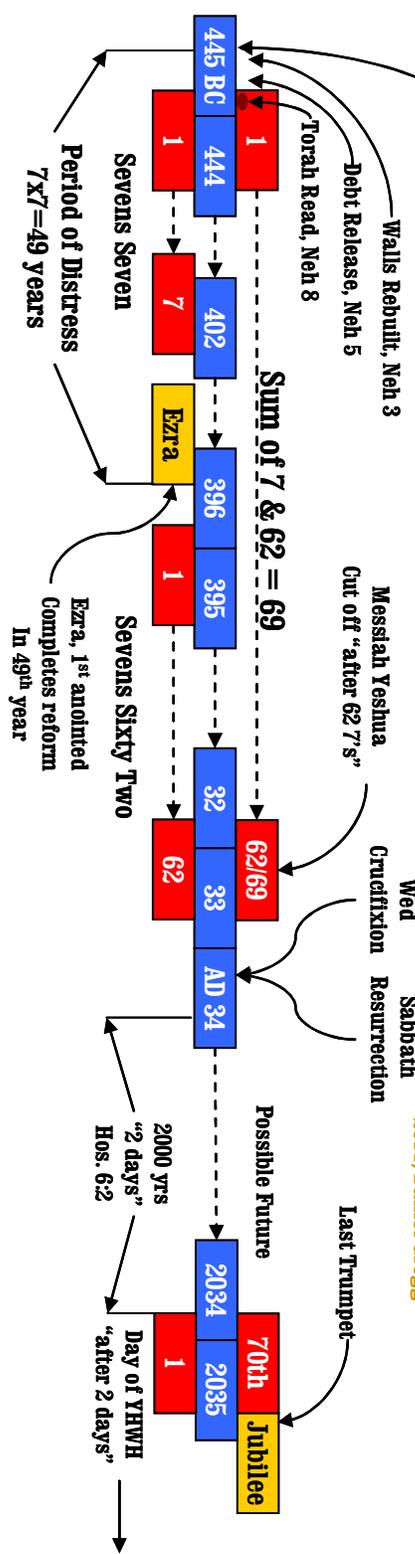


Neh. 2:1
Decree

Daniel 9:24-26 Explained With Sabbatical Years

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²⁴ Seventy Sevens are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city.

To finish the transgression and to make an end of the transgression and to seal up Sin and to wipe away iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to complete the vision and prophecy and to anoint the Holy of Holies

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Prince Messiah shall be: Seven Sevens, and Sixty and two Sevens; (the streets shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.)

²⁶ And after Sixty and two Sevens shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself.

^{26b} And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

²⁷ And it shall confirm the covenant with many for one Seven; and in the midst of the Seven 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 desolator.

There have been many different attempts to reconcile Daniel 9:24-27 with the chronological facts. Probably the most famous attempts were made by Sir Isaac Newton and Sir Robert Anderson. Seder Olam presents the Rabbinic Jewish viewpoint by proposing sabbatical years. Christian authors typically compute the prophecy as so many years or so many days. Following the Jewish precedent, I employ sabbatical periods to reconcile the prophecy with the historical facts.

The use of Sabbatical periods (or years) allows one to count inclusively. If we use sabbatical years, then the required 69 Sabbath years may be fit into as few as 68x7+1 years, which is 477 years, which is 6 years shorter than the 483 years typically assumed.

Until AD 2000 it was common to speculate that Christ would return 2000 years after his birth. New speculations start with the Passion and end up around AD 2029-2035. This model shows that 2000 years fit exactly between the Passion and the next Jubilee in AD 2035.

This computation of Daniel 9:24-27 uses the reverse order of Nehemiah and Ezra, made famous in the *Companion Bible*, appendix 58. This better explains the succession of high priests in Ezra and Nehemiah, and also explains the "seven sevens" (or seven sabbatical years of the prophecy).