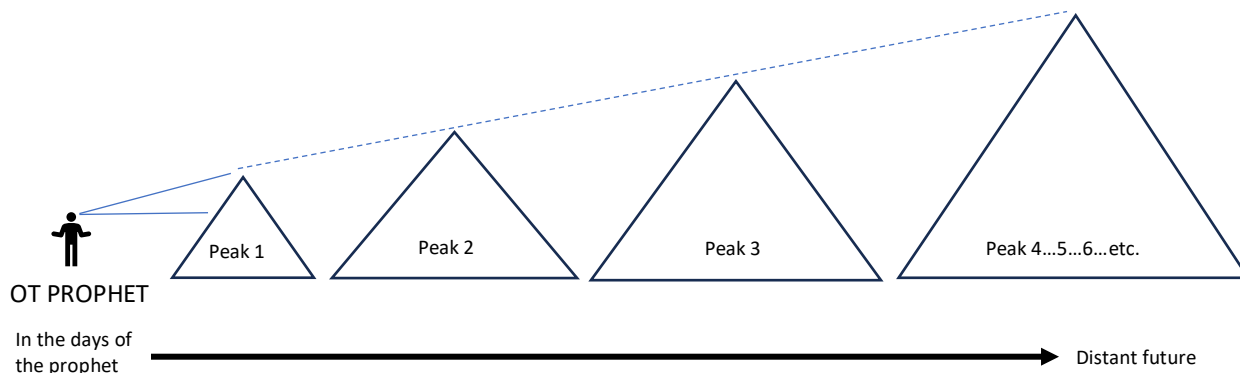


# DANIEL 9 – THE SEVENTY “SEVENS”

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## HOW OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY WORKS

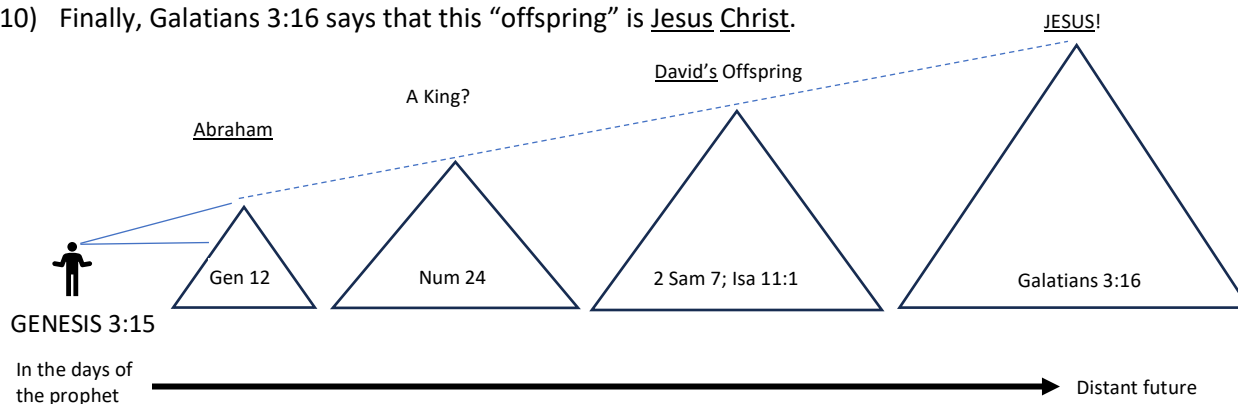
- In the Old Testament, God spoke through many prophets to warn of impending judgment, to reveal his character, and to promise future blessing (see Hebrews 1:1)
- A prophecy is a God-given message that speaks to people about their condition, urges change, and may describe future events as a means to motivate the people to faithfulness.<sup>1</sup>
- Some prophecies are fulfilled immediately, while others remain yet to be fulfilled in the distant future.



## AN EXAMPLE FROM GENESIS 3:15

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

- 1) This verse is sometimes referred to as the “protoevangelium,” or “first gospel.”
- 2) The term “offspring” becomes an anchor point in Genesis and kicks off a series of fulfillments.
- 3) Seth is the new “offspring” that God appoints (Genesis 4:25)
- 4) God narrows the “offspring” even further through Noah in Genesis 9:9
- 5) In Genesis 12, God sets aside Abraham through whom God’s promised “offspring” will come.
- 6) God perseveres his offspring through Exodus.
- 7) In Numbers 24, Balaam’s prophecy says that Jacob’s “seed,” “king,” and “kingdom” shall be exalted
- 8) In 2 Samuel 7:12, David is promised another “offspring,” through who God will build a house.
- 9) In Isaiah 11:1, Jesse’s stump will produce a shoot, through whom God will establish an eternal kingdom.
- 10) Finally, Galatians 3:16 says that this “offspring” is Jesus Christ.



<sup>1</sup> From the *NIV Biblical Theology Study Bible*, edited by D.A. Carson, page 1152.

# DANIEL 9 Daniel's Prayer and Gabriel's Revelation

## II. Kings, Seventy Sevens, and the Anointed One (8:1 – 12:13)

- A. Medo-Persian and Greek Kingdoms (8:1-27)
- B. Daniel's prayer and its answer (9:1-27)
  - 1. Daniel's prayer concerning the 70 years (9:1-19)
  - 2. Gabriel's answer of 70 "sevens" before the promised redemption (9:20-27)

### INITIAL OBSERVATIONS

- Daniel's prayer comes after his reading of the prophet Jeremiah, likely chapter 25:10-11 or 29:10:
 

*10 Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*
- God answers Daniel's prayer by giving him insight and understanding (9:22).
- The prophecies Daniel is about to see are given to him through God's great mercy and love (9:23).
- Daniel is told to consider the word and understand the vision.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE 70 "SEVENS"?			
1) To complete the <u>transgression</u> 2) To finish <u>sin</u> 3) To atone for <u>iniquity</u> 4) To bring in <u>everlasting</u> righteousness 5) To <u>seal</u> the vision and the prophet (Daniel 12; cf. Revelation 4:5) 6) To anoint the <u>holy of holies</u>			
69 "Sevens"		Final "Seven"	
7 "Sevens" + 62 "Sevens"	After 62 "Sevens"	For one "seven"	
The city of Jerusalem will be rebuilt in times of trouble and the Anointed one will come	1) Messiah is cut off 2) The city is destroyed 3) There will be a flood 4) Endless war 5) Desolations	First half	Second half
		1) A strong covenant with many for one seven 2) For half of the week, he will put an end to offering and sacrifice 3) With abominations shall come one who makes desolate 4) The decreed end will be poured out on the desolator	

### WHAT DANIEL SAW

- The point of Daniel is to see the world and the unraveling of time from God's perspective.
- The "peaks" of prophecy help us see that God's timing is perfect, his promises are true, and his decrees will come to pass.

