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One of the Ways the 2300 Year Prophecy Can Be Proved in Scripture

Daniel at the beginning of chapter 9:2 stated clearly, he came to understand that only 70 years God had determined for the accomplishing of the desolations at Jerusalem.

The question arises, for what reason did Daniel study the books of the prophet Jeremiah?

Could it be he was seeking understanding of Daniel 8:14?

If we can find the starting point and the ending date of the 70 years in Babylon, we can prove the 2300-year prophecy. Would you like to know how?

Notice:

1. 2 Chron 36:20-23—

Vs. 20 – Reveals that from the 1st siege of Jerusalem King Nebuchadnezzar (vs.15) carried away into captivity them (including Daniel and his three friends) who were to serve him.

Vs. 21 – This first siege was in 606 BC

- “the land kept sabbath (rest) for three-score and ten years”

$$606 - (70) = 536 \text{ B.C.}$$

“until the reign of the kingdom of Persia” (vs 20)

Vs. 22, 23 – The Lord moved on Cyrus to make the decree (proclamation in writing)

2. Ezra 1:1 (the next book after 2 Chron, picks up reiterating what Chronicles left off)

536 B.C. – Within two years the foundation was laid which Christ would walk in 42 generations later (560 years)

3. Ezra 3:6 - Foundation was not yet laid

“ 3:8 - Foundation laid in 2nd year

“ 3:10 - The builders laid the foundation

So how does Scripture define a generation?

- Numb 32:13
 - Psalm 95:10
 - Heb 3:9, 10
- } A Generation = 40 years

$$40 \times 14 \text{ (Generations)} = 560 \text{ years}$$

Matt 1:17

Here is the actual math:

$$\begin{array}{r} 536 \\ - 560 \text{ (14 generations)} \\ \hline 24 \\ + 2 \text{ (2 yrs after Cyrus proclamation, \{Ezra 3:10\}} \\ \text{foundation of temple laid)} \\ \hline + 1 \text{ (3 mo + 9 mo) [see 457 BC – 26 AD Chart]} \\ \hline 27 \end{array}$$

In 27 AD, Christ received the anointing at His baptism

So, there is a correlation between Dan 8:14 & Dan 9:24-27

2nd Witness

4. **Haggai 2:18** - 24th day of ninth month [2nd year of Cyrus Ezra 3:8]

Fall of the year

At the baptism of Jesus, our Saviour was anointed

Vs. 7 – **The Desire of all nations** would come and God would fill “this house with **glory**”

How long from when the foundation would be laid?

Once again, we see in Matt 1:17, there would be 14 generations, ““from the carrying away into Babylon’ unto the appearing of Christ.” *

* Clarification—the passage here in Matt 1:17 gives the impression that it was 14 generations from when the Jews were carried away into Babylon till Christ came. In actuality, the time element was 70 years longer. Bible reckoning of time here does not include the period Israel was in Babylonian captivity, but only when they came back at the decree of Cyrus. {cf Haggai 2:2,3. There were aged men who returned from Babylon who had seen the former glory of Solomon’s temple. Because this generation was still alive at the end of the 70 years, it is rational to begin counting 14 generations from this point.}

534 BC - 560 [40 x14] = 27 AD This is the same date arrived at in the 70th week prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27

“When our Saviour was baptized, He took the name “Christ” which means “Anointed One”

See Luke 4:16,18 {cf Luke 3:21-23 & John 1:29-31,40} Support passages for Christ being the Messiah (Matt 1:17 & John 1:33, 41)

Day-for-a-Year Principle = There are three solid Bible passages two of which are stalwart O.T. texts on the subject of a day equaling a year in Bible prophecy: Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. The N.T. passage, less known is found in Luke 13:32, 33. (For a detailed study on this subject, see the handout “Day-for-a-Year Principle”)

5. Daniel 9:25 - “Know therefore that from the going forth of the commandment [Artaxerxes’ decree—3rd decree] to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah, the Prince*

seven weeks > $7 \times 7 = 49$ years
 threescore and two > $62 \times 7 = 434$ “
 483 years

There were three decrees issued
 –first two by Cyrus and third by Artaxerxes
 Each decree involved confirmation of the prior decree.

1 st Decree in year:	536 BC	(Ezra 5:13-17)
2 nd Decree in year:	519 BC	(Ezra 6:1, 8-12)
*3 rd Decree in year	457 BC	(Ezra 7:11-26) (note vs. 13)

*[This 3rd decree was the one referred to in Daniel 9:25]

For Timeline chart on this prophecy, see addendum for this study--The 2300 Days Chart.

* The word Prince, referenced here as the Messiah is very significant. We will have a future study on it.