

CHART EXPLAINED

And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week (7 years), and in the midst of the week, he shall cause the sacrifice and the meal offering to cease; and upon a wing of abominations he shall come desolating even unto the consumption, and that which is determined shall be poured out upon the desolater. [Dan.9:27 Hebrew]

The chart will be very helpful if it is studied carefully. This verse is our starting point; hence we need to understand it. Compare with it the three preceding verses and Dan.11:30-31 and Matt.24:15. The student should become familiar with the details of every Scripture cited. Overlooking one word may hinder a grasp of the whole. The word "week" in Hebrew is "seven," and means here 7 years. "Seventy weeks are determined" (V.24) means that "seventy sevens (490 years) are severed off" out of Gentile times by God's decree, for the accomplishment of His purposes concerning Israel. 69 of those sevens (483 years) extended to the death of Christ, "Messiah cut off" (V.26). The remaining 7 years were fulfilled by the ministry of the Spirit-filled Apostles and also Stephen and Philip (Acts 2 to 8). Concerning "Messiah the Prince," study Zech.9:9 with Matt.21:5.

The words, "He shall confirm a covenant for one .week" means that "the prince that shall come" (a false prince), a national ruler, will make an agreement with the Jews to favor and protect them for 7 years. He will be the Antichrist, the first beast of Chap.13. "The people of the prince that shall come" refer to the Roman army that sacked Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Verse 27 records events yet future. It is not the fulfillment of the 70th

week, or the last 7 of the 490 years. All those were times of sovereign blessings to Israel. Verse 27 announces no blessing, but instead it portrays uncertainty, trouble, desolation, and pain. It is a faint picture of the seven calamitous years of tribulation throughout the world.

THE SACRIFICE AND OBLATION

Before that dark period of seven years will begin, the Jews should be a recognized nation in their land again, with the temple rebuilt and their religious offerings resumed. Compo Rev.11:1-2 with Ezek.40 to 42. The unbelieving Jews, the "many" of Verse 27, will respond gladly to the overtures of the false "prince." He will flatter them. He will come in his own name (Joh.5:43) and promise them millennial blessings without a change of heart. He will have no sympathy with their religious ceremonies. Therefore, he will cause all their sacrifices to cease in the middle of the 7 years.

STUDY OF THE CHART

Dan.9:27, or **B** on the chart, is our starting point. **B** is the middle of the week. The daily sacrifice (burnt offering, Num.29:6) will be taken away at **A**, or 1,290 days before **B**, or 30 days before the covenant will be made with the Jews (Dan.12:11). Then Dan.8:9-11 shows how and by whom that will be done. Compo Dan.8:13 with 9:27. The 2 witnesses (Chap.11) begin to warn men against anti-Christ at the time that the covenant is made. Their prophecy extends from **H** to **B**, or 1,260 days.

From **A** to **B**, 1,290 days, is our first and most important measuring line. As **B** is the first important point, so **A**, taking away the daily sacrifice, is the second important date. Having **A** and **B** well understood, we will see the others readily.

A to D, 2,300 days (Dan.8:11-14) is our second important measuring line. At D the temple will be cleansed from the abomination brought into it at B. How? By the overthrow of Antichrist (Dan.7:11, 9:27, 11:45 with Rev.19:20 and 20:1-3). At B will occur 2 Thess.2:3-4. From B to D will occur 2 Thess.2:8-12, 1,010 days. As you turn to these Bible citations repeatedly, they will become plain and fixed in your mind.

Now that Antichrist will be overthrown at **D**, his reign must begin at **E**, or 250 days before the middle of the week, or **B** (note Rev.13:5). How do we get the 250 days? Just thus: The whole period is 7 years of 360 days each, a total of 2,520 days. 2,520 plus 30 equals 2,550, **A** to **M**. 2,550 minus 2,300, **A** to **D**, equals 250 days, **D** to **M**.

The reign of the beast, or Antichrist, will begin at **E**, 250 days before the middle of the week, and show himself off as God at **B**. The shortened period of Matt.24:22 refers to the week (7 years) of tribulation. That is why his dominion begins 250 days before the middle. At **E** Satan falls from heaven (Luke 10:18, Rev.9:1 and 12:9). There the woes begin (Chap.8:13). Then the abyss will open and Apollyon and demons will ascend (Chap.9:2,11).

"The great Tribulation" (Matt.24:22) will be from **B** to **D**, 1,010, being shortened. It refers especially to the suffering of the Jews. "The hour of judgment" (Chap.14:7) will come after **B**, and culminate with the battle of Armageddon at **D**. The Millennium will be due to begin at **H**, when Jesus Christ will be crowned King, but because the national rulers will not acknowledge Him, He will be compelled to fight for His rights. Therefore, millennial peace and harmony will not obtain till at **M**.