



Sermon Notes

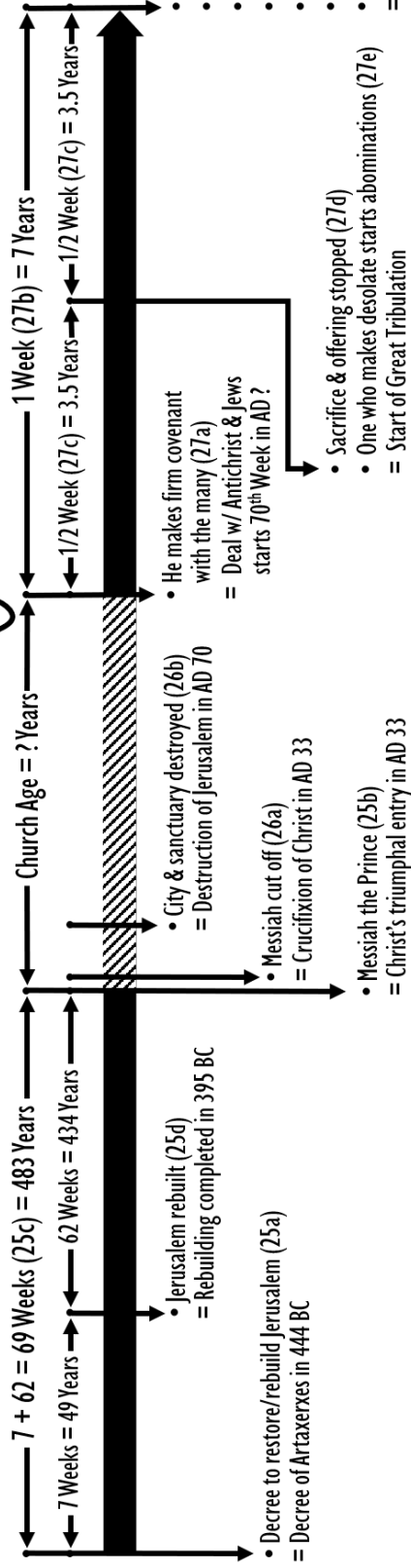
Title | Toward the Second Christmas
 Series | The Christmas I Never Knew
 Text | Revelation 12:13-17; Daniel 9:24-27
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Big Idea:

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. **25** So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. **26** Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. **27** And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." NASB95

The Seventy Weeks of Daniel 9 (24a) = 490 Years

Focus of Vision: "for your people and your holy city" (24b) = Israel



For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Revelation 12:13-17. Now read Daniel 9:24-27, written over 500 years before Revelation. What is the connection between the two passages?

Tuesday:

Consider the diagram, "The Seventy Weeks of Daniel 9." Over the course of the history represented, do the events seem uniformly good or bad? At which points in history would God's people likely be more discouraged or encouraged? Why is this important?

Wednesday:

Consider again the diagram, "The Seventy Weeks of Daniel 9." What do the fulfilled prophecies tell you about God's hand and God's word? Why is this important?

Thursday:

According to our study of Daniel 9, we do not know exactly when the Church age will end and the Tribulation will begin. Why do you think God did not reveal this information?

Friday:

Does the study of Revelation 12:13-17 and Daniel 9:24-27 make any difference in your life? If so, how?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for your faithfulness in history. Thank you for the first Christmas which gives us great hope for the second. Thank you for the reminder that your hand is in control and your word is incontestable, so our hope is secure. Amen.