# Daniel Chapter 9: The Prophecy of the 70 weeks 70 weeks of years equals a total of 490 years (70 x 7 = 490 years) The following Chart Depicts How These Prophetic Weeks are counted and divided

# 7 weeks (49 years) During these first 49 years the city is rebuilt. In verse 25 the counting begins when the edict is given to restore Jerusalem. This is recorded in Nehemiah 2:1-4. We can date this

event on our calendar as

occurring on March 14,

that the counting of the

70 weeks began.

445 B.C. This is the date

### 62 weeks (434 Years)

This box should be added to the box on the left. The result is a total of 69 weeks or 483 years. At the end of the first 69 weeks Messiah the Price was to appear in Israel. Luke 19:28-40 depicts the arrival of Messiah the Prince in Jerusalem. This event took place on April 6, 32 A.D. Israel should have been able to use the prophecy in Dan. 9 and predict to the day when their Messiah would arrive. In Luke 19:41-44 Jesus is upset because they did not know.

## Mystery The information Luke 13:6-9 revealed to Christ added one Paul fits into vear to the this gap period prophetic The Prophets calendar. Acts did not see 2-7 was one this time. vear.

# 70<sup>th</sup> Week (7 years)

This is the final block of time from the prophecy in Daniel 9 that is still future. The 70 th week does not begin in verse 27 until the treaty is singed between the Israel and the Anti-Christ. It is this treaty of peace, which ends the war of verse 26. Remember form Daniel 8:25, 11:21-22 that the Anti-Christ begins his career by making peace with everyone. Also look at Psalm 55:15-21

# Explanation of the Dating

As we have stated Israel should have known when their Messiah would come based upon the information given in Daniel 9. The British theologian Sir. Robert Anderson wrote a book about this entitled "The Coming Prince". In his book, Mr. Anderson goes into great detail about how the exact date of the Messiah entrance into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40) can be calculated. In the Bible a prophetic year contains 360 days. This can be seen clearly in Genesis 7:11-17 on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month the rain started and in Genesis 8:3-4 on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month the ark rested. From the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the second month to the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month is a total of 5 months, which is a total of 150 days. If you take 150days/5 months = 30 days per month. Then if you take 30 days per month \* 12 months in a year you get a total of 360 days in a year. When figuring when Messiah would ride in Jerusalem we need to account to the differences in our calendar as compared with the Jewish calendar. So using the dates listed above from March 14, 445 B.C. to April 6, 32 A.D. is a total of 476 years and 24 days. The Calendar we use contains 365 and days so we need to do a little math to make to appropriate adjustments. We begin by multiplying 476 by 365 (days in our year) and we get 173.740 days. Next we take 173.740 days and add 24 (for the difference between March 14 and April 6) and we get 173,764 days. Then we add 116 days for all the leap years between 445 B.C. and 32 A.D. (173,764days + 116days = 173880 days). So 69 prophetic weeks times 7 years in a week times 360 days in a year equals 173,880 days.

# The Prophetic Gap

The crucifixion of Christ is depicted in verse 26 by the phrase "after threescore and two weeks shall messiah be cut off". Isaiah 53:8—speaks of the crucifixion of Christ as Messiah being cut off. Notice in verse 26 that he is cut off after the 62<sup>nd</sup> week is over but before the signing of the treaty with the Anti-Christ in verse 27. Therefore we have a gap in the prophecy where we are not told how God is counting time. Understand that this is not a gap in the prophetic program; Israel is still the favored nation of God expecting the establishment of her kingdom. In Luke 13:6-9 Jesus adds a year of probation to the prophetic calendar. This extra year began in Acts 2 with the coming of the Holy Spirit and lasted through Acts 7 and the stoning of Stephen. After the stoning of Stephen Israel is cut off and in Acts 9 God ushers in a new dispensation with the saving of Saul on the road to Damascus. Notice that the parenthesis of Paul and the dispensation of Grace fits into the gap period of Daniel's prophecy in chapter 9. This is important for us to note the Body of Christ fits into this gap because there still may be a space of time in the future between the rapture of the Church and the singing of the treaty beginning the 70th week of Daniel 9.