

THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL AS UNDERSTOOD BY SIR ROBERT ANDERSON IN THE COMING PRINCE

Dan. 9:24-25 says that from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah there will be 483 years.

$$7 + 62 \text{ "weeks"} = 69 \text{ groups of seven years. } 7 \times 69 = 483 \text{ years}$$

Anderson sees a prophetic year as 360 days. This is based both on ancient history and on **Rev. 11:2; Rev. 13:5; Rev. 11:3; Rev. 12:6** which indicate that 42 months 3 ½ years are equal to 1,260 days.

$$\text{Therefore, } 483 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days} = 173,880 \text{ days}$$

Artaxerxes started his reign in 465 B.C. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given on the first day of Nisan, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. In our calendar system (the Julian calendar) that date is March 14, 445 B.C. (**Neh. 2:1**)

Jesus started His ministry in the 15th year of Tiberius (see **Luke 3:1**). Tiberius started his reign in 14 A.D., so Jesus' ministry started in 29 A.D. Anderson believes that Jesus celebrated four Passovers during His ministry, one each in 29, 30, 31 and His final Passover in 32. With the help of lunar charts, we can calculate the exact date of ancient Passovers, so it is possible to calculate the exact day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as April 6, 32 A.D.

From 445 B.C. to 32 A.D. there are 476 years on the Julian calendar

(not 477 years, because there is no year zero)

$$476 \text{ years} \times 365 \text{ days} = 173,740 \text{ days}$$

Adjusting for the difference between March 14 and April 6 adds 24 days

Adjusting for leap years over a period of 476 years adds 116 days

The total number of days from March 14, 445 B.C. to April 6, 32 A.D.

$$173,740 + 24 + 116 = 173,880 \text{ days}$$

According to his calendar, Daniel told us there would be 173,880 days between the decree and the arrival of Messiah the Prince.

Jesus said to the Jews of this day: *If you had known, even you, especially IN THIS YOUR DAY, the things that make for your peace!* (**Luke 19:42**) David said of this day in **Psa. 118:24**: *THIS IS THE DAY which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*