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CHRONOLOGICAL CHART OF DANIEL CHAPTER NINE

Kings of Judah		Year From Creation	Kings of Babylon and Persia		Jeremiah's Prophecies Of Seventy Years	
Name of King	Years of Kingship		Years of Kingship	Name Of King		
Jehoiakim	4	3319	1	Nebuchadnezzar	Jeremiah 25:12 - "And it shall be at the completion of seventy years, I will visit upon the king of Babylon and upon that nation, says the Lord, their iniquity, and upon the Chaldeans, and I will make it for everlasting desolations."	
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	10	3325	7			
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	Jehiachin	3-month reign	3327			9
	Zedekiah	1	3328			10
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		3402	10			
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		3404	12			
		3405	13			
		3406	14			
		3407	1			
		3408	2			

* In the year 3390, Daniel contemplated two critical prophecies in which Jeremiah spoke of Babylon's demise following 70 years (Jer. 25:12 and 29:10). Although both of these 70-year visions foretold the termination of the Babylon Empire, it was only the second prophecy (Jer. 29:10) that spoke of the restoration of the Jewish people to the Promised Land. When Daniel considered these two texts, however, he mistakenly concluded that Jeremiah's two 70-year prophecies were speaking of an identical period of time. This misunderstanding caused him to draw three flawed conclusions. First, that the point to begin counting the 70 years for both prophecies was the year 3320, when Babylon conquered Jerusalem. Second, these prophecies must therefore end 70 years after Jerusalem's subjugation, in the year 3390, when Darius the Mede succeeded the throne. Third, because Jeremiah's second prophecy (Jer. 29:10) spoke of God restoring Israel after the completion of 70 years, Daniel concluded that the second temple would certainly be built in the year 3390, in the first year of Darius the Mede.

When Daniel realized that the year 3390 was at hand, and there was no sign of the impending redemption, he became deeply agitated. He thought that the sins of Jewry had caused the date to be delayed, or worse - canceled. This terrifying thought compelled Daniel to fast and pray (Dan. 9:4-20) for the restoration of Jerusalem and its Sanctuary.

It is therefore in this chapter that Daniel is made to understand that the two prophecies of Jeremiah are in fact not identical, and each one of them referred to a separate, but overlapping, 70-year period of time. Whereas the prophecy of Jeremiah 25:12 was in fact referring to the 70-year time span that began in the year 3320, when Jerusalem was subjugated, the prophecy that promised the restoration of the Jewish people to their land (29:10) was not to begin for another 18 years.

Accordingly, Gabriel here relates to Daniel that in order to correctly ascertain when the Second Temple would be built, he must begin counting the 70 years "from the going forth of the WORD [דבר] (9:25)," which is "the WORD [דבר] of Jeremiah" that begins at "the destruction of Jerusalem (9:2)," in the year 3338. In fact, Jeremiah's prophecy of restoration (29:10) was fulfilled in the year 3408, 18 years later than Daniel had originally thought.

**The angel Gabriel responds to Daniel's prayerful inquiry of God by carefully outlining the course of events which was to unfold over a crucial period of time that spanned 490 years, or "70 weeks" (the Babylonian exile lasted 70 years, plus the 420 years which the Second Temple stood). Thus, the angel was not only revealing to Daniel when the Second Temple would be restored, but when it would be destroyed as well.

Gabriel also reveals that once these "70 weeks" were completed, the Messianic Age could begin. Thus, in verse 24, the angel describes six elements that will characterize the world in the Messianic Age:

- 1) termination of transgression
- 2) end of sin
- 3) removal of all iniquity
- 4) ushering in of everlasting righteousness
- 5) sealing of vision and prophet
- 6) anointing of the Holy of Holies. And once these 490 years are completed, it would indeed be up to each subsequent generation to turn back to God in order to bring about the glorious arrival of the messiah.

Emperor of Rome		
Nero	3823	10
	3824	11
	3825	12
	3826	13
	3827	14
Galba; Otho; Vitellius	3828	Year of Three Emperors
Vespasian	3829	1

Seven years before the Second Temple was destroyed, Rome permitted the Jews to offer sacrifices. This agreement, however, was broken when Nero sent Vespasian to crush Jewish life in Jerusalem in 66 CE, 3 1/2 years before Titus razed Herod's Temple in the year 3829 (Daniel 9:27).

Rome's Emperor Nero goes to war against Jerusalem in 66 CE, 3 1/2 years before Vespasian destroyed the Second Temple in the year 3829, completing 490 years of Daniel's prophecy.

Messianic Age

