

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
PART 2: DANIEL'S PROPHECY OF SEVENTY "WEEKS"
(Daniel 9:24-27)

- I. Earlier Visions Revealed God's Plan for the GENTILE NATIONS (Dan. 7 & 8)
 - A. The BABYLONIAN Empire
 - B. The PERSIAN Empire
 - C. The GREEK Empire
 - D. The ROMAN Empire
 - E. Another kingdom of MIXED character
 - F. ENDING with God's JUDGMENT when CHRIST comes to establish HIS KINGDOM

- II. This Prophecy Revealed God's Plan for ISRAEL—the CHURCH is not in view, being a "MYSTERY" not yet REVEALED
 - A. Seventy "sevens," or "weeks," are DECREED/DETERMINED
 - 1. Related to the seventy years of CAPTIVITY
 - 2. Summarizes the history of Israel from NEHEMIAH (445 BC) to the SECOND COMING of CHRIST
 - B. Six PURPOSES are stated
 - 1. "To FINISH the transgression"
 - 2. "To make and END of SIN"
 - 3. "To make ATONEMENT for iniquity"
 - 4. "To bring in EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS"
 - 5. "To seal up VISION and PROPHECY"
 - 6. "To anoint the MOST HOLY" (cf. Heb. 10:12-21)
 - C. In the first SEVEN "sevens" (49 years)
 - 1. The city was REBUILT under the leadership of EZRA

2. The streets were REPAIRED under Nehemiah and Zerubabel
- D. During the next SIXTY-TWO “sevens” (434 years), the MESSIAH appeared and was LIVING at its conclusion
- E. AFTER the sixty-ninth “seven” (total of 483 years elapsed)
 1. Messiah was “CUT OFF”
 2. Jerusalem was DESTROYED (AD 70)
- F. For the seventieth and FINAL “seven” to be fulfilled LITERALLY it must be STILL FUTURE
 1. Its characteristics
 - a. WRATH (Zeph. 1:15, 18; Rev. 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; cf. 1Thess. 1:9-10; 5:9)
 - b. JUDGMENT (Rev. 14:7; 16:5-7; 19:2)
 - c. INDIGNATION (Isa. 26:20-21; 34:1-3)
 - d. PUNISHMENT (Isa. 24:20-21; 26:20-21)
 - e. Hour of TESTING (Rev. 3:10)
 - f. Time of DISTRESS (Jer. 30:7)
 - g. DESTRUCTION (Joel 1:15)
 - h. DARKNESS (Joel 2:2; Amos 5:18; Zeph. 1:14-18)
 2. Begins with a COVENANT between ANTICHRIST and ISRAEL for the seventieth “seven”
 3. It will be interrupted at the MID-POINT by his BREAKING the treaty
 4. It will END with Christ’s RETURN to establish His KINGDOM