THE MESSIAH

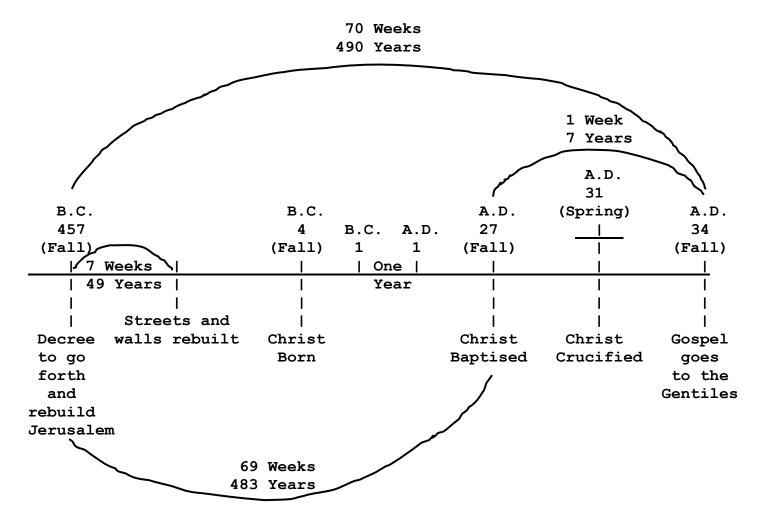
1 *	John 4:22-26	Jesus claims to be the Messiah
2 *	John 1:1-14	In the beginning was the Word
3 *	Psalms 33:3-9	He spake and it was done
4 *	Hebrews 1:1-8	God calls Jesus "God". All the angels worship Jesus
5	I Tim 1:12-14	Mercy granted because of ignorance
6	John 9:40-41	Blind, no sin; but if you see, sin remains
7 *	Luke 24:25-27	Jesus gives Bible study on the Messiah
8	Isaiah 7:14	Prophecies concerning His birth fulfilled:
	& Micah 5:2	Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1
9	Zec. 9:9	Triumphal entry fulfilled: Matthew 21:1-6
10	Zec. 11:12-13	Betrayal of Jesus fulfilled: Matthew 27:3-10
11	Psalms 22:18	Parting of garments fulfilled: John 19:23-24
12	Psalms 34:19-20	No bones broken fulfilled:
	& Zec. 12:10	John 19:31-37
13	Psalms 16:10	Jesus was not to stay in the grave fulfilled:
		Acts 2:29-32
14 *	Daniel 9:20-27	See Time Chart - See Numbers 14:34 & Ezek. 4:5-6
		A Prophetic Day can equal a Literal Year in the
		Bible
15 *	Proverbs 13:1-6	An example of the Hebrew Contrasting Literary Style-
		See larger surrounding context (Proverbs 10 through
		Proverbs 15) which helps explain the way the Hebrews
		loved to jump back and forth from Good Guy to Bad
		Guy-this would help in understanding Daniel 9:26-27.
		This free use of pronouns is normally not done in
		good English, but is frequently done in Hebrew.
16 *	Ezra 7:6-13	The decree to rebuild Jerusalem in 457 B.C. [The
		only decree which restores the civil state and
		agrees with Christ's death]
17 *	Luke 3:1-3; 16-17;	Jesus was 30 years old when He was baptized. Caesar
*	21-23	Augustus died August 19, A.D. 14 and Tiberius Caesar
		came to power. Non-ascension figuring used at this
		time so the 1st year ended at end of August in A.D.
		14. 15th year of Tiberius Caesar started September
		1st, A.D. 27
	Acts 7:51-60; 8:1;	Gospel goes to the Gentiles
	10:45; 13:46-47	
	Isaiah 53:1-9	Prophecy of death of the Messiah
20	Deut. 18:15	Prophet like Moses fulfilled: Acts 3:22-24
	John 10:7-11	Jesus is the open door to salvation
	John 14:6	Jesus is the only way to God
	Isaiah 43:11	Beside Me there is no Savior
24 *	Acts 4:12	No other name under Heaven for salvation

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TIME CHART OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

1 Prophetic day = 1 Literal year Numbers 14:34 & Ezekiel 4:5-6

The 70 weeks is part of a longer time prophecy



THE DECREE TO REBUILD JERUSALEM AND THE 70 WEEKS PROPHECY

Three decrees dealing with the restoration of the Jews as a nation are recorded in the book of Ezra: the first in the first year of Cyrus, about 537 (Ezra 1:1-4); the second in the reign of Darius I, soon after 520 (Ezra 6:1-12); the third in the 7th year of Artaxerxes, 458/457 B.C. (Ezra 7:1-26).

In their decrees neither Cyrus nor Darius made any genuine provision for the restoration of the civil state as a complete unit, though a restoration of both the religious and the civil government was promised in the prophecy of Daniel. The decree of the 7th year of Artaxerxes was the first to give the Jewish state full independence, yet subject to Persian overlordship. But what year would be the timing of the 7th year of Artaxerxes?

One of the double-dated papyri found at Elephantine, Egypt, a Jewish colony, was written in Artaxerxes' accession year in January, 464 B.C. From this, the only known document of that year, compared with other ancient records, it can be deduced that by Jewish reckoning his "beginning of reign," or "accession year" began after the Jewish New Year of 465 B.C. and ended at the next New Year in the fall of 464. Hence his "first year" (his first full calendar year) would be from the fall of 464 to the fall of 463. The 7th year Artaxerxes would then extend from the fall of 458 to the fall of 457. Brooklyn Museum Papyri, No. 6; published by Emil g. Kraeling, 1953. This harmony is not possible in either the Egyptian year 3 (beginning in December, 422) or the Babylonian-Persian year 3 (beginning in the spring of 421), but only with the fall-to-fall year of the Jewish civil calendar, which began in the autumn or 421 and so included July, 420. Therefore the lunar calendar in which this papyrus was dated was not the Babylonian but the Jewish civil calendar, with the year beginning in the autumn. Consequently the other papyri, inconclusive in themselves, should be interpreted in the light of this one. Obviously, the Jews in Elephantine must, like Nehemiah, have used the old fall-to-fall civil calendar. Set forth by S. H. Horn and L. H. Wood, Journal of Near Eastern Studies, XIII (1954), pp. 1-*20.*

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