

Philadelphia – The Model Church of Faithfulness and Loyalty (Part 2)

I. The City

II. The Church

III. The modeled a life of the true nature of Jesus. (vs 7)

- a. Jesus is Holy, so they acted like holy people.
- b. Jesus is True to them, so they were true to Him.
- c. Jesus holds the key of David, therefore they submitted to Him in all ways.

IV. The modeled a godly character. (vs 8)

- a. 1st – They lived what they believed about God.
- b. 2nd – They lived their lives by obedience.
- c. 3rd – They did not allow the pressures of life or the people to cause them to abandon God.

V. For their faithfulness, Jesus gave them several promises.

- a. 1st – He opened an opportunity to share the Gospel.
- b. 2nd – He promised to humble the enemies of the church and make them submit to the church.
- c. 3rd – He promised to spare the church from the ultimate and final test known as the Great Tribulation.
- d. 4th – He gave the church a place of honor forever with the Father.
- e. 5th – He will write three names on His people that will uniquely identify them as His possession.
 - i. The Name of God
 - ii. The Name of the City of God
 - iii. Christ's New Name

Da 9:25 (NASB) "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince ***there will be***

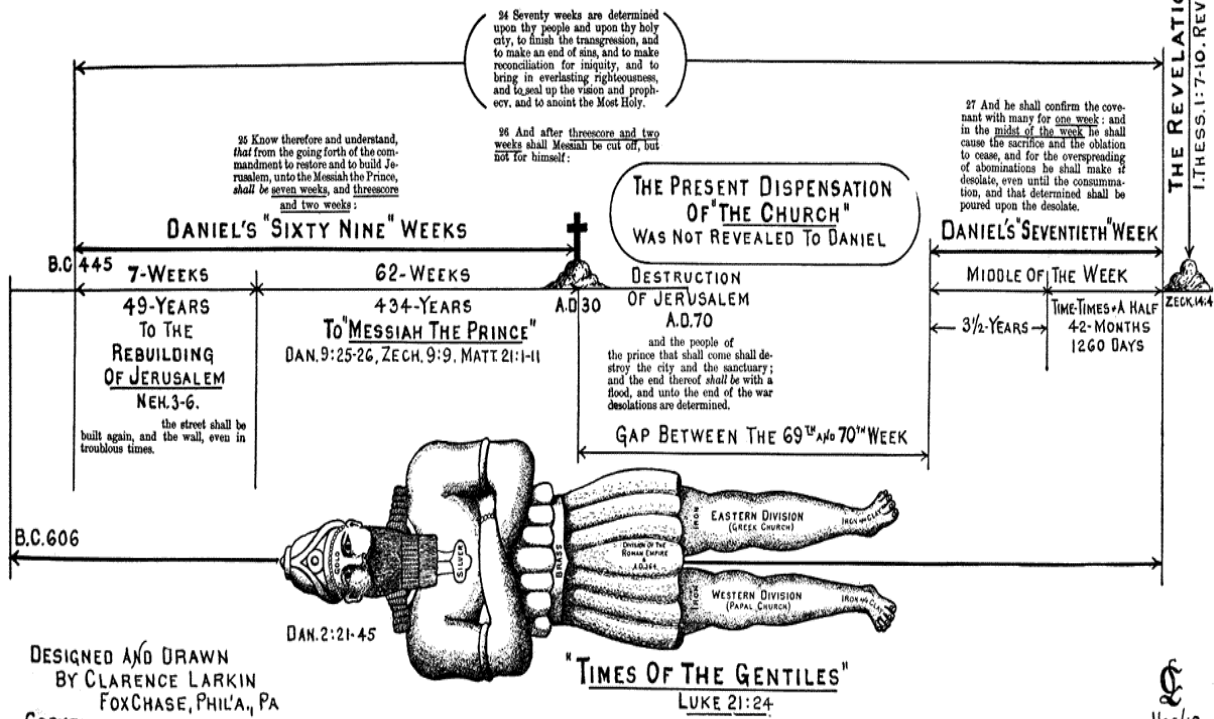
seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26 **"Then after** the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 **"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week**, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Reasons for a Gap of Time Between Daniels 69th week and 70th.

- Vs 26 says **"Then after** the sixty-two weeks
 - In other words...nothing is said about how long after.
 - The text does not say... the cutting off of Messiah is the concluding event of the 62 weeks and it does not say the cutting off of Messiah is the opening event of the 70th week.
 - Implying other events in between the 69th week and the 70th week.
 - It also must mean, Jesus is Crucified after the completion of the seven and 62 weeks, but before the beginning of the 70th week.
- Vs 26 also says, after the death of Christ He will have nothing. That must refer to the things in vs 25. But those did not happen in the 7 years after Christ's death. In fact, none of things have happened yet so there must be a gap of time until those things occur.
- There were 37 years between Christ's death and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. All of those events could not have fit in the 7 years of the last week unless they happen in between the 68th week and the 70th week.
- Vs 27 is very specific about what occurs during that 70th week. And it does not include anything from vs 26
- Nothing in vs 27 or the 70th week have occurred yet. In order to make the weeks continuous that would mean Jesus is the one who makes a covenant and breaks it halfway thorough the week.

DANIEL'S "SEVENTY WEEKS"

DAN. 9:24-27



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