

## 22 THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS Daniel 9:24

*Seventy weeks are determined for thy people, and for thy holy city, to shut up the transgression, and to seal up sins, and to cover iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophet, and to anoint the holy of holies. Daniel 9:24 YLT*

“Seventy sevens” (490 years) were decreed to end the Old Covenant and bring in the Messianic Age. We can see that the seventieth week was an outline of Jesus’s earthly ministry plus his coming in judgment/salvation AD 67-70. Christ’s ministry was 3.5 years and the Jewish War was 3.5 years = 7 years (1 week of years) with about 33 years between for repentance. The Old Covenant had to be fulfilled before the New Covenant was consummated. The coming of the Son of Man in judgment was future to the N. T. writers, but would occur in their generation.

### 1. “Finish Transgression”

**After the ascension, Israel had many years to repent or, alternatively, “fill up the transgression” for judgment.**

- a.) Jesus said, “I send to you prophets, wise men, and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify; and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city.” Mt. 23:34
- b.) Jesus said, “Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers!” Mt. 23:32
- c.) Paul said, “Jews...killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and drove us out, and didn't please God, and are contrary to all men...to fill up their sins always.” I Th. 2:15-16

### 2. “Put an End to Sin”

**Jesus put an end to sin for those who trust in Him.**

- a.) “God exalted him...to be a Prince and a Savior, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins.” Acts 5:31-32
- b.) “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent out his Son, born to a woman, born under the law, that he might redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of children.” Rom. 4:4-5

### 3. “Atonement for Iniquity”

**We are taught that atonement was complete at the cross, but Lev. 16 taught that on the Day of Atonement, after the lamb was slain, the priest had to present the blood sacrifice to God and show, by his exit from the Most Holy Place, that the sacrifice was accepted. Jesus fulfilled this O.T. typology with his coming from heaven [parousia] as High Priest and King AD 67-70.**

- a.) “For Christ hasn't entered into holy places made with hands, which are representations of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.” Heb. 9:24 (“now” was during the Apostle’s generation)
- b.) “Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, without sin, to those who are eagerly waiting for him for salvation.” Heb. 9:28 (fulfilled AD 70)
- c.) Jesus said, “But when these things [end times events] begin to happen, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.” Luke 21:28 (fulfilled AD 70)

### 4. “Bring in everlasting righteousness”

**Jesus’s sacrifice is not offered yearly as in the Old Covenant, but once and for all.**

- a.) “For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” Heb. 10:14.
- b.) “But Christ having come as a high priest of the coming good things, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle [heaven], not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption.” Heb. 9:11-12

### 5. “Seal up vision and prophet”

**All prophecy was fulfilled by the time of the destruction of the Old Covenant which consummated the New.**

- a.) “Don't think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I didn't come to destroy, but to fulfill. For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter or one tiny pen stroke shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.” Mt. 5:17-18.
- b.) “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is at hand. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains... these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.” Lk. 21:20-22.

### 6. “Anoint a most holy place”

**Being “in Christ” is the “most holy place.” It is a spiritual reality, not material.**

- a.) “You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Because it is contained in Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen, and precious: He who believes in him will not be disappointed.’” I Pt 2:5-6
- b.) “My kingdom is not of this world.” Jn. 18:36

**NOTE:** Some researchers begin the 490 years with Neh. 2:1 under Artaxerxes around 454 BC. Subtract 483 and 454 = AD 29 for the beginning of Jesus’s ministry with the “seventieth week.” This makes the 70th week 40 years—undoubtedly indicative of the “Second Exodus.”