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Daniel Chapter 9

1. Daniels Prayer

Read Daniel 9:1–19

1.1 Personal Circumstances

Location: Babylon

Event: First year of Darius' reign at the beginning of the Medo-Persian Empire.

Time Frame: 70 years of Babylonian subjugation have elapsed

Attitude: Daniel was fasting with sackcloth and humbling himself before God

1.2 Prayer Details

Confession of Israel's sin having broken God's covenant of love (Dan 9:4, Deu 7:9).

Acknowledgement of God's righteousness.

Request and petition concerning: God's desolate city Jerusalem, God's desolate sanctuary, and God's people Israel.

2. God's Answer

2.1 Angel Gabriel

Read Daniel 9:20–23

The Angel Gabriel is mentioned only four times in scripture and he delivered distinct messages from heaven to Daniel, Zechariah, and Mary.

1. Ram and goat vision (Dan 8:1–26).
2. Seventy seven's vision (Dan 9:22–27).
3. Zechariah's vision in the temple of the Lord concerning the birth of John the Baptist (Luk 1:5–25).
4. Gabriel's appearance to Mary in Nazareth in the region of Galilee concerning the birth of Jesus (Luk 1:26–38).

2.2 Seventy Sevens Vision

Read Daniel 9:24

Dan 9:24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.¹

In immediate response to Daniel's Prayer the vision allocated a sevenfold measure of grace towards Israel and Jerusalem regarding her glorious future. The Lord had promised to eliminate Israel's propensity for sin and transgression, to atone for wickedness, and to bring in everlasting righteousness. This plan of salvation was designed to remain concealed until the appropriate time for the anointed one

to appear. The plan requires seventy sevens, or 490 years, to complete. The seventy sevens vision is separated into three segments: 7 x 7's, 62 x 7's, and the final 1 x 7 (Dan 9:24,25,27).

The granularity of this vision is 7 years, a number reflecting God's holy nature. We know from scripture that every 7th day is reserved for a holy Sabbath because Yahweh enscribed this on stone as the 4th command of the Decalogue (Exo 20:8–11). King Nebuchadnezzar received a single seven from Yahweh when he was given the mind of an animal for 7 years (Dan 4:28–34).

2.3 First Segment - Temple Rebuilt (7 x 7)

Read Daniel 9:25

Dan 9:25 "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

The first segment covers 49 years (7 x 7) and during this time the Temple of the Lord and the city of Jerusalem were rebuilt.

Isa 44:24 "This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself,

Isa 44:28 who says of **Cyrus**, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid."

Isa 45:13 I will raise up **Cyrus** in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says the Lord Almighty."

The starting point began with the **decree of Cyrus** in the **first year** of the Medo Persian empire (Ezra 1:1–4;5:13–15) which permitted 42,360 Jews to return from exile back to their homeland in Jerusalem and Judea (Ezra 2:64). Please observe the simultaneous reign of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes as Medo-Persian kings because the year of their reign as described in scripture is always in reference to the starting point of the Medo Persian kingdom. Almost immediately after the Jews in Jerusalem began rebuilding they met opposition and a formal complaint was issued to King Artaxerxes in the second year and he issued a stop work order for rebuilding Jerusalem. However the Spirit of the Lord moved in the prophets Haggai and Zechariah and rebuilding of the temple resumed. Then another formal complaint was lodged this time to King Darius who searched the royal archives of Babylon and found the decree of Cyrus (Ezra 6:3–6). In the second year, King Darius issued a decree to resume rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple of the Lord (Ezra 6:8–11). The temple was completed in the sixth year of King Darius "according to the command of the God of Israel and the decrees of Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes, kings of Persia." (Ezra 6:14). Artaxerxes issued the last decree which Ezra hand delivered to Jerusalem in the seventh year (Ezra 7:8–28). The walls of Jerusalem were eventually rebuilt by Nehemiah from the 20th to the 32nd year during the reign of King Artaxerxes (Neh 5:14–16).

2.4 Second Segment - Vision of Statue fulfilled (62 x 7)

Read Daniel 9:25

Dan 9:25 "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

The second segment covers 434 years (62 x 7) and during this time the vision of the statue was fulfilled.

The vision of the statue represented four kingdoms. Daniel received the *Ram and Goat* vision from Gabriel while serving the Babylonian Empire, being the **first kingdom** represented as a head of gold (Dan 2:32,38). The *Ram and Goat* vision concerned the future Grecian Empire, being the **third kingdom** represented as belly and thighs of bronze (Dan 2:32,39). Daniel received the *Seventy Sevens* vision at the onset of the Medo Persian Empire, being the **second kingdom** represented as chest and arms of silver (Dan 2:32,39). Much later during the reign of the first Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus (Luk 2:1), being the **fourth kingdom** represented as legs of iron and clay (Dan 2:33,40), Zechariah and Mary received a message from Gabriel concerning the **everlasting kingdom** represented by the vision of a rock (Dan 2:44-45).

Galations 4:4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

2.5 Third Segment - Everlasting Kingdom established (1 x 7)

Read Daniel 9:26-27

The third segment covers 7 years (1 x 7) and during this time the everlasting kingdom is established.

The key to understanding how this works is that the final seven has a middle allowing the seven to be separated into two distinct halves each comprising 3 ½ years. The first half is allocated for the ruler Jesus and the second half is allocated for a beastly antichrist ruler who appears at the end of the age. The middle, or gap, comprises an undisclosed number of years separating the two halves. The middle gap is approximately 1984 years wide as of the year 2016.

This final seven concerns the Everlasting Kingdom and it also has three distinct themes:

- 1) New Covenant revealed
- 2) Levitical Covenant supplanted, and
- 3) Kingdom of Satan overthrown

I have highlighted three paired phrases from Dan 9:26 and Dan 9:27 and will discuss each pairing according to its distinct theme.

The fact that the vision has been repeated in this way confirms that the matter has been firmly decided by Yahweh. Recall when Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's two dreams (7 fat cows followed by the 7 skinny

cows, and 7 heads of grain followed by the 7 worthless heads of grain) they both foretold one and the same event namely that there would be 7 years of great abundance in Egypt followed by 7 years of famine.

Gen 41:32 The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

Let's move on to the these three themes firmly established by God in the year 456 BC.

2.5.1 First 3 ½ years - New Covenant revealed

Daniel 9:26-27 (first phrase pair highlighted)

Dan 9:26 **After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing.** The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

Dan 9:27 **He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'** In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

The following sub-points demonstrate how the New Covenant was revealed.

2.5.1.1 New Covenant Promised

Dan 9:27 He will confirm **a covenant with many** for one 'seven.'

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

Why would the Lord of heaven have any other **covenant** in mind other than the one he had already promised?

Only the New Covenant can "atone for wickedness" (Dan 9:24,26) and surely God had this in mind all along for his chosen people Israel (Jerimiah 31:35–37).

2.5.1.2 Ministry of John the Baptist (water)

Dan 9:25 Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the **Anointed One, the ruler, comes**, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.'

Meaning that John the Baptist anointed Jesus as King of Israel 483 years after the decree of Cyrus, King of Persia.

Luke 1:17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luke 3:16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John baptized Jesus when he was about 30 years old (Luk 3:21–23) in the likeness of David who was 30 years old when he became King (2 Samuel 5:4).

John 1:29-31 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

John anointed Jesus, the King of Israel, with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.

2.5.1.3 Jesus the Anointed One (King of Israel)

Dan 9:25 “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing.

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power at the beginning of his ministry when he was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan in the Fall 28 AD.

Testimony of John the Baptist

John 1:32–34 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.

Testimony of Jesus and Scripture

Luke 4:16–19 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Testimony of Peter

Acts 10:36–38 “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of

peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”

2.5.1.4 New Covenant Ratified (blood)

Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing

The new covenant was ratified during the Passover Feast in Jerusalem in the year 32 AD when Jesus became the Passover Lamb of God on the cross of Calvary.

Luke 22:19–20 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant** in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

2.5.1.5 New Covenant Confirmed (Holy Spirit)

Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’

Meaning: Jesus confirms his New Covenant, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to all Christians everywhere until Jesus returns.

Matthew 28:18–20 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the **Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Lord Jesus has confirmed his new covenant by the Holy Spirit which he gives to all believers. The Lord Jesus has confirmed his new covenant in writing and it is called the New Testament. Jesus has instructed his followers to obey his Word, spread the good news of his everlasting kingdom, and to go and make disciples of Jesus who will also follow and obey his commands.

2.5.1.6 Historical Timeframe

Luke 3:1–2 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracónitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

The chronology of St. Jeromeⁱⁱ(380 AD) documented that the ministry of Jesus lasted precisely 3 ½ years or 42 months. The first month began in the **Fall of 28 AD** , in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar during the 201st Olympiad, when “the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert”. The forty second month completed when Jesus Christ was crucified in Jerusalem during Passover in the **Spring of 32 AD**, in the 18th year of Tiberius Caesar during the 202nd Olympiad.

2.5.1.7 Ministry of Jesus bookends

40 Days

Deut 9:9–10 When I went up on the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the Lord had made with you, I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water. The Lord gave me two stone tablets inscribed by the finger of God. On them were all the commandments the Lord proclaimed to you on the mountain out of the fire, on the day of the assembly.

Moses received the Law from the Lord on the mountain after 40 days and nights.

Luke 4:1–2 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

Jesus began his ministry by fasting 40 days in the wilderness.

Acts 1:3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

The resurrected Jesus concluded his earthly ministry by appearing to his disciples for 40 days.

Water and Blood

1 John 5:6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Jesus began his ministry when he was baptized with water and his ministry concluded when the Lamb of God was sacrificed on the cross for the sins of the world.

2.5.2 Middle of the Seven

Daniel 9:26–27 (second phrase pair highlighted)

Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. **The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.** The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ **In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.** And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

2.5.2.1 Two rulers

The middle separates the final seven into two 3 ½ year halves. The middle also serves as a gap of an undisclosed number of years that separates two very different rulers.

The **first ruler** is Jesus who completed his earthly ministry in 3 ½ years beginning with John the Baptist and ending at the cross of calvary.

Dan 9:27 **In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.**

As we previously demonstrated Jesus the Anointed One is the King of Israel (Dan 9:25,26). We also demonstrated that Jesus appeared to Israel as her King from the beginning until the middle of the final seven. It should now become apparent that ‘he’ in v27 is this same Jesus who is both Lord and King.

The **second ruler** is the beastly antichrist and world ruler who will appear briefly at the end of the age for 3 ½ years.

Dan 9:26 The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The second ruler to appear will be ethnically recognizable as related to the kingdom of Rome. Notice that the second ruler must appear sometime after AD 70 because that is when Jerusalem and the second Temple were destroyed by the Romans. The Arch of Titus in Rome celebrates this fact. As of the year 2015 antichrist has not yet been revealed.

One purpose of the middle of the 'seven' is to separate these two rulers Jesus and antichrist by an indeterminate number of years. The antichrist was never given a seven by Yahweh but rather the portion that remains for the beast is the second half of the final seven. This has been firmly decided by Yahweh and is specified in three equivalent time measurements: 3 ½ years (Dan 7:25;12:7;Rev 12:14), 42 months (Rev 11:2;13:5), or 1260 days (Rev 11:3;12:6). As we have previously demonstrated 7 is God's number and 7 represents the holy nature of God. In fact the book of Revelation is full of sevens and Yahweh uses these to judge the beast and to judge all people on earth who received the mark of the beast on their body.

2.5.2.2 Levitical Covenant Supplanted

Dan 9:26 The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

Matt 23:37–38 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate.

Matt 24:1–2 Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

It is a historical fact that the Roman army directed by General Titus destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in the year AD 70. The Jews were driven from their homeland and dispersed yet again to all the nations and this time permanently denied access to the former Levitical Covenant which Yahweh had abolished at the cross of Christ.

Dan 9:27 In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.

Matt 27:50–53 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Notice the moment the Levitical covenant was abolished occurred when Jesus died on the cross.

Heb 9:27–28 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

Jesus completed his earthly ministry in 3 ½ years which began with John the Baptist and ended on the cross of Calvary. It was this pre-determined plan of God that the Levitical Covenant was to be permanently superseded by the New Covenant on the day of Passover in the year 32 AD.

2.5.2.3 Church Age

The church was formed by the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost in the year 32 AD. The everlasting kingdom as represented by the vision of the rock continues to grow until the present year 2016 AD.

Acts 2:1–4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:38–39 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Eph 3:2–6 Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

2.5.3 Last 3 ½ years - Kingdom of Satan overthrown

Daniel 9:26–27 (third phrase pair highlighted)

Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. **The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.**

Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. **And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.**

2.5.3.1 Desolations

Dan 9:26 The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and **desolations have been decreed.**

Dan 9:27 **And at the temple** he will set up an **abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

One such desolation is described in Daniel’s vision of the Ram and the Goat and this concerned the

Grecian Kingdom. The vision foresaw Antiochus Epiphanes desecrating the second temple (around 168 - 164 BC).

Dan 8:13–14 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, “How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, the surrender of the sanctuary and the trampling underfoot of the Lord’s people?” He said to me, “It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated.”

Dan 12:11–12 “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

However Jesus said that there would also be future desolations like the one that had previously happened.

Matt 24:15–21 “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

Luke 21:20–24 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Surely the second temple was desecrated and destroyed by General Titus in AD 70. Apparently the Romans afterward built a temple to Jupiter on the Temple Mount. Later in AD 636 the false prophet Mohammed set up an abomination on the Temple Mount called the Dome of the Rock which remains on the site to this very day.

June 2016 - UNESCO adopted a resolution deciding to refer to the holy Jerusalem site only by the name of the Muslim mosque on its grounds—Al-Aqsa—in all official documents.

July 17, 2016 - Israel on Thursday was outraged to learn that the U.N.’s heritage body was planning to adopt a resolution declaring the Temple Mount sacred to “Muslims only.”

July 17, 2016 - Failed Coup in Turkey Leads to Delay of UNESCO Temple Mount Vote in Istanbul

*The Apostle Paul wrote that the antichrist would appear on the Temple Mount **prior** to the second coming of Jesus Christ.*

2 Thes 2:1–4 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—

whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, **so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**

*The Apostle Paul also wrote that the antichrist would be overthrown **because** of the second coming of Jesus Christ.*

2 Thes 2:8–12 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

2.5.3.2 Beast Defeated

Dan 9:26 **The end will come like a flood: War will continue **until the end**,** and desolations have been decreed.

Dan 9:27 And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, **until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.**

Notice that *until the end* as described in Dan 9:26,27 also corresponds to the book of Revelation when the time comes for the 5th, 6th and 7th bowl of God's wrath to be poured out on the beast and his kingdom (Rev 16:10–20). A more complete vision of the ultimate defeat of the beast is provided by the vision of the second coming of Jesus Christ (Rev 19:11–21).

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