

Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

Dr. Harold Hoerner's analysis of Daniel's seventy weeks –

Read **Daniel 9:20-26**

Read **Nehemiah 1:1-2:10**

Analysis of the 490 years by Dr. Harold Hoehner

The date of this decree is given in the biblical record. Nehemiah 1:1 states that Nehemiah heard of Jerusalem's desolate conditions in the month of Chislev (November/ December) in Artaxerxes' twentieth year. Then later in Artaxerxes' twentieth year in the month of Nisan (March/April) Nehemiah reports that he was granted permission to restore the city and build its walls (2:1). To have Nisan later than Chislev (in the same year) may seem strange until one realizes that Nehemiah was using a Tishri-to-Tishri (September/October) dating method rather than the Persian Nisan-to-Nisan method. Nehemiah was following what the kings of Judah earlier in their history used. The Jews in Elephantine who also used this method during the same time period as Nehemiah confirm this method used by Nehemiah.

Next, one needs to establish the beginning of Artaxerxes' rule. His father Xerxes died shortly after December 17, 465 b.c. and Artaxerxes immediately succeeded him. Since the accession-year system was used the first year of Artaxerxes' reign according to the Persian Nisan-to-Nisan reckoning would be Nisan 464 to Nisan 463 and according to the Jewish Tishri-to-Tishri reckoning would be Tishri 464 to Tishri 463. . . .

Therefore, Nisan 444 b.c. marks the *terminus ad quo* of the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27.

In conclusion, the report to Nehemiah (1:1) occurred in Chislev (November/December) of 445 B.C. and the decree of Artaxerxes (2:1) occurred in Nisan (March/April) of 444 b.c. In his book "Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ", it was concluded that Christ's crucifixion occurred on Friday, Nisan 14, in a.d. 33. Reckoning His death according to the Julian calendar, Christ died on Friday, April 3, a.d. 33. As discussed above, the terminus a quo occurred in Nisan, 444 b.c. Although Nehemiah 2:1 does not specify which day of Nisan the decree to rebuild Jerusalem occurred, it cannot have occurred before Nisan 1. . . . it could have occurred on some other day in Nisan.

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Therefore $69 \times 7 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days/year} = 173880 \text{ days}$

$444 \text{ yrs} + 33 \text{ yrs} - 1 \text{ yr (There is no 0 year)} = 476 \text{ solar years}$

A solar year is 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes 45.51 seconds

$476 \text{ solar years} \times 365.24219340278 \text{ days/solar year} = 173855.284 \text{ days}$

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173880 – 173855 is 25 days. Therefore 25 days need to be accounted for between 444 b.c. and a.d. 33. By adding the 25 days to Nisan 1 or March 5 (of 444 b.c.), one comes to March 30 (of a.d. 33) which was Nisan 10 in a.d. 33. This is the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem . . . The *terminus ad quem* of the sixty-ninth week was on the day of Christ's triumphal entry on March 30, a.d. 33.

Calculating the time of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the “Cutting off” of the Anointed One

Nisan 444 b.c. marks beginning of the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27

Based on data in a book by Dr. Harold Hoehner, Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ, Christ's crucifixion occurred on Friday Nisan 14, a.d. 33 or April 3, a.d. 33

To find the number of days in this interval:

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To determine the actual number of days we need to use the solar year:

$444 \text{ yrs} + 33 \text{ yrs} - 1 \text{ yr}$ (There is no 0 year) = 476 solar years

A solar year is 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes 45.51 seconds

$476 \text{ solar years} \times 365.24219340278 \text{ days/solar year} = 173855.284 \text{ days}$

The difference between these two calculations is:

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Lesson 5 (Week 13) – Fulfilled Prophecy by Jesus

Scripture references:

Prophecy	Fulfillment of the prophecy		
Genesis 3:15	John 15:18-19		
Isaiah 7:14	Luke 1:31-35		
Daniel 9:24-26a	Matthew 21:1-5		
Micah 5:2	Luke 2:1-7	John 1:1-2	
Hosea 11:1b	Matthew 2:13-15		
Deuteronomy 18:15-19	Matthew 21:10-11	Matthew 13:57	John 12:49-50
Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 1:1-16	Luke 3:23-32	
Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 5:4-10		
Psalms 40:6-8	Hebrews 10:5-7		
Psalms 69:7-9	John 2:13-17		
Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:12-16		
Psalms 78:2	Mark 4:35-39		
Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:3-5		
Psalms 118:26	Matthew 21:8-9		
Isaiah 52:14	Matthew 26:39	Matthew 27:26	
Psalms 35:19 Psalms 69:4a	John 15:24-25		
Psalms 118:19-22 Isaiah 49:7a Isaiah 53:3	Mark 12:1-11	Ephesians 2:19-22	1 Peter 2:6-8
Isaiah 50:9-11	John 18:1-3		
Isaiah 50:5-6 Micah 5:1	Matthew 27:30	Mark 15:15	
Psalms 41:9	Luke 22:47-48		
Psalms 27:12	Matthew 26:59-61		
Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31	Mark 14:46-50	
Psalms 22:6-8	Matthew 27:39-44		
Psalms 22:16	Matthew 27:27-31	John 19:16-18	John 20:24-25
Psalms 38:11	Matthew 26:58a	Luke 23:49	
Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:33-34	Matthew 27:48	
Psalms 22:18	John 19:23-24		
Psalms 34:20	John 19:31-36		
Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:45-46		
Psalms 31:5	Luke 23:46		
Psalms 16:10	Matthew 28:1-7		
Genesis 12:3	Matthew 28:18-20		
Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:16-20		
Isaiah 9:6	John 1:1 John 1:18 John 5:18	John 8:58-59 John 10:29-33	John 14:8-11 John 17:22-24

Did the course help you to:

1. See how Jesus has been directly involved in the affairs of mankind from the creation and all through the Old and New Testaments.
2. Solidify in your mind that Jesus is indeed one of the members of the eternal Godhead and Jesus has been the main interface between mankind and God, even in the Old Testament. Are you in awe of Jesus?
3. Increase your understanding of the veracity of the Scriptures and God's faithfulness to His Word.
4. See the entire Word of God (Old and New Testaments) is a unified revelation from God.
5. Know Yahweh better, which is the highest aspiration for anyone. There is nothing more rewarding or satisfying than to know the eternal, omniscient, omnipotent God. He is your Master, so knowing Him is all important.

I would greatly value any feedback you have on this course both positive and negative so if it is offered in the future I can improve it. You can email your comments to jedidiah6@hotmail.com. Thank you for going on this journey with me.