Prophecy”. So, what is the 70th week and when will this 70th week occur is what we will be answering tonight.

This passage is taken from a time of prayer that Daniel was having, a time set aside daily in prayer seeking the Lord in regard to Israel being released from Babylonian captivity and going back to possess the land. The angel of the Lord, Gabriel, will give information regarding Israel but to a far greater degree than Daniel’s prayer or petition.

Gabriel will also be telling Daniel of the approximate time that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will come and be “cut off” or “crucified”. He will also give the exact number of years of Israel’s continued existence which equal 490 years. Then will skip thousands of years going into the period of time which has not yet come to pass - the “Tribulation period”.

**Daniel 9:21-27 King James Version**

*21 “Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*

*22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*

*23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.*

*24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins,*

*and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

*25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

*26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: 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.*

*27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst 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.”*

### **Daniel 9:24-27 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*21 “Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the former vision, being caused to fly swiftly, came near to me and touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice.*

*22 He instructed me and made me understand; he talked with me and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and wisdom and understanding.*

*23 At the beginning of your prayers, the word [giving an answer] went forth, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved. Therefore consider the matter and understand the vision.*

*24 Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish and put an end to transgression, to seal up and make full the measure of sin, to purge away and make expiation and reconciliation for sin, to bring in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy and prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies.*

*25 Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Anointed One, a Prince, shall be seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it shall be built again with [city] square and moat, but in troublous times.*

*26 And after the sixty-two weeks [of years] shall the Anointed One be cut off or killed and shall have nothing [and no one] belonging to [and defending] Him. And the people of the [other] prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood; and even to the end there shall be war, and desolations are decreed.*

*27 And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.”*

First, let's break this down a little bit so we can start to understand what is happening.

**Daniel 9:21 King James Version**

*21 "Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation".*

1. The phrase, "Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer," proclaims to us the vast significance of faith filled prayer.
2. The phrase, "Even this man Gabriel" present this Messenger of God's special revelations (Luke 1:19,26)

**Luke 1 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*1 "Since [as is well known] many have undertaken to put in order and draw up a [thorough] narrative of the surely established deeds which have been accomplished and fulfilled in and among us,*

*2 Exactly as they were handed down to us by those who from the [official] beginning [of Jesus' ministry] were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word [that is, of [e]the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God],*

*3 It seemed good and desirable to me, [and so I have determined] also after [f]having searched out diligently and followed all things closely and traced accurately the course from the highest to the minutest detail from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,*

4 [My purpose is] that you may know the full truth and understand with certainty and security against error the accounts (histories) and doctrines of the faith of which you have been informed and in which you have been [g]orally instructed.

5 In the days when Herod was king of Judea there was a certain priest whose name was Zachariah, [h]of the daily service (the division) of Abia; and his wife was also a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 And they both were righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

7 But they had no child, for Elizabeth was barren; and both were [i]far advanced in years.

8 Now while on duty, serving as priest before God in the order of his division,

9 As was the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter [the [j]sanctuary of] the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

10 And all the throng of people were praying outside [in the court] at the hour of incense [burning].

11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear took possession of him.

13 But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition [k]was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you must call his name John [God is favorable].

14 And you shall have joy and exultant delight, and many will rejoice over his birth,

15 For he will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even [l]in and from his mother's womb.

16 And he will turn back and cause to return many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God,

17 And he will [himself] go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient and incredulous and unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright [which is [m]the knowledge and holy love of the will of God]—in order to make ready for the Lord a people [perfectly] prepared [in spirit, [n]adjusted and disposed and placed in the right moral state].

18 And Zachariah said to the angel, By what shall I know and be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.

19 And the angel replied to him, I am Gabriel. I stand in the [very] presence of God, and I have been sent to talk to you and to bring you this good news.

20 Now behold, you will be and [o]will continue to be silent and not able to speak till the day when these things take place, because you have not believed what I told you; but my words are [p]of a kind which will be fulfilled in the appointed and proper time.

21 Now the people kept waiting for Zachariah, and they wondered at his delaying [so long] in the [q]sanctuary.

22 But when he did come out, he was unable to speak to them; and they [[r]clearly] perceived that he had seen a vision in the [s]sanctuary; and he kept making signs to them, still he remained dumb.

23 And when his time of performing priestly functions was ended, he returned to his [own] house.

24 Now after this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant, and for five months she secluded herself [t]entirely, saying, [I have hid myself]

25 [u]Because thus the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He deigned to look on me to take away my reproach among men.

26 Now in the sixth month [after that], the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth,

27 To a girl never having been married and a [v]irgin engaged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one [[w]endued with grace]! The Lord is with you! [x]Blessed (favored of God) are you before all other women!

29 But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled and disturbed and confused at what he said and kept revolving in her mind what such a greeting might mean.

30 And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace ([y]free, spontaneous, absolute favor and loving-kindness) with God.

31 And listen! You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus."

### **Luke 1 King James Version (KJV)**

1 "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

*2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;*

*3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,*

*4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.*

*5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.*

*6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.*

*7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.*

*8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,*

*9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.*

*10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.*

*11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.*

*12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.*

*13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*

*14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.*

*15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.*

*16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.*

*17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

*18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.*

*19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.*

*20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.*

*21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.*

*22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.*

*23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.*

*24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,*

*25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.*

*26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*

*27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

*28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*

*29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*

*30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*

*31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.”*

### **Daniel 9:21 King James Version**

*21 “Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man*

*Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.”*

3. Whom I have seen in the Vision at the beginning,” refers back to the Vision of chapter 8.
4. The phrase “being caused to fly swiftly,” presents his message to Daniel as urgent.
5. The phrase, “Touched me about the time of the evening oblation,” refers to 3pm - the time of prayer.

### **Daniel 9:22 King James Version**

*22 “And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.”*

1. The phrase, “and he informed me, and talked with me” proclaims a Message of vital significance; therefore an angel was sent.
2. The phrase, “and said, O Daniel” presents the fact that the Lord not only knows your name, but as well, some of us are discussed in heaven, even as was Daniel.
3. The phrase, “I am now come forth to give you skill and understanding” pertains to Israel in the last days, with the beginning of those days having already begun.

### **Daniel 9:23 King James Version**

*23 “At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.”*

1. The phrase, “at the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth,” proclaims the fact, that from the beginning of his petition before the Lord, God had been listening and answered.

Note: This is also the pattern that is continued in chapter 10 or the Daniel Fast chapter.

### **Daniel 10:1-14 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*1 “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar. And the word was true and it referred to great tribulation (conflict and wretchedness). And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.*

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three whole weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant or desirable food, nor did any meat or wine come into my mouth; and I did not anoint myself at all for the full three weeks.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was on the bank of the Great River Hiddekel [which is the Tigris],

5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz.

6 His body also was [a golden luster] like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet like glowing burnished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the noise of a multitude [of people or the roaring of the sea].

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision [of this heavenly being], for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me, for my fresh appearance was turned to pallor; I grew weak and faint [with fright].

9 Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep, with my face [sunk] to the ground.

10 And behold, a hand touched me, which set me [unsteadily] upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

11 And [the angel] said to me, O Daniel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you and stand upright, for to you I am now sent. And while he was saying this word to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he said to me, **Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind and heart to understand and to humble**

**yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence of [and in response to] your words.**

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. **Then Michael**, one of the chief [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I have come to make you understand what is to befall your people in the latter days, for the vision is for [many] days yet to come.”

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### **Daniel 9:23 King James Version**

23 “At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.”

1. The phrase, “at the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth,” proclaims the fact that from the beginning of his petition before the Lord, God had been listening and answered.
2. The phrase, “I am come to show you” proclaims, as well, the fact that already the wheels were in motion, so to speak, to bring to fulfillment that for which Daniel had sought - and more.
3. The phrase “For you are greatly beloved,” proclaims to the Prophet a witness of personal assurance from God.

4. The phrase, “Therefore understand the matter, and consider the Vision,” was meant not only for Daniel, but for every believer thereafter.

**Daniel 9:24 King James Version**

*24 “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.”*

1. The phrase, “seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon the holy city,” literally means “70 sevens”. The Hebrew word for “week” is “shabua,” meaning “seven”. The “seventy weeks” translates into 490 years.
2. The phrase, “to finish the transgression” refers to Israel's rebellion against God, and more particularly, the Crucifixion of Christ, which has placed them in a state of “transgression” from that day until this.
3. The phrase, “and to make an end of sins,” refers to the Second Coming of Christ, with Israel then accepting Him, and what He did at the Cross that man might be saved, including Israel.
4. The phrase, “and to make reconciliation for iniquity” means that Israel will then accept the Cross. The word reconciliation actually means “atonement”.
5. The phrase, “and to bring in Everlasting righteousness,” refers to the fact that Israel, having accepted Christ, will stray no more. Their imputed righteousness will be everlasting.

6. The phrase, “to seal up the vision and the prophecy,” means that all of these things will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ.
7. The phrase, “and to anoint the most holy,” refers to the building of the Millennial Temple, which Ezekiel graphically describes in the last nine chapters of his book.

**Daniel 9:25 King James Version**

*25 “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”*

1. The phrase, “know therefore and understand,” presents the explanation.
2. The phrase, “that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem,” actually pertains to that for which Daniel had been praying. Gabriel plainly tells him that the seventy years dispersion is not coming to an end and that Jerusalem is to be restored and rebuilt.
3. The phrase, “unto the Messiah the Prince” refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, who was to come and, in effect, as approximately the time that He would come.
4. The phrase, “Shall be seven weeks” refers to 49 years.
5. The phrase “after three score and two weeks,” refers to 434 years with both numbers totaling 483. But as we shall see, this is a gap between the two periods.

6. The phrase, “the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times,” has to do with the difficulty in the wall and the city being restored. All of this is recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah, which has to do with 7 weeks of years or 49 years.

**Daniel 9:26 King James Version**

*26 “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: 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.”*

1. The phrase, “and after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off”, refers to the Crucifixion of Christ, and the time it would happen. Consequently, from this description given by Gabriel, it was known very near as to when the Messiah would be born and when he would die.
2. The phrase, “but not for Himself,” refers to the fact that Jesus did not die for crimes He had committed, for He committed none. He died for mankind, taking upon Himself man’s deserved penalty.
3. The phrase, “and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary,” has a double meaning. It refers not only to Rome, which would destroy Jerusalem and the Temple, but, as well to the coming Antichrist, who will do the same.
4. The phrase, “and the end thereof shall be with a flood,” reverts now to Rome, and what she will do in destroying the city. It would be a “flood” of destruction.

5. The phrase, “and unto the end of the war desolations are determined,” pertains to the fact that Israel, which is in perpetual war with the Lord, will have desolations determined upon her until the end of that war, which will take place at the Second Coming.

**Daniel 9:27 King James Version**

*27 “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst 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.”*

1. The phrase, “and he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week”, refers to the antichrist making a seven year covenant with Israel and other nations, which he will do at the beginning of the Tribulation.
2. The phrase, “and in the midst of that week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,” means that he will actually turn on Israel, breaking his covenant with her, attacking her, actually taking over Jerusalem and the Temple, which will stop the sacrificial worship, etc.
3. The phrase, “and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate”, refers to the fact that he will actually set up a statue of himself in the Temple, and demand that all worship the statue, i.e. that all worship him.
4. The phrase, “even until the consummation,” refers to the conclusion of the seven year Tribulation.

5. The phrase, “and that determine shall be poured upon the desolate,” refers to all the prophecies being fulfilled regarding the great suffering that Israel will undergo through the last three and a half years of this “one week” or seven years.
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The term "week" is being used to describe a 7 year period. So, 70 weeks is equal to 490 years in the vision that Daniel had.

**Daniel 9:25 King James Version**

*25 “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”*

So, we must find the date that the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem occurred so as to have a starting point of the 490 years.

**Nehemiah 2:1-8 King James Version**

*1 “And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.*

*2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,*

*3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?*

*4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.*

*5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.*

*6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.*

*7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;*

*8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me."*

The twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king was 445 BC. The angel told Daniel that from the date of the order to rebuild Jerusalem, unto the arrival of the long awaited Messiah would be 69 of the 70 weeks (483 years). So, the angel predicted to Daniel that from 445 BC to this Messiah would be 483 years.

There are 360 days in a Jewish year. Based on this, it is 483 years or 173,880 days from the order to rebuild Jerusalem unto this long awaited Messiah. When you do the math, it is

incredible to find that the time period ends the exact day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem, just days before His crucifixion and resurrection proving Jesus is the Messiah.

So, we just found out 69 of those weeks (483 years) has past. But we are looking at the 70th tonight and a total of 70 weeks or 490 years was predicted by the angel in verse 24 to bring in everlasting righteousness and anoint the most Holy.

Since we discovered that it was only 483 years from the order to rebuild Jerusalem, to the day Jesus entered Jerusalem, that leaves this extra week, or 7 year period. What's up with this 70th Week?

There is a simple explanation for this. The Bible makes it clear that when Jesus was crucified and resurrected, that Israel's "time clock" stopped and it now began a time period known as the "time of the Gentiles."

## **"TIME OF THE GENTILES"**

There is a time period mentioned in the Bible known as the "Time of the Gentiles" ...

### **Luke 21:24 King James Version**

*24 "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."*

**Romans 11:25 King James Version**

*25 “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.”*

It is the period of time which begins after Jesus' resurrection but before the promised 1000 years of peace on earth known as the Millennium. Just before the Millennium, there will be a 7 year time period known as the “End Times” or “Tribulation”.

So, from the time of Jesus' resurrection to these “End Times”, is the period of time known as the “Time of the Gentiles”, a time where Gentiles (individuals from any nation other than Israel) have been given the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior.

How do we know that the “Time of the Gentiles” didn’t begin until the death of Jesus?

**Matthew 10:5-7 King James Version**

*5 “These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:*

*6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

*7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

As you can see, the LORD has allotted a specified period of time for the Gentiles to accept Jesus as their Savior which began at His Resurrection and the start of the New Covenant and continues until the “End Times”.

**Galatians 4:4-5 King James Version**

4 “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”

This fulness of time refers to the Time of the Jewish people who were under law given by Moses.

**John 1:17 King James Version**

17 “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

When you read Romans Chapter 11, you’ll find that anyone of God’s chosen people of Israel can be saved during the “Time of the Gentiles” as well. The New Covenant (which would include the gentiles) could not begin until the Testator of it Died:

**Hebrews 9:15-17 King James Version**

15 “And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

*17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the **testator** liveth."*

So, the New Testament and the "Time of the Gentiles" began after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now, we are going to look at the Biblical timeline to better understand this "Time of the Gentiles".

We see that Abraham, who was called by God to become the Father of God's chosen people, was born around 2000 AA (after Adam). If God's chosen people of that time period got from 2000 AA until 4000 AA which is 2000 years then that would suggest that 2000 years would be given as the Time of the Gentiles as well.

In short, the Jewish people received a certain amount of time to choose God, but chose their selfish ways instead and then Jesus was sent from Heaven, but the Jewish people did not accept Him as Lord. Their time period stopped and the time of the Gentiles began.

The Bible says that at this time all other nations and races (Gentiles) would receive the same amount of time (2000 years) to accept the Lord.

When the "Gentiles" time period ends, it will bring about the last "week" or seven year period that we spoke of earlier. This 7 year period of time is called ... The End Times.

It is interesting that in the book of Revelation:

- o The Antichrist reigns terror for 3 1/2 years (Chapter 13)
- o The two witnesses prophecy for 3 1/2 years (Chapter 11)
- o The woman in the wilderness is hidden for 3 1/2 years (Chapter 12) ... Is it coincidental that 3 1/2 years is exactly half of 7 years?

It is obvious that the End Times are split into two, 3 1/2 year periods (the 7 remaining years from the 490 years). There will be an End Times period for the Gentiles, then a gathering and "Rapture" of those believing Christians. Then an End Times period for the Israelites and a gathering and a "Rapture" for the Jewish believers and those who became Christians during the second 3 1/2 years.

**Daniel 9:26-27 King James Version**

*26 "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: 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.*

*27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst 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."*

This prophecy tells of "the people of the prince that shall come" (Antichrist's empire) "confirming a covenant" (deal or treaty) with Israel for 7 years, but will break the covenant in the "midst" of the 7 years and set out to destroy Israel.

This simply means that many countries will "confirm" or agree with a peace treaty made between Israel and another country and then break the deal during the 7 year time period.

Coincidentally, MANY so called "peace treaties" have been made between Israel and Palestine and other Muslim nations brokered by the United States and the United Nations. All nations are involved and affected.

Israel surrendered land to the Palestinians which God told them to “never” do to obtain peace with its neighbors.

**Be on the look out for any peace treaty made with Israel.**