

Lesson 9 – Our Redeemer, the Theme of Prophecy?



Introduction: Multitudes today are losing faith in Jesus. How can we know that He was the Savior of the world? We can know because of the Old Testament prophecies.



1. What did Jesus show was the theme of the Old Testament prophecies? Luke 24:25-27 [The Further-study verses are Luke 24:44; John 5:39]

Luke 24:25-27, 44

- ²⁵ Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
- ²⁶ Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
- ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
- ⁴⁴ And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

John 5:39

- ³⁹ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Answer: Not only is Jesus the theme of the Old Testament prophecies, but Jesus is the theme of the entire Bible which testify of Him.



2. In what city did the Old Testament say Jesus was to be born?

Micah 5:2 [Luke 2:1-7; Isa. 9:6]

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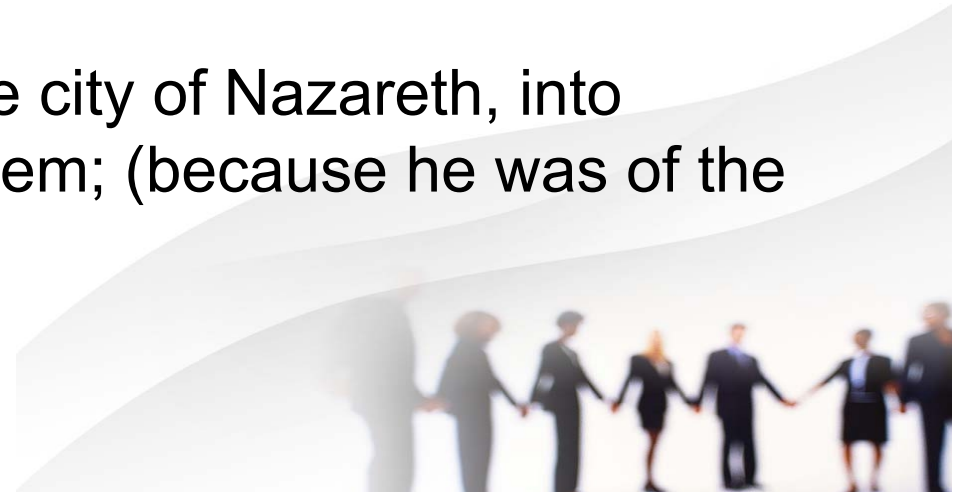
² But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Note: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) Luke 2:4

Answer: Bethlehem - Judaea



3. Was there also a specific time when Jesus was to appear? Gal. 4:4

Galatians 4:4

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

Answer: The fullness of time means that at exactly the right moment, at the most precise time and place, God's purpose and plan is unfolded and revealed. It's the fullness of time that allows you see another day.



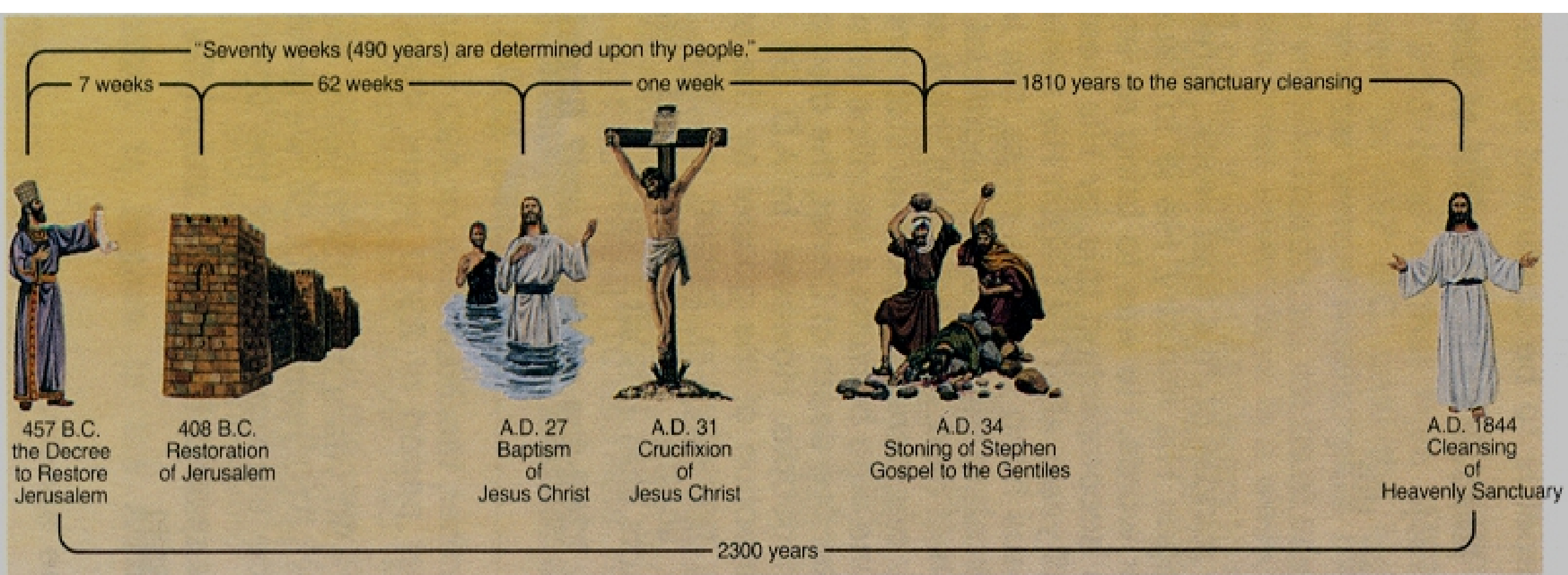
4. When was that time to be? Dan. 9:24, 25

Daniel 9:24, 25

- 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.

[Answer: From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem. Ezra 6:14; 7:7-11]





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5. Sixty-nine weeks is 483 days. In symbolic prophecy, what does a day represent? Eze. 4:6 [Num. 14:34]

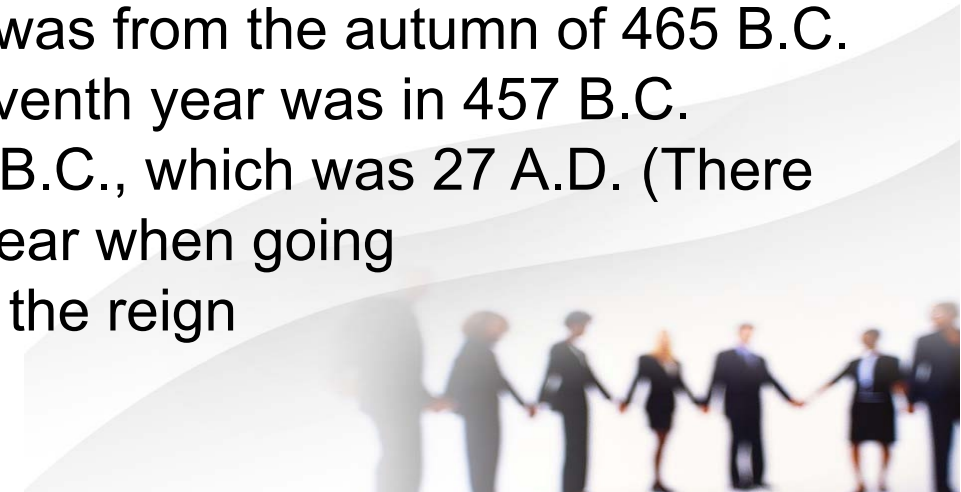
Ezekiel 4:6, last part

⁶ I have appointed thee each day for a year.

Numbers 14:34

- ³⁴ After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Note: According to Ezra 6:14, the threefold decree to restore and build Jerusalem was completed by the Persian king Artaxerxes. This decree went forth shortly after Ezra arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth Jewish month in the seventh year of Artaxerxes' reign (Ezra 7:8, 9). Artaxerxes' first year, counted as year "zero" by the Jews, was from the autumn of 465 B.C. to the autumn of 464 B.C. The fifth Jewish month of his seventh year was in 457 B.C. Therefore the Messiah should appear 483 years after 457 B.C., which was 27 A.D. (There is no year "0" between B.C. and A.D., so you must add a year when going from B.C. to A.D.) Twenty-seven A.D. was the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar.



6. Thus the 69 weeks ended in Tiberius Caesar's 15th year. What happened that year? Luke 3:1-3, 21, 22.

Luke 3:1-3, 21, 22

- Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,
- ² Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
- ³ And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins
- ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,
- ²² And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Answer: Christ the Messiah was anointed or Baptised.



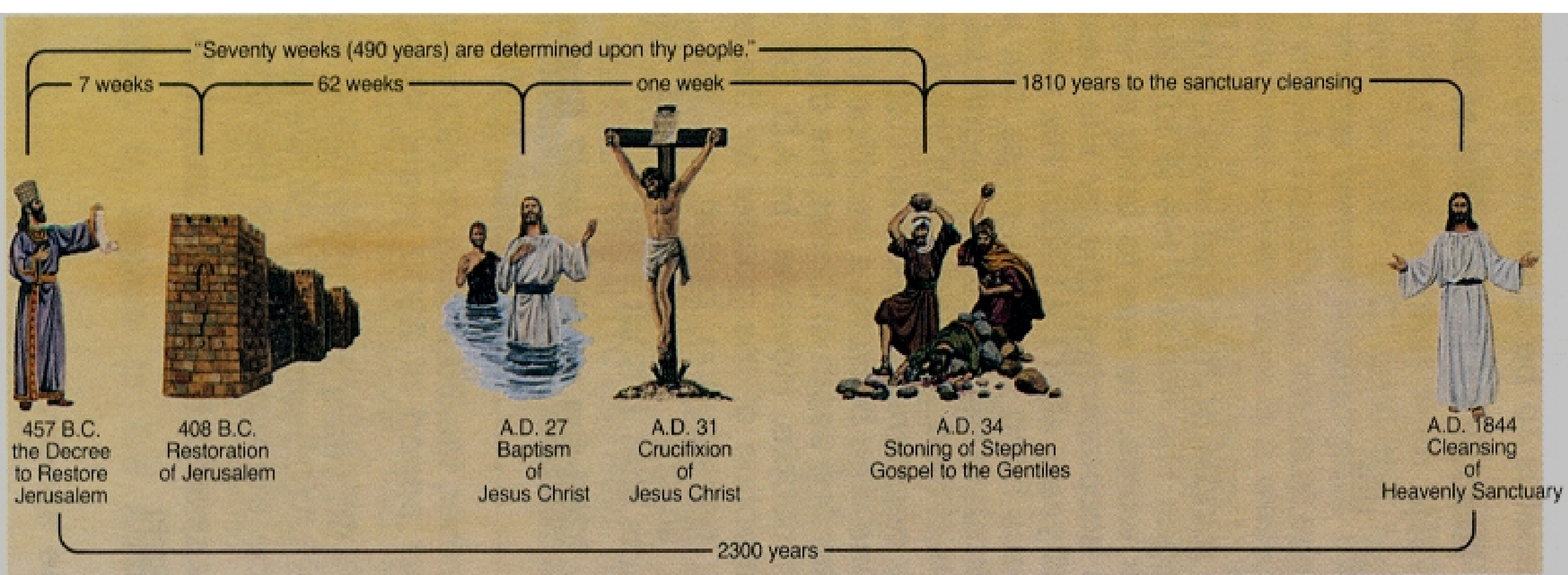
7. The Hebrew word “Messiah” (“Christ” in Greek) means “anointed.” If Jesus was the Messiah, (1) HOW was He anointed, thereby becoming the Messiah; and (2) WHEN did that happen? Acts 10:37, 38

Acts 10:37, 38

- ³⁷ That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
- ³⁸ How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

[Answer: He was anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism in 27 A.D., exactly according to prophecy! Luke 3:21, 22; 4:18; John 1:41]





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8. Did Jesus recognize the fulfillment of this prophetic time? Mark 1:15

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¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Matthew 4:17

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

[Note: The Greek word here is “pleroo,” meaning “fulfilled,” or “completed,” as translated in the KJV, NKJV, and NASB.

Answer: Yes He did! The time is fulfilled or completed. This time represented the 69 weeks, Matt 4:17



9. Although the Jewish people wanted a conqueror, what would happen to the Messiah sometime after 27 A.D.? Dan. 9:26a

Daniel 9:26

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.



[Answer: He would be “cut off.” Isa. 53:8, 9]

- ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- ⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death;
- because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.



10. Jesus' baptism marked the end of the 69 weeks and the beginning of the 70th week of probationary time allotted to the Jewish nation. What would happen in the middle of this prophetic week? Dan. 9:27a

Daniel 9:27

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.

[Answer: Jesus, who made the covenant, would put an end to animal sacrifices by Himself being "cut off" and becoming our sacrifice on the cross. Isa. 53:8; Heb. 10:6, 9-14, 18; Matt. 23:38; 27:51]



27 A.D.

31 A.D.

34 A.D.



One week
(7 years)

Baptism of
Jesus Christ

Crucifixion of
Jesus Christ

Stoning of Stephen
Gospel to Gentiles

11. Did Jesus understand the prophetic time period pointing forward to His being “cut off” and doing away with sacrifices?

Luke 9:51 [Matt. 26:18; John 7:6-8]

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⁵¹ And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

John 7:6-9

- ⁶ Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.
- ⁷ The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.
- ⁸ Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet fully come.
- ⁹ When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

Matthew 26: ¹⁸ And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

- ¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.
- ²⁰ Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.
- ²¹ And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

Answer: Yes He did! After the Passover He went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray.



12. Since after Jesus' death there were still 3 1/2 years of the final (70th) week for special ministry to the Jewish people, where did Jesus tell His disciples to begin their witness? Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8

⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

[**Note:** Jesus confirmed the covenant of 490 years with the Jewish people (Rom. 15:8), first through His own ministry (Matt. 24:47), and then through His disciples. Luke 24:47]

Luke 24:47

⁴⁷ And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.



13. When did the gospel begin to go to the Gentiles? Acts 7:59; 8:1, 4

Acts 7:59

⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Acts 8:1, 4

- ¹And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- ⁴Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

[**Note:** In the stoning of Stephen, the Jewish nation once more rejected the covenant of mercy. Acts 10:9-17, 28, 29]



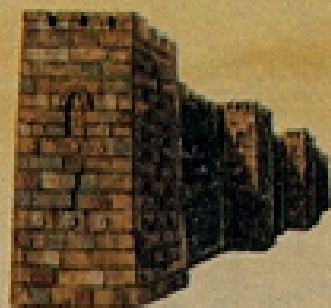
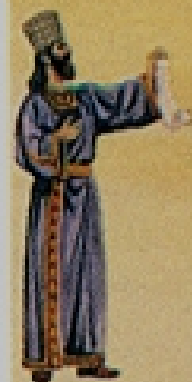
"Seventy weeks (490 years) are determined upon thy people."

7 weeks

62 weeks

one week

1810 years to the sanctuary cleansing



457 B.C.
the Decree
to Restore
Jerusalem

408 B.C.
Restoration
of Jerusalem

A.D. 27
Baptism
of
Jesus Christ

A.D. 31
Crucifixion
of
Jesus Christ

A.D. 34
Stoning of Stephen
Gospel to the Gentiles

A.D. 1844
Cleansing
of
Heavenly Sanctuary

2300 years

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14. Was the Jewish nation still God's chosen people after 34 A.D.? Rom. 2:28, 29 [Jer. 18:9, 10; Deut. 28:45, 46, 63; Matt. 21:43; 1 Peter 2:9, 10]

Romans 2:28, 29

²⁸ For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

²⁹ But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

1 Peter 2:9,10

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Answer: Yes! He is a Jew which is inwardly. And circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter of the law.



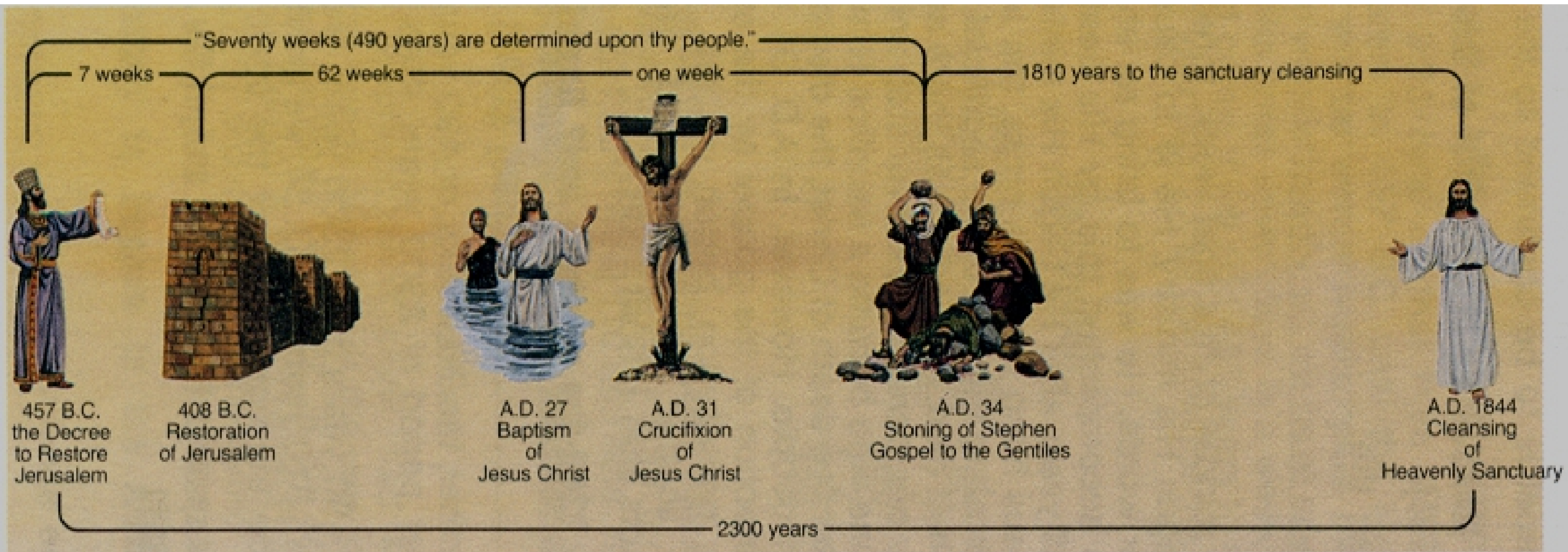
15. Under the New Covenant, who are the true Israel? Gal.3:26-29

[Gen. 17:4-7; 1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 3:7; 6:15, 16; Eph. 2:11-22]

Galatians 3:26-29

- ²⁶ For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- ²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- ²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.





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- **Commitment** Jesus alone fulfills the prophecies of the Messiah. Through Him we can each become a part of God's true people-spiritual Israel. Is it your desire to be a part of God's true Israel today? :

