

One Way to Prove 70 Week Prophecy

If we can find starting point and ending date of 70 years in Babylon, we can prove this prophecy. These passages are proof positive of the first 490 years (the 70-week prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27) which are 'cut off' from the longer 2300 years.

- **Daniel 9.2** – Through studying Jeremiah, Daniel came to understand that 70 years were to be accomplished in the desolations of Jerusalem.
- **2 Chron 36:20-23** – Reveals 1st siege of Nebuchadnezzar, carrying away into captivity 606 BC. Land kept rest 70 yrs. {There were some who returned at the end of the 70 years, that were aged men (cf Haggai 2:2,3) that had seen the former glory of Solomon's temple. Because this generation was still alive at the end of the 70 years, it is reasonable to begin counting 14 generations from this point. Brings clarity to Matthew 1:17.}
606 -70 = 536 BC

The Lord moved on Cyrus to make the decree

- **Ezra 1:1** – w/in two years, foundations laid Christ would walk in 14 generations later.
- **Ezra 3:6,8,10** -shows foundation not laid until 2nd year. Vs. 10 confirms.

So how does Scripture define a generation?

- Numb 32:13
 - Psalm 95:10
 - Heb 3:9, 10
- } A Generation = 40 years
- 40 x 14 (Generations) = 560 years
Matt 1:17

Here is the actual math:

$$\begin{aligned} 536 - 560 &= 24 \\ 24 + 2 & \text{ (2 yrs after Cyrus proclamation,} \\ & \text{{Ezra 3:10} foundation of temple laid)} \\ + 1 \text{ yr (3 mo + 9 mo)} &= \mathbf{27 AD} \end{aligned}$$

In 27 AD, Christ received the anointing at His baptism. So, there is a correlation between Dan 8:14 & 9:24-27.

Passages in the N.T. for the date of 27 AD: Matt.3:13,15; Mark 1:15 (both these deal with the time being fulfilled prophetically).

Luke 3:1,2 states that it was the "15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee". These secular rulers can be traced historically as to when their reign began. {Luke includes the co-regent years Tiberius ruled with Augustus, beginning in 12 AD.}

Thus 12 + 15 = 27 AD, the very year Jesus was baptized.

FYI—Through this short study, it can be shown that the starting dates of the 2300-year prophecy (also 70-week prophecy) which brings us to Christ. If this "first leg" of the longer 2300 timeline can be cemented; the "vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true" {Dan 8:26}, with reference to the vision of Dan 8:14.

To come to 34 AD (the last one week/7 years) marks the end of the 70 Week Prophecy. Israel's probation closed at this point as Acts 7:56-60; 13:46 indicates.



Starting Point of both 70 Week Prophecy And the 2300 Day prophecy

As a Second Witness to this most important prophecy:

- **Haggai 2:18** – reveals that the foundation was laid on the "24th day of ninth month."
[2nd year of Cyrus -Ezra 3:8] -Fall of the year
- **Daniel 9:25** – "...from the going forth of the commandment [Artaxerxes decree—3rd decree] to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah, the Prince*
Seven weeks > 7 x 7 = 49 years
threescore and two > 62 x 7 = 434 "
483 years

There were three decrees issued

- First one by Cyrus, Second by Darius and Third by Artaxerxes.

Each decree involved confirmation of the prior decree.

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

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

Now we have a beginning date: 457 BC
And we calculate in the [483 yrs]
Plus one for BC/AD switch +1
Year Jesus Baptized/Anointed **27 AD**
(began public ministry)

Keeping in mind the "Day for a Year Principle" where one day in Bible prophecy equates to a year: Numbers 14:34; Ezek. 4:6; Luke 13:32,33.

Daniel 9:24 begins by saying:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city..."

The word 'determined', means -be decreed, or cut off. Obviously, it is 'cut off' from a longer time prophecy—the 2300 "evening and morning" vision of Daniel 8:14 (cf 8:26). Daniel 9:26, 27 indicate that 'the Messiah' would be 'cut off' in the 'midst of the week', the last week of the 70 Week prophecy or 490 literal years.

At the end of those 490 years, the nation of Israel would be 'cut off' also {probationary time ended} as God's chosen people. And the gospel would now go to the Gentiles beginning in the fall 34 AD until end of time (cf Acts 7:56-60; 13:46,47; Matthew 24:14)

This leaves 1810 years until the Sanctuary will be cleansed. That is the process of cleansing will begin, and will conclude with the judgment of the living, and probation closes on this world.

$$\begin{aligned} 34 \text{ Ad} + 1810 &= 1844 \\ [2300 - 457 + 1] &= 1844 \end{aligned}$$

