

21 THE FASCINATING PROPHECY OF THE 2,300 YEARS



There are about 2,300 fascinating prophecies in the Bible. They have more than ten accurate mathematical predictions. They are God's clock. In the prophecy of the 2,300 years, fascinating revelations show us the development of history - the rise and fall of kingdoms, the year of Christ's baptism and death, the time when the truth that the antichrist has overthrown will be restored, and the beginning of the time of the end. It is a prophecy worth knowing!

THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL 8

1. What did Daniel see in vision on the banks of the Ulai river? Daniel 8:3-9.

- A _____ with two horns, one _____ the other, and the ram pushed forward towards the north and south, wounding its opponent. No other animal could resist him.
- A _____ came from the west, so fast that it did not touch the ground. It had a single _____ between its eyes. It cast the _____ down to the ground and broke its two horns. Then, in its greatest strength its own horn was broken and four horns came up in its place.
- Out of one came a _____, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, the east and the _____ (Palestine).

2. Whom did the ram symbolize? Verses 15, 16, 20.

It symbolized the _____.

It charged with its horns toward the east (Greece), the north and the south (Egypt). This prophecy was fulfilled in 550 B.C. when Babylon was still in power.

3. What did the goat symbolize? Verses 21, 22. _____

Its first king was Alexander the Great. The statement "it did not touch the ground" depicts Alexander's speed as a conqueror. In only 8 years he conquered the then known world, and his dominion reached as far as India. He died at the height of his glory. 4 horns - four generals succeeded Alexander and divided the kingdom into 4 parts: Macedonia, Thrace, Syria-Babylon and Egypt.

4. What came out of one of the horns? Verses 9, 23, 25.

Compare these verses with the little horn in Daniel 7. That horn that grew referred to Rome in its dual facets: pagan Rome and papal Rome. It grew, and its conquests spread out to the east towards Greece, Asia, and towards the south to Africa, Carthage and Egypt. The pleasant land referred to is Palestine. "The place of his sanctuary was overthrown" (verse 11). Rome opposed Christ. In A.D. 70, the Roman army destroyed Jerusalem. Papal Rome was the continuation of the pagan Rome of the Caesars and it would "destroy... the holy people" (verse 24). This referred to the Inquisition. "... and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away" (Verse 11). We are justified by Christ; He intercedes for us. But the church created a series of human mediators. With the institution of the mass, in which the priest becomes a mediator, and the teaching of justification by works, Christ was displaced. It cast down the truth, acted according to its own will and prospered. It attempted to change the law of God by substituting Sunday for the Bible Sabbath and introducing human commandments.

5. The question arises: “How long shall... the transgression of desolation be?” (Verse 13).

In other words, how long will the antichrist conceal the truth about Christ’s continuous mediation for the sinner? How long will the people of God be persecuted? How long will the truth be cast down to the ground and the law of God be trampled underfoot? How long will judgment be delayed? What was the answer? (Verse 14).

6. What period of time did these 2,300 days refer to? Verses 17, 19, 26.

For the time of _____, Daniel did not understand the vision of the 2,300 days; it worried him so much that he became ill. Verses 26, 27.

KEY REVELATIONS TO THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL 9

After a fervent prayer in which Daniel humbled himself before God, he received the answer (Daniel 9:20-23), the full explanation of the 2,300 years mentioned in the previous chapter.

7. How many prophetic weeks were determined or cut off from the 2,300 days for the people of Israel? (Verse 24). _____

How many literal years are there in 70 prophetic weeks? If we use the prophetic key of 1 day = 1 year (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34), we conclude that 70 weeks times the seven days of the week = 490 prophetic days or 490 literal years.

8. What would happen during those 490 years of grace for the Jewish people? Verse 24.

_____ would be put to end, _____ would be atoned for, and _____ would be achieved through the sacrifice of Christ. The vision and prophecy would be sealed, as the 333 prophecies concerning Jesus were fulfilled. The Saint of Saints would be _____. The name Christ means “anointed one”.

9. What was the starting point for the 2,300 years and the 70 weeks that are a part of prophecy? Daniel 9:25.

The date when the order _____.

The starting point in these mathematical calculations is the year 457 B.C. (the third quarter), when Artaxerxes, king of Persia, signed the decree to rebuild the city of Jerusalem (Ezra 7:7; 6:14). Jerusalem was deserted because the Jews were exiled in Babylon.

10. In what year would the 2,300 days end?

There are 456 years and one quarter in the B.C. era. To complete the 2,300 years, we need 1,843 years and a quarter, and that takes us to the third quarter of the year A.D. 1844, which is exactly 2,300 years. The year 1844 is the end of this long prophetic period.

THE 70 WEEKS PROPHECY

11. How many weeks were there to the coming of the Messiah? Daniel 9:25.

_____ weeks and _____ weeks.

- a) Seven weeks are 49 days or 49 years. This was the time it took to rebuild the temple and the walls of Jerusalem. What year does that bring us to? 408 B.C. (407 and a quarter).
- b) To reach the year of Christ’s baptism we calculate 62 weeks x 7 = 434 literal years. We subtract those years from our diagram starting at the year 407 and a quarter, and we are left with 26 years and three-quarters. This places us in the year A.D. 27, the year in which Christ was baptized. Galatians 4:4; Matthew 3:13-17.

12. What year would Christ be crucified? Daniel 9:26, 27.

After the sixty-two weeks. To complete the 70 weeks, we need one week (7 years). What would happen in this last week, or seven years? The 62 weeks ended in the year A.D. 27; if we add 7 years we reach the year A.D. 34.

At mid-week, the sacrifice and offering would cease. This is the year A.D. 31, in the month of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, which corresponds to our month of April, the eve of the Jewish Easter. Jesus was crucified on that date, in the spring of the year A.D. 31, by order of Pilate.

Bible prophecy is very accurate! The sacrifices would cease because they symbolized Christ. When He died for our sins, there was no more need to shed the blood of animals. At the very moment Jesus died, the veil of the temple was torn in two (Matthew 27:51).

13. When did the time given to Israel as God's people end? What happened to Jerusalem? Verses 24, 26.

At the end of the _____ weeks or _____ years.

This period ended in the year A.D. 34. Three and a half years after Jesus' death, the gospel was preached only to the Jews. The Roman soldiers besieged Jerusalem in the year A.D. 70 and after reducing it to famine, it was taken, burned and destroyed, leaving more than one million of its inhabitants dead.

CONCLUSION

The accuracy of Bible prophecy, particularly these mathematical calculations, is a seal or guarantee of biblical validity and is the irrefutable proof that the Bible was inspired by God. The prophecy of the 70 weeks is clear proof that Christ was the promised Messiah. The end of the 2,300 years in 1844 mark the time for the restoration of the truth and the purification of the sanctuary.

What does this mean? We will see this in our next topic.

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My decision: I believe the 2,300 days ended in 1844 and that from this point the restoration of the truth began. Yes No
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2,300 DAYS (YEARS)

SANCTUARY SERVICE IN HEAVEN



HOLY PLACE



MOST

HOLY

70 WEEKS (490 YEARS)

7 weeks

62 weeks

one week

**3rd
Decree**

Jerusalem rebuilt



cut off

Gospel to the Gentiles

1,810 DAYS (YEARS)

THE TIME OF THE END

**Sanctuary cleansed
Judgment in heaven**

**BC
457**

**BC
408**

**The Anointed
(Baptism) AD 27**

AD 31

AD 34

1844

SANCTUARY AND TYPICAL SERVICE ON EARTH

**PROPHETIC SCALE: 1 DAY = 1 YEAR
(Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6)**

