

## Daniel's 70 weeks or 490 Year Prophecy

(Seventy Sevens or  $70 \times 7 = 490$ )

### First Time Calculation

49 years (seven weeks) — Time it took to rebuild Jerusalem — Daniel 9:25. The time began when King Artaxerxes of Persia issued his second decree to rebuild Jerusalem (Neh. 2:1).

### Second Time Calculation

434 years (sixty-two weeks) — Time includes the 400 silent years — the years between the Old and New Testaments — the official presentation of Jesus as the Messiah to the Jewish nation (Matt. 21:1-11). These two periods of time concluded the first 69 weeks ( $69 \times 7 = 483$  years) of the prophecy. There is one week left to be fulfilled — Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> week (a week of seven years).

### Interim Period of Time

After the 434 years (after the second part of the prophecy has expired — Dan. 9:26) there will be a *prophetic gap of time* that has already existed for some 2,000 years. During this interim period of time Jesus would die, the Romans would destroy Jerusalem (A.D. 70), and the Church age would exist (Eph. 3:5-6).

### Third Time Calculation

7 years (one week) — Time when Antichrist will make a 7-year covenant with the Jewish people (Daniel 9:27 - Tribulation Period). This time period is expressed in two three and one half periods by the words “a time and times, and the dividing of time” (Dan. 7:25), “time, times, and a half” (Dan. 12:7), and “a time, and times, and half a time” (Rev. 12:11).

\*Adding the three numbers together ( $49+434+7$ ) we come to 490 years. 483 years of the prophecy (69 weeks) have elapsed but a final seven years (one week) is still future. Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week is fulfilled in the 7-year Tribulation Period.