

DANIEL CHAPTER 9—PART 2

G. Verse 27a

*“And **he** shall confirm the covenant with many for one week...”*

1. The “**he**” Gabriel describes is the **prince** (Antichrist) to come mentioned in verse 26.
2. He shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week (seven years)**.
 - a. The confirmation of this covenant by the Antichrist restarts the clock ticking for the final seven-week (year) period of the seventy-weeks prophecy.

H. Verse 27b

“...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,”

1. In the middle of the week the Antichrist breaks the covenant.
 - a. He stops the sacrifice and the oblation.
 - b. He performs the abomination and makes **it** (the temple) desolate.
 - (1). **Abomination** means detestable thing or idol.
 - (2). **Desolate** means destroy. Here it would carry the meaning of being defiled thus destroying its intended use as the dwelling place of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Revelation 13:14-15

*¹⁴ And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make **an image** to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*
¹⁵ And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Matthew 24:15

*¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

I. Verse 27b

"...Until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

1. This is the end of the seventy weeks. Gabriel indicates that the Antichrist will be able to desolate Israel and Jerusalem until the complete chastening which God has sovereignly determined for them has been poured out upon them. God's judgment of the Antichrist and the chastening of Israel will be completed at the same time—at the end of the 490 years when Christ returns in His second coming, at the end of the tribulation.

CONCLUSION:

From Daniel 9, it can be concluded that Israel's present independence and possession of Jerusalem is only a temporary lull for that nation and city until the end of the 490 years. It is the calm before the worst storm that Israel will ever experience. In Luke 21:24, Jesus said that Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles will be fulfilled. Daniel chapters 2 and 7 indicated that those times will not be fulfilled until the second coming of Christ.

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

A. When does the rapture take place in relation to the tribulation period?

There are four main views concerning the timing of the rapture. They are:

1. Pre-tribulation
2. Mid-tribulation
3. Pre-wrath tribulation
4. Post-tribulation

All these views are based on the wrath of God.

1 Thessalonians 1:9b-10

^{9b} ...and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

¹⁰ And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, **which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9

⁹ **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Revelation 3:10

¹⁰ **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

B. A description of the rapture:

1. Christ will descend with a shout and a blast of a trumpet from the Father's house in heaven to the air above the earth.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

¹⁶ **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

¹⁷ **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

2. Christ will bring with Him the souls and spirits of dead Church age saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

¹⁴ **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

a. When these Church age saints died, their souls and spirits left their bodies and went to be with the Lord in heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶ *Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:*

⁷ *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

⁸ *We are confident, I say, and willing rather **to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.***

3. The bodies of Church age saints which have died will be raised as immortal, incorruptible bodies and will be reunited with their returning souls and spirits.

1 Corinthians 15:52-53

⁵² *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.*

⁵³ *For **this corruptible must put on incorruption**, and **this mortal must put on immortality.***

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

¹⁵ *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first:***

4. Then the bodies of the Church age Saints who are alive at the time of the rapture will be changed instantly into immortal, incorruptible bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:52-53

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5. Both the resurrected and changed Church age saints will be caught up together to meet Christ in the air.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

¹⁷ *Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

6. The Church age saints will return with Christ to His Father's house in heaven and live with Him in those places which He has prepared for them.

John 14:2-3

² ***In my Father's house are many mansions:*** if it were not so, I would have told you. ***I go to prepare a place for you.***

³ ***And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.***

- This all takes place in the twinkling of an eye.

1 Corinthians 15:52a

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C. Who will participate in the rapture?

1. All those **in Christ.**

1 Thessalonians 4:16

¹⁶ *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead **in Christ** shall rise first:*

a. The rapture then would include all believers between the day of Pentecost and the day of the rapture, both living and dead. (That group of believers called “the Church,” the body and bride of Christ.)

2. What about the Old Testament Saints?

a. Old Testament Saints resurrection will be in conjunction with Christ’s second coming to earth at the end of the tribulation.

Daniel 12:1-2, 13

¹ *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

² ***And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,*** some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ...

¹³ *But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, **and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.***

D. What happens to the Church after the rapture?

1. The judgement (Bema) seat of Christ.

a. It is for individual Church age-believers.

(II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12).

b. Its purpose is to review works for rewards/crowns, and not for salvation.

(I Corinthians 3:12-15)

2. The marriage of the Lamb; Christ the bridegroom and the Church the bride.
(II Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27)

3. The bridegroom (Christ) with His bride (the Church) will return to the earth at the end of the tribulation. Revelation 19

4. The marriage supper which takes place on earth during the Millennium. The marriage of the Lamb has particular reference to the church and takes place in heaven. The marriage supper is an event that involves Israel and so must take place on earth. (Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24)

Revelation 19:9a

^{9a}And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The Guests at the marriage supper will include the remnant of Israel that will be saved during the tribulation, the Old Testament saints that are resurrected at the end of the tribulation, and the Gentiles who are saved during the Tribulation period, both those who are alive, and those who will be resurrected at the end of the tribulation.

(Daniel 12:1-2, 13; Matthew 25:1-13)

5. Rule and reign with Christ. Revelation 2:26-28

Order of events of the Church

1. Rapture—Church age believers to heaven
2. Judgment seat of Christ—Rewards
3. Marriage of the Lamb—Christ and His bride, the Church
4. The return of Christ with the Church to earth
5. Marriage supper—on earth with invited guests (Millennium)
6. Rule and reign with Christ 1,000 years

THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL

“Know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will!” (Dan 4:32)

