

Calculating the Significance of the First 69 “Weeks” (heptads) of Daniel’s Prophecy

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- 69 heptads = 483 years
- 483 Jewish Lunar years of 360 days – total 173,880 days.
- So we would conclude that if Daniel is accurate then something significant concerning the coming Messiah would happen 173,880 days from the day of the decree.

SO NOW WE MAKE A PROJECTION:

- 445 BC to 32 AD is 476 years (BC 1 and AD 1 is the same year.)
- 476 years x 365.25 days (the Julian Calendar) = 173,859 days.
- So now Daniel’s prophecy was incorrect by only **21 days**. (173,880 days – 173,859 days)
- In 32 AD Passover occurred on the 14th of Nisan. John 12:1 tells us that Jesus came to Bethany six days before Passover, which would have been the 9th of Nisan.
- John 12:12 tells us that He spent at least one evening in Bethany. He would then enter Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna” on the 10th of Nisan. The Julian date of the 10th of Nisan for 32 AD was April 6.
- Now the date for the decree of Artaxerxes was March 14. The days between March 14 and April 6 are – **24 days**.
- So now Daniel’s prophecy is off by **3 Days**.
- The Julian calendar later had to be corrected to show that the Julian lunar year was actually 1/129 part of a day longer than the solar year. (7 days in 1000 years – a variance of .007 days per year.)
- Our present Gregorian calendar was adjusted accordingly in 1752. 1/129 of a day (.007 per year) for 476 years equals... **3 days**.
- So now we know that Daniel’s Prophecy of the time of the Messiah was incorrect by - -

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The presentation of Sir Robert Anderson’s chronological study of Daniel’s prophecy is in his book, The Coming Prince. (James Nisbet and Co. Ltd., London, 1915, pp. 119-129. Chapter X entitled “The Fulfillment Of The Prophecy.”)