

# SURVEY OF VIEWS ON DANIEL'S "SEVENTY WEEKS" PROPHECY

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	NON-MESSIANIC VIEWS			MESSIANIC VIEWS (Fulfilled with Jesus Christ)				
Name of view	Roman Destruction View (AD 70)	Maccabean View (2 <sup>nd</sup> Cent BC)	Maccabean Double Fulfillment View	1 <sup>st</sup> Century Messianic Symbolic View	1 <sup>st</sup> Century Messianic Literal View	Messianic Symbolic-Eschatological View	Messianic Postponement View	
							Solar Year Calculation	Prophetic Year Calculation
Adherents	Jewish Sources: Seder Olam Rabbah Rashi (AD 1040-1105) Ibn Ezra (AD 1089-1164)	Porphyry (232-c.305AD) Critical Scholars: Montgomery (ICC) Collins (Hermeneia) Hartman-DiL. - Anchor Goldingay (WBC)	Robert B. Chisholm [He differs somewhat from T. McComiskey. The latter begins with Jer 29:10, with first 7 wks to Cyrus, and then 62 to Antichrist].	Conservative Amillennial: E. J. Young Meredith Kline Anthony Hoekema	G. Hasel J. Barton Payne R. G. M. Gurney	Conservative Amillennial: T. Kliefoth C. F. Keil H. C. Leopold	Gleason Archer Stephen R. Miller Leon Wood	Sir Robert Anderson Alva J. McClain John Walvoord J. Dwight Pentecost Paul Feinberg Harold Hoehner J. Paul Tanner
Descript.	The prophecy culminates with the destruction of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temple in AD 70 (or possibly AD 135)	Most details fulfilled in the Maccabean era during the time of Antiochus Epiphanes (171-164 BC)	Same as the Maccabean view, except the final wk has a "double fulfillment." Antiochus foreshadows Antichrist.	The "anointed" of vs 26 is Christ who is crucified; and He makes a covenant with God's people in vs 27.	The 70 "weeks" are literal and all fulfilled in the 1 <sup>st</sup> century, but extend beyond the crucifixion 3 ½ yrs.	70 "weeks" are symbolic of 3 periods. The 62 wks are the present age as "spir. Jer." being built. 70 <sup>th</sup> wk is for Antichrist.	First 69 weeks culminate with crucifixion of Christ, and 70 <sup>th</sup> wk is still future with Antichrist. Calculations based on 365-day yr.	First 69 weeks culminate with crucifixion of Christ, and 70 <sup>th</sup> wk is still future with Antichrist. Calculations based on 360-day yr.
Decree	Cyrus' decree - 538 BC	God's command - Jer 25:1	God's Announcement through Jeremiah (30:18)	Cyrus' decree - 538 BC	Artaxerxes' decree of 458-57 BC	Cyrus' decree - 538 BC	Artaxerxes' decree of 458-57 BC	Artaxerxes' authorization to Nehemiah, 444 BC
1 <sup>st</sup> 7 wks	1 <sup>st</sup> exile until 538 BC (or 520)	587/86 — 538/36 BC	587/86 — 539 BC (Literal)	538/37 BC until completion by Ezra-Neh	458/57 — ca. 409/08 BC	538 BC until the 1 <sup>st</sup> Coming of Christ	458/57 — ca. 409/08 BC	444 — ca. 396 BC
2 <sup>nd</sup> 62 wks	Time in land until first Jewish revolt (AD 60's)	538/36 — 171/70 BC	539 — 171 BC (Not literal)	Completion of work by Ezra-Neh until 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent of Christ	ca. 409/08 BC — ca. AD 26/27	After 1 <sup>st</sup> Coming as "spiritual Jerusalem" (Church) is built	ca. 409/08 BC — ca. AD 26/27 (time of Christ's baptism)	ca. 396 BC — AD 33 (appr. time of Christ's crucifixion)
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 70 <sup>th</sup>	Dest of Jeru. in AD 70 (possibly to 135)	171/70 — 164 BC	539 — 164 BC (Literal)	Most say 1 <sup>st</sup> Century (mid. of wk = crucifixion)	ca. AD 26/27 — ca. AD 33/34	Era of the Antichrist before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming	Future 7 years before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ	Future 7 years before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ
Anointed of vs 25	Usually Cyrus the Great	Joshua the High Priest in Zerub.'s day	Cyrus the Great	Christ Jesus (after the 1 <sup>st</sup> 69 weeks)	Christ Jesus (time of His baptism)	Christ Jesus (after the 1 <sup>st</sup> 7 weeks)	Christ Jesus (after the 1 <sup>st</sup> 69 weeks)	Christ Jesus (after the 1 <sup>st</sup> 69 weeks)
Anointed of vs 26	King Agrippa II at time of AD 70 (so Rashi)	Onias III, the High Pr. assassinated in 171 BC	Onias III, the High Pr. assassinated in 171 BC	Jesus Christ ("cut off" = crucifixion; presum. AD 30)	Jesus Christ ("cut off" = crucifixion in AD 30/31)	Jesus Christ ("cut off" = His influence cut off by Antichrist)	Jesus Christ ("cut off" = crucifixion in AD 30)	Jesus Christ ("cut off" = crucifixion in AD 33)
Prince to Come	Vespasian or Titus	Antiochus	Antiochus	Titus (so Young); or Jesus Christ (so Kline)	Titus (Hasel); but Christ acc. to Payne	The Antichrist	The Antichrist	The Antichrist
One who Makes covenant (vs 27)	Romans with Jews in 1 <sup>st</sup> century AD	Antiochus's alliance with Hellenizing Jews	Antiochus's alliance with Hellenizing Jews, but also a further fulfillment with the Antichrist.	A covenant by Christ with the Church ("ratified" at the time of crucifixion)	Jesus Christ who makes the New Covenant, putting an end to the Jewish sacrificial system	1) Leopold - made in imitation of Christ and imposed on masses; or 2) Keil deceives people to follow him as God	A covenant made by the Antichrist with the Jews. Breaking the covenant starts the final 3 1/2 yrs of the Tribulation.	A covenant made by the Antichrist with the Jews. Breaking the covenant starts the final 3 1/2 yrs of the Tribulation.
Makes Desolation	Roman defilement of Temple in AD 70 and/or the establishment of Aelia on ruins of Jerus. by Hadrian	Pagan altar erected on top of Jewish altar (ca. 168/67 BC)	Apparently the same as the Maccabean view (but also Antichrist).	Christ de-legitimizes the sacrificial system; the Jewish temple is an abomin. to be destroyed later by Titus	Refers to the stoning of Stephen and scattering of early church from Jerusalem.	The work of Antichrist in the Tribulation	The Antichrist halts sacrificial system and commits the "abom. of desolation" in the Jewish temple of Trib. (cf. Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4)	The Antichrist halts sacrificial system and commits the "abom. of desolation" in the Jewish temple of Trib. (cf. Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half of 70 <sup>th</sup> Week	Events about AD 70 or 132-135	Antiochus' attempt to destroy Judaism (latter 3 ½ yrs of his rule)	Antiochus' attempt to destroy Judaism (latter 3 ½ yrs of his rule)	(1) Young, Hoekema - work of Titus in AD 70 (2) Kline, West - an eschatological judgment	See above.	the Antichrist's hatred for the city and temple	The 3 1/2 years of the Great Tribulation when the Antichrist is in power	The 3 1/2 years of the Great Tribulation when the Antichrist is in power

