

# A Brief Look at Daniel's 70 Weeks

This is the last jubile the Jews would celebrate under the Law (69-62=7 weeks or 49 years)

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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.

This war that came upon the Jews was related to their crucifixion of Jesus Christ, "Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children." Matt. 27:25

The legions of Rome under General Titus' command (The instruments of God's of judgment), destroyed Herod's Temple in 70 A.D.

The pronoun "he" used three times in this verse, is the fourth time the subject, Jesus Christ, is mentioned

This covenant refers to Jesus' blood covenant. It is as different from the Old Testament as it is reflected today in the redemptive paradigm taught—election and grace (Holy Spirit indwelling) vs. free-will and bondage (carnal effort and dead orthodoxy)

Jesus' ministry was 3.5 years long. All that remains is 3.5 years. A 7 year tribulation period is non-existent in scriptural prophecy! The tribulation and great tribulation are synonymous! (see Matt. 24:19, 22, 29)

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.

Francisco Ribera (1537-1591), a Jesuit operative, wrote a commentary (1590) in which he purposely identifies the subject of Christ in this verse as Satan, or the antichrist. For the first time in 1500 years Ribera diverted attention away from the rider on the white horse (Rev. 6:2) and attempted to create confusion regarding the pronoun "he" in verse 27. This was executed as a counter-Reformation ploy to neutralize the growing belief among many that Rome was indeed the woman sitting upon the scarlet colored beast in Revelation 17:3.

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**"and for the overspreading of abominations"**--This prophecy was fulfilled when the Jewish high priest went into the holiest of holies and offered the blood of an unblemished lamb instead of recognizing God's sacrifice, Jesus Christ, as the only avenue of redemption from this point forward. For 36.5 years Jesus' crucifixion had rendered animal sacrifice desolate. It is also interesting to note how the Jews purposely falsified these verses to hide their true meaning as well as obscuring the calculation of biblical chronology by the introduction of a corrupt civil and sacred calendar.

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