

Finish Faithful Notes for Episode 5 – Daniel’s 70th Week

Many Christians have a general notion that “the Tribulation” is coming and it will last 7 years. The 70th Week of Daniel is that 7-year period at the end of this age, but the Bible never calls it “The Tribulation”.

Finish Faithful takes the position that the 70th Week of Daniel is yet future. This is the futurist position, as opposed to the preterist position, that teaches all these things were fulfilled between 30 A.D and the destruction of Jerusalem and expulsion of the Jews 70 to 100 A.D.

'And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.'
Daniel 9:27

This tells us that the 70th Week begins with Antichrist making or confirming a covenant. It could be a middle east peace plan, but it could be just that he says he believes Israel is a covenant people. Who and what he is may not be obvious to us at that point.

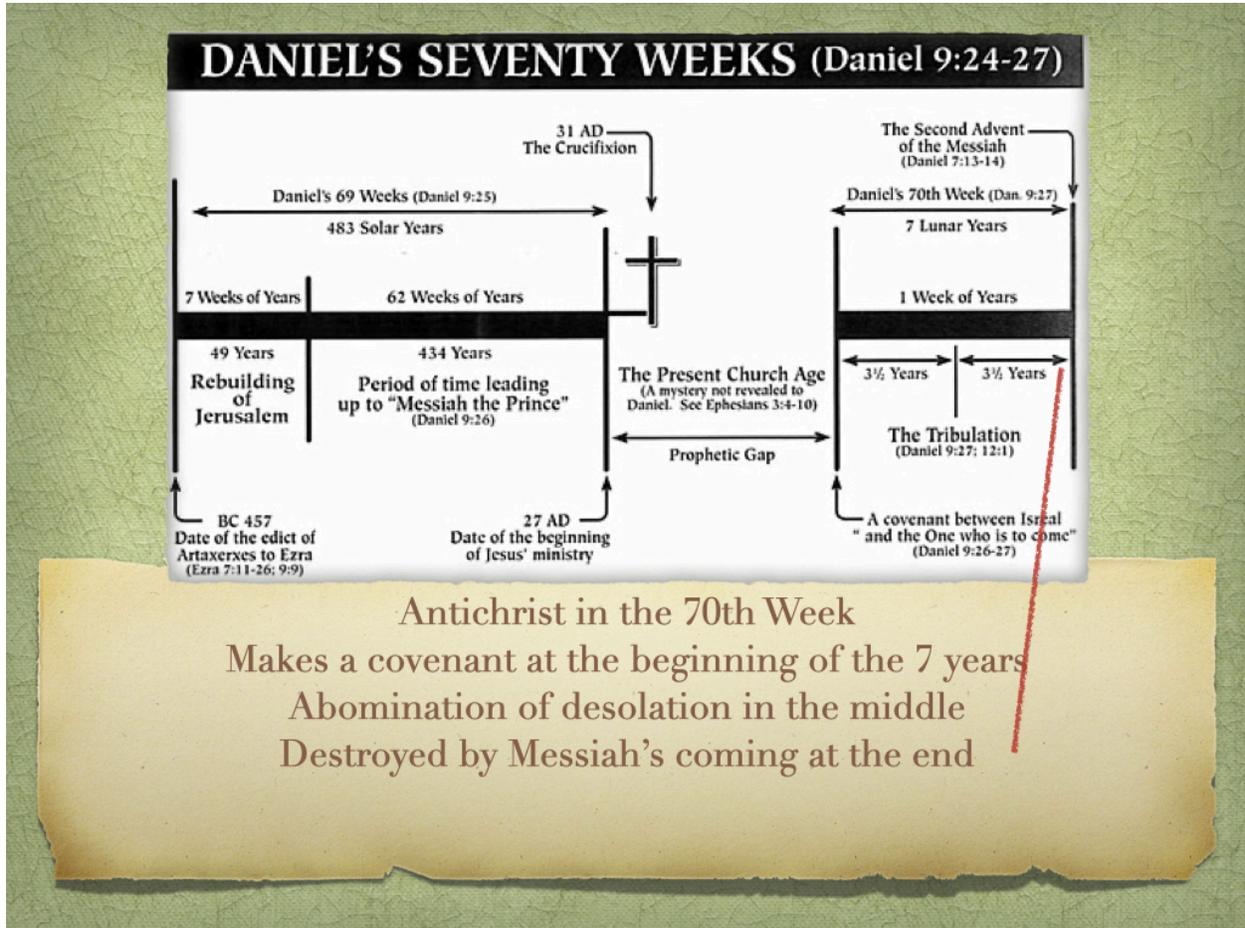
The abomination of desolation is described in Daniel three times in 8:13, 9:27 and 11:31. This will be the unmasking, the full revealing of the antichrist. Everyone who believes the scriptures should be able to see it for what it is. It involved the antichrist halting the regular sacrifice in the temple in Jerusalem. As of this writing, there is no temple now in Jerusalem, but there are people who want to build it and plans on how and where to build it. It could happen quickly if Israel approves it politically and decides it is willing to take the heat in international relations that would be provoked. The building of that temple should be a huge wake-up call for Christians. Then, the defiling of it will mark the beginning of the final 3 ½ years of this age. God will consider this temple holy and will respect the live offerings made there, otherwise how could it be abomination to defile it?

Jesus mentions it in Matt 24:15 and Mark 13:14. Paul describes it in 2 Thess 2:4. It is an important signpost for believers, and it will be very obvious that it marks the mid-point of the 70th Week. The second half is called 1,260 days, 42 months and time, times and half a time (Dan. 12:6-7, 11-12; Rev. 11:1-3, 12:6, 13:4-6). Note that both Daniel and Revelation are very specific about this time period. It ends right around the time of Armageddon.

Daniel 12:11-12 says there will be 1,290 days from the time the abomination of desolation is set up and says, “Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days”. In the episode I mistakenly said this was a 30-day difference and it is actually a 90 day difference. There are also the extra 45 days of Daniel 12:12. You can read various theories on what is going on during these “extra” 90-day and 45-day periods. Finish Faithful does not take a position on that. For

simplicity, the main point is that in the last half of the 70th week, “time, times and half a time” = 42 months = 1260 days.

69 of the 70 weeks of years, that Gabriel revealed to Daniel, were completed when Messiah was cut off at the crucifixion. Now, all end-times prophecy hinges on when and how God will fulfill everything else during the 70th week. During the 70th week, Jesus Christ will come and execute judgement on mankind and establish his kingdom on earth.



The above chart is from Dispensationalist writing and is presented as an example of that position. Finish Faithful does not take a position on the exact dates or descriptive terms used in the charts.