

**TRUTH TRIUMPHANT  
THE BOOK OF DANIEL**

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**Daniel 9**

**"The Seventy Units of Seven"**

- I. The Perspective on the Seventy Units of Seven**
  - A. There were the 70 years of captivity for the people of God in Babylon.**
    - 1. The first deportation and the first restoration were 70 years apart (605 BC - 536 BC).**
    - 2. The destruction of the temple to the dedication of the rebuilt temple were 70 years apart (586 BC to 516 BC).**
  - B. There were 70 Sabbath years for the land to rest during the period of captivity in Babylon.**
    - 1. There were 70 units of Sabbatical years (70 times 7) for 490 years in the past when Israel failed to keep the Mosaic Law and the Sabbatical year (Lev. 25:1-3; Lev. 26:33-35).**
    - 2. There were 70 years of chastening from the Lord for the failure to observe the Sabbath Year (Jer. 25:11; Jer. 29:10).**
  - C. There are 70 units of 7 appointed by the Lord for the completion of His promises to the nation of Israel.**
  
- II. The Purpose of the Seventy Units of Seven**
  - A. They were designed to be the fulfillment of the Lord's promises to Israel.**
  - B. They were designed by the Lord for the benefit of the Jewish people (Daniel's people) and Jerusalem (Daniel's Holy City).**
  - C. They were determined to make specific accomplishments by the Lord.**
    - 1. He will put an end to the apostasy of the Jews (finish the transgression).**
    - 2. He will execute final judgment upon sin (make an end of sin).**
    - 3. He will accomplish eternal forgiveness through the death of the Messiah (atonement for iniquity).**
    - 4. He will establish the Messianic Kingdom and terminate Gentile rule (bring in everlasting righteousness).**
    - 5. He will fulfill all prophecies concerning the Jewish people (seal up the vision of prophecy).**

6. He will dwell in the midst of His people to be worshipped by them (anoint the Most Holy Place).

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**III. The Particulars on the Seventy Units of Seven**

- A. They will begin with the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (The decree of Artaxerxes - Nehemiah 2:1-8)
- B. There will be the completion of 69 units of 7 (483 years) until the presentation of the Messiah to Israel (Palm Sunday).
- C. There is a break between the 69th unit of 7 and the 70th unit of 7 during which the Messiah is put to death by the people from which the antichrist will come.
- D. They will conclude with the final unit of 7 when the antichrist enters into a covenant with the Jewish people.