

# The Third, or Tribulation, Temple

## The Covenant between Israel and ‘the prince who is to come’ of Daniel 9: 27

Daniel 9:27 is one of the most critical verses referring to the covenant the Coming World Leader in the time of the Tribulation. He is often called the ‘Anti-Christ’ (biblically ‘antichrist is a spirit not a man) – he will make an agreement with the Jews to build a Jewish Temple in the Great Tribulation or the 70th week of Daniel.

In this verse it first says he (the Anti-Christ or the Beast from the Sea) probably with the help of the False Prophet or the Beast from the Earth (or Land) will make a covenant with many meaning the Jewish people and nation of Israel for one week of 7 years.

The verse then says that in the midst of the week the Anti-Christ will make the covenant and oblation to cease implying that they will be going for some time by then probably since the Anti-Christ made the covenant with the Jews three and a half years earlier at the beginning of the 7 year Tribulation (the 70th week of Daniel 9).

The Anti-Christ will then cause an ‘overspreading of abomination’, which in the New Testament is revealed to be the Anti-Christ ceasing the Jewish animal sacrifices and Temple worship and installing himself in the temple probably in the holy place and presenting himself as God and constraining all people Jews and people of the nations (Gentiles) to worship him.

This scripture in Daniel 9 is as follows:

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*  
*Daniel 9: 27*

## Scripture Reference from Isaiah 63 of the Lament of Faithful Jews for their Persecuted Status including Gentile Intrusion into the Tribulation Temple

*O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servant's sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine: thou hast never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.*  
*Isaiah 63: 17-19*

The context of this verse is the return of Jesus to save His people Israel – He comes with blood-stained garments from Bozrah – having defeated those who came against Jerusalem and the Jewish people. Bozrah means sheep-fold – scholars understand this as a reference to a place of safety to which Jesus urged Jews to flee in the ‘Great Tribulation’ (Matthew 24: 15-22).

When Jesus returns there will be a battle in the plains of Megiddo (Armageddon) and the blood will flow ‘up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs’. This distance is about 185 miles and is approximately the distance between Megiddo and Bozrah (Petra).

## **The Jewish Temple Worship Abused in the Tribulation according to Isaiah 66: 1-6**

This passage relates to the Jewish Temple worship, most especially in the first half of the Tribulation, two groups of Jewish people are described – the believing remnant (those that are or become of a poor and contrite heart and tremble at God's Word) and the majority that treat the resumed Jewish sacrifices with dishonour or sacrilege (such as offering an oblation as if he offered swine's blood).

God promises He will then soon appear to the joy of the Jews that are honouring Him. This is referring to the Second Coming in power and great glory of the Messiah of Israel that these believing and God honouring Jews will realize is Jesus of Nazareth.

*Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye (you) build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath (has) mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I will also choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that which I delighted not. Hear the word of the LORD, ye (you) that trembleth at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompense to his enemies.*

*Isaiah 66: 1-6*

## **Reference of the Tribulation Temple and the Priests' Request for God's Mercy in Joel 2**

In Joel 2 the context is the Day of the Lord; the Tribulation and God judging the nations and defending Israel.

This must be in the first half of the tribulation because the Jewish priests are still pictured as in control of the Third of Tribulation Temple and it hasn't yet been taken over by the Antichrist and False Prophet that happens at the end of the first 3½ year half of the Tribulation or 70th week of Daniel.

That all the garments of the high priest and other priests and musical instruments and articles of furniture of the temple are mostly ready at this time, indicates that the rapture and the emergence of the Coming World Leader immediately and his decree of the agreement with Israel to build the Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem follows soon after this time.

The priests pictured weeping between the porch and the altar is probably because there were at least the two major sins of Israel committed at that location in previous Jewish Temples. In Ezekiel 8: 16 there were 25 men probably apostate Jewish priests in this same location facing the sun and worshipping it (instead of the LORD in His Temple or House). The king Joash of Judah also killed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the high priest because Zechariah condemned the princes of Judah for worshipping the groves and idols and because these princes also earned King Joash's support or sympathy by doing obeisance to him. Zechariah was also killed between the court and the altar as described in 2 Chronicles 24: 20-22 and by Jesus Himself in Matthew 23: 35 where Barachias is the same as Jehoiada and the same Zechariah being referred to in both cases.

The priests were asking God to forgive the sins of the kings of Israel and Judah and her priests of the past and to have mercy on their people by His protecting them. This protection of Israel was from the persecution by the nations and was a plea to God to establish His Messianic Kingdom with the coming again in power and of God's Messiah (Christ or Anointed One) – Jesus.

This is what these priests were asking for when they were asking God to take away their reproach with the heathen ruling over them and asking where is their God. The heathen referred to that say among the people the Jews "Where is thy God?" could include Muslims, secular people, even Christians who are unsympathetic. The scripture reference in Joel 2 of the Jewish priests in the tribulation asking God to take away their reproach is as follows:

*Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy (your) people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?  
Joel 2: 17*

### A Key to Understanding – Daniel 9: 24-27: The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

The first 69 weeks are 7 x 69 years = 483 years (Jewish years of 360 days)

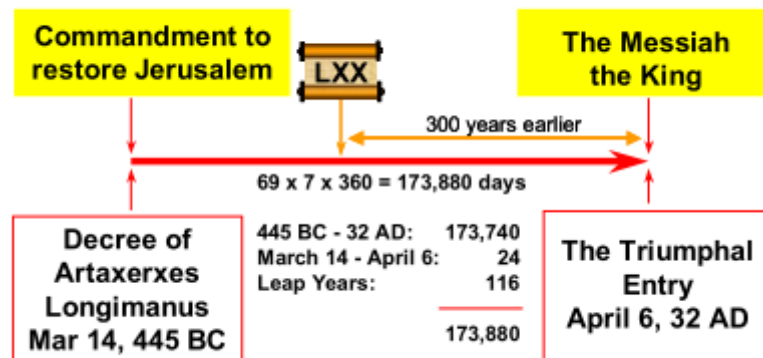
The exact period between the Decree of Artaxerxes I (Longimanus) given on the 14th March 445BC (Nehemiah 2: 1-8) to restore and rebuild Jerusalem – and the time of Yeshua's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on 6<sup>th</sup> April 32AD

Nehemiah records the city rebuilt in 'Troublesome Times' - see *Nehemiah 4 & 5*

Yeshua is prophetically named as the 'Prince of Peace' - see *Isaiah 9: 6*

Only on His Triumphal Entry a few days before His crucifixion was Yeshua proclaimed as 'Messiah the Prince' (Hebrew: *māshîyach nâgîyd*)

#### The 69 Weeks



Start Point: The Decree of Artaxerxes I (Longimanus) given on the 14th March 445BC - see *Nehemiah 2: 1-8*

- City Rebuilt in 'Troublesome Times' - see *Nehemiah 4 & 5*

End Point: The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sunday of 'Holy Week' on 6th April 32AD (Nisan 10)

- 'Messiah the Prince' (Hebrew: *māshîyach nâgîyd*)

- Jesus is prophetically named as the 'Prince of Peace' - see *Isaiah 9: 6*

Hebraic Years are 360 Days - see *Genesis 7: 24, 8: 3-4; Revelation 11: 2-3*

LXX - The Septuagint (Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament) translated in 3rd century BC - begun 300 years before Jesus was 'cut off'

*Based on Sir Robert Anderson's work 'The Coming Prince'*

The Tribulation Period is the 70th Week (1 week = 7years)

*“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”*  
Daniel 9: 27

### **What Daniel 9: 27 Tells Us about the Tribulation Period**

The tribulation begins with the Coming World Leader confirming a covenant with ‘many’ (this is Israel, and possibly the surrounding nations) for one week – purportedly for 7 years.

The covenant which is confirmed may well be the Land Covenant of scripture  
– see Genesis 13: 14-17, 15: 18-21, 17: 8.

The Covenant is abrogated by the Coming World Leader after 3½ years.

The Abomination referred to is the desecration of the Temple (as in the time of Antiochus IV [Epiphanes] in 167BC).

There is no indication in scripture that the presence of the Lord will come into this Third temple. It will be built by Jewish authorities who do not accept Jesus (Yeshua) as Messiah – and it will be desecrated by the Coming World Leader and his sidekick, the False Apostle.

It will not be until the building of a Fourth temple – the Millennial Temple – that the presence of the Lord will inhabit the temple. Even then...His presence is very real in Israel because the Lord himself, Yeshua, will be in the midst of His people, in Jerusalem, from where he will rule and reign for 1,000 years.

### **A Key to Understanding – *Matthew 24: 15-28***

Yeshua speaks of a time He calls the ‘Great Tribulation’.

The definitive event at the beginning of this period is the ‘abomination of desolation’ (verse 15) and Yeshua refers His disciples to Daniel 9: 23-27 (The Seventy Weeks of Daniel) to understand this.