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END TIMES STUDIES

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Daniel 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

² Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea.

³ **Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.**

⁴ "The **first was like a lion**, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it.

⁵ "And there before me was a **second beast, which looked like a bear**. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'

⁶ "After that, I looked, and there before me was **another beast, one that looked like a leopard**. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

⁷ "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a **fourth beast--terrifying and frightening and very powerful**. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and **it had ten horns**.

⁸ "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was **another horn, a little one**, which came up among them; and **three of the first horns were uprooted** before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the **Ancient of Days took his seat**. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

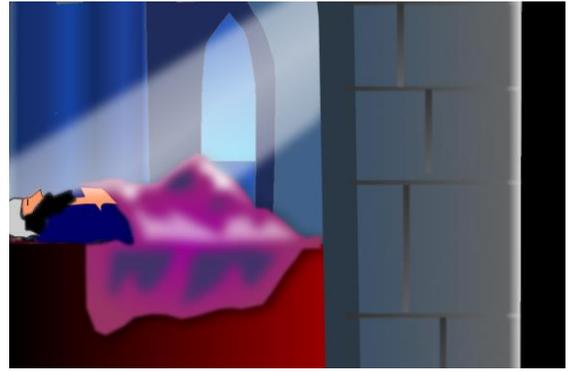
¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

¹¹ "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire.

¹² (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

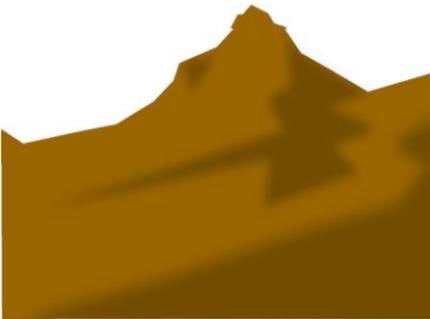
¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**



_____ BC. The first year of Belshazzar.





¹⁵ "I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me.

¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this. "So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ **'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth.**

¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High will receive **the kingdom** and will possess it forever--yes, for ever and ever.'

¹⁹ "Then **I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast**, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws--the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.

²⁰ **I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up**, before which three of them fell--the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

²¹ As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them,

²² until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came **when they possessed the kingdom.**

²³ "He gave me this explanation: 'The **fourth beast is a fourth kingdom** that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it.

²⁴ **The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom.** After them **another king** will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.

²⁵ He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

²⁶ " 'But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever.

²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of **the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom**, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'

²⁸ "This is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, was deeply troubled by my thoughts, and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself."

Daniel 8:1 In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision, after the one that had already appeared to me.

² In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the Ulai Canal.

³ **I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns**, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later.

⁴ I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

⁵ As I was thinking about this, **suddenly a goat with a prominent horn** between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground.

⁶ He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage.

⁷ **I saw him attack the ram furiously**, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power.

⁸ **The goat became very great**, but at the height of his power **his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up** toward the four winds of heaven.

⁹ Out of **one of them** came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the **Beautiful Land**.

¹⁰ It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.

¹¹ It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; **it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low**.

¹² Because of rebellion, the host of the *saints* and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.

¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "**How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled--the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?**"

¹⁴ He said to me, "It will take **2,300 evenings and mornings**; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

_____ BC



"One of them" = Antiochus Epiphanes 8:9:



HOW LONG WILL THE REIGN OF TERROR LAST?

2,300 DAYS or around 6 ½ years.

Ended on December 25, 165 BC

NIV **Daniel 9:1** In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom--² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

³ **So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer** and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴ **I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:** "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands,

⁵ **we have sinned** and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

⁶ **We have not listened** to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

⁷ "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame--the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.

⁸ O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.

⁹ The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though **we have rebelled** against him;

¹⁰ **we have not obeyed** the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.

¹¹ All Israel has **transgressed** your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. "Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you.

¹² **You have fulfilled the words** spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem.

¹³ Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.

¹⁴ The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

¹⁵ **"Now, O Lord** our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.

¹⁶ O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

¹⁷ "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.

¹⁸ Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.

¹⁹ O Lord, listen! **O Lord, forgive!** O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."



Date: _____ BC

Jeremiah 25:11 ¹¹ This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**.

Jeremiah 29:10-14 ¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: "When **seventy years** are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

605 BC

- 538 BC

= 67 years

²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill--

²¹ **while I was still in prayer, Gabriel**, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

²² **He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding.**

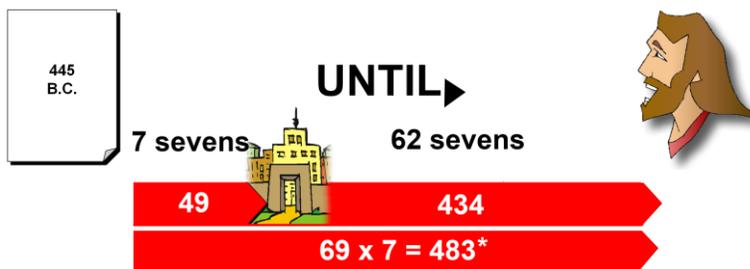
²³ As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. **Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision:**

Seventy 7's 490 years!

Six purposes of the Seventy 7s:

- 1) To F_____ transgressions
- 2) To P_____ an end sin
- 3) To A_____ for wickedness
- 4) To B_____ in Everlasting R.
- 5) To S_____ U_____ the vision
- 6) To A_____ the most holy

Starting point 445BC = issuing decree to rebuild Jerusalem

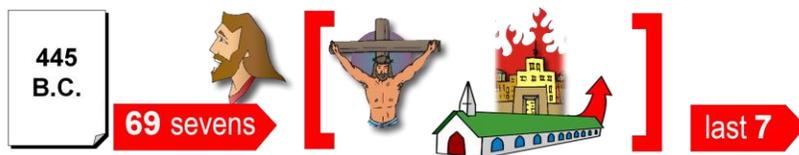


*See Sir Robert Andersen's calculations for the time between the decree and Jesus.

After (not during) 62 sevens following the 49 sevens the Messiah will be cut off (a violent death – He was crucified in 32 AD. Plus

The city of Jerusalem will be destroyed (which the Romans destroyed in 70 AD). So there is a "gap" of 38 years between the 69 sevens and the final seven as a total of 490 years were prophesied.

[The entire church age is also in this gap!]



The "He" of verse 27 refers to the ruler who will come who is of the people who destroy the Jerusalem (or a future Roman ruler!)



²⁴ "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to **finish transgression**, to put an **end to sin**, to **atone** for wickedness, to bring in **everlasting righteousness**, to **seal** up vision and prophecy and to **anoint** the most holy.

²⁵ "Know and understand this: **From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One**, the ruler, comes, there will be **seven 'sevens,'** and **sixty-two 'sevens.'** It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

²⁶ **After** the sixty-two 'sevens,' the **Anointed One will be cut off** and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will **destroy the city and the sanctuary.** The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

²⁷ **He** will confirm a **covenant** with many for **one 'seven.'** In the **middle** of the 'seven' he will put an **end to sacrifice** and offering. And on a wing *of the temple* he will set up an **abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. "

Renald Showers in his commentary on Daniel, *The Most High God*, sums this up in a few paragraphs:

When in the lifetime of Jesus, the Messiah, did the 483 years end? When computing the data provided by Gabriel, one must keep in mind that in ancient times a year was reckoned to consist of 360 days. The ancient people of India, Persia, Babylon, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Central America and China had calendar systems with a 360-day year. Thus, the 483 years between Artaxerxes' decree and the designated time in Messiah's life would amount to 173,880 days).

According to Gabriel, starting with Artaxerxes' decree in March, 445 B.C., the addition of 173,880 days would bring one to the exact time when something significant would happen in Messiah's life on earth. Research led Sir Robert Anderson to conclude that Artaxerxes issued his decree to Nehemiah on March 14, 445 B.C. Beginning with that date, the 173,880 days end on April 6, 32 A.D. Thus the 483 years ended on April 6, 32 A.D.

What is significant thing happened to Jesus, the Messiah on April 6, 32 AD? When referring to the end of the first 483 years, Gabriel said: 'until Messiah the Prince.'" Whatever happened to Jesus on April 6, 32 A.D., it must have been related significantly to His being Prince, the King of Israel. Sir Robert Anderson concluded that April 6, 32 A.D. was the day on which Jesus officially presented Himself to Israel through His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 predicted that triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and in Luke 19:41-44 Jesus said they should have know this day of His visitation. Why? Because it was predicted here in Daniel 9:25

Calculating the time from Julian Calendar to Hebrew Calendar:

The Julian 365 Calendar	Hebrew 360
483 (365 day years)	445 BC
<u>X 5</u> (less days)	+ <u>32 AD</u>
2,415 (days too many)	477 (Julian years)
<u>/ 360</u> (divided 360 days)	- <u>1</u> (1 BC to 1 AD)
6.70 Year difference	476 years
	+ <u>7.03</u>
	483.03 (Hebrew years)
483	
<u>X .25</u>	
120.75 -- ¼ day	
or .33 year	
<u>.33</u> Leap year	
7.03	
	For more exact calculating see: <i>The Coming Prince</i> by Sir Robert Anderson

