

Teacher's Outline

Daniel's Seventy Weeks | Introduction

Teaching Aim

- To explain the **purpose** of the seventy weeks prophecy
- To identify **Jesus Christ** as the centre of the prophecy
- To show the prophecy as **fulfilled**, not future

Lesson Introduction

Daniel received a prophecy with a clear time frame and purpose. It was given to explain God's plan for sin and righteousness.

Opening Discussion Prompt

Why do you think God sometimes gives specific time markers in Scripture?

Main Teaching Section 1

The Reason for the Seventy Weeks

Teaching Points

- The prophecy was given to Daniel for his people
- The time was **determined** by God, not by man
- The focus was spiritual, not political
- The goal concerned sin and righteousness

Scripture Reference

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:24**:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."

Teacher Emphasis Notes

Stress that every purpose listed is redemptive.

Emphasise completed outcomes, not ongoing processes.

Main Teaching Section 2

The Central Person of the Prophecy

Teaching Points

- Time is measured **unto the Messiah**
- The Messiah is clearly identified as a Prince
- History is directed toward Christ
- The prophecy narrows focus to one person

Scripture Reference

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:25**:

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.”

Teacher Emphasis Notes

Guide students away from speculation.

Keep attention on Christ, not calculations alone.

Main Teaching Section 3

Fulfilment Through Christ

Teaching Points

- The Messiah would be **cut off**
- His death was for others, not Himself
- This act fulfilled God’s purpose
- No delay or pause is stated in the text

Scripture Reference

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:26**:

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself.”

Teacher Emphasis Notes

Explain that redemption was accomplished at the cross.

Avoid introducing future gaps not stated in Scripture.

Conclusion

The seventy weeks reveal God's completed redemptive plan.
Jesus Christ fulfilled every purpose written.

Optional Review Questions

- What were the main purposes of the seventy weeks?
- Who is the prophecy centred upon?
- What does “cut off, but not for himself” teach us?
- How does fulfilment strengthen trust in Scripture?

Discussion Based Lesson Plan

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Lesson Aim

- To understand why God gave the seventy weeks prophecy
- To see **Jesus Christ** as the centre of the prophecy
- To recognise fulfilment in the Gospel Day

Opening Activity

Ask the group to think of a promise that had a clear time frame.
Discuss how confidence changes when a promise is clearly fulfilled.

Discussion Segment 1

The Purpose of the Prophecy

Scripture Reference

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“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.”

Discussion Questions

- What words describe what God intended to do?
- Which purposes deal directly with sin?
- Do these purposes sound complete or partial?

Key Truth Statement

God set the seventy weeks to complete His redemptive work.

Discussion Segment 2

God's Control of Time

Scripture Reference

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:24**:

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city.”

Discussion Questions

- What does the word “determined” tell us about God’s authority?
- Who decides the length of God’s plan?
- How does this affect human speculation about prophecy?

Key Truth Statement

God alone controls prophetic time and fulfilment.

Discussion Segment 3

The Messiah Revealed

Scripture Reference

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:25**:

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.”

Discussion Questions

- Who is clearly named in this verse?
- Why would God direct attention to the Messiah?
- How should this guide our interpretation?

Key Truth Statement

The prophecy is centred on Jesus Christ.

Discussion Segment 4

Fulfilment Through Sacrifice

Scripture Reference

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:26**:

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself.”

Discussion Questions

- What does “cut off” suggest about Christ’s work?
- Who benefited from His being cut off?
- Does this verse suggest delay or fulfilment?

Key Truth Statement

Christ fulfilled the prophecy through His redemptive sacrifice.

Closing Reflection

Invite participants to quietly consider how fulfilled prophecy builds trust.
Encourage gratitude for Christ’s completed work.

Summary Emphasis

The seventy weeks reveal God’s planned and finished redemption.
Jesus Christ fulfilled every purpose written by the prophet.

Simplified Youth Version

Daniel’s Seventy Weeks | Introduction

Purpose Statement

This lesson helps you see God’s plan to save us in Jesus.
It shows that God keeps His word on time.

Simple Teaching Paragraphs

God gave Daniel a prophecy called seventy weeks.

It was God's set time to deal with sin.

The prophecy tells why God gave this time.

It was to end sin and bring everlasting righteousness.

The prophecy points to the **Messiah**.

The Messiah is Jesus Christ.

It says the Messiah would be "cut off".

That means Jesus gave His life for others.

This prophecy is about fulfilment, not guessing the future.

Jesus completed what God promised.

Optional Scripture Reading

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:24–26**

Youth Discussion Questions

1. What does God say He will finish in Daniel 9:24?
2. Who is the Messiah in Daniel 9:25?
3. What does it mean that Jesus was "cut off" for others?

Youth Summary Statement

God planned salvation and completed it in Jesus Christ.

We can trust what Scripture says because God fulfils His word.

Multi Lesson Teaching Unit

Daniel's Seventy Weeks and God's Completed Plan

Unit Title and Purpose

Daniel's Seventy Weeks and Fulfilled Redemption

Learning Goals

- Understand why God gave the seventy weeks prophecy
- Identify **Jesus Christ** as the centre of the prophecy
- Recognise fulfilment in the Gospel Day

Unit Overview

This unit begins with Daniel's prayer and God's response.

It then traces the purpose, focus, and fulfilment of the seventy weeks.

Each lesson builds confidence in Scripture as completed truth.

Lesson 1

The Setting of the Prophecy

Lesson Aim

To understand the background and reason for the seventy weeks.

Key Teaching Points

- Daniel studied the writings of Jeremiah
- Daniel prayed for Jerusalem and his people
- God responded with revelation, not rebuke
- The prophecy answered Daniel's concern

Scripture Passage

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:1–23**

Discussion Questions

- What moved Daniel to pray?
- How did God respond to his prayer?

Lesson Summary

God revealed His plan in response to faithful prayer.

Lesson 2

The Purpose of the Seventy Weeks

Lesson Aim

To identify what God intended to accomplish in the prophecy.

Key Teaching Points

- The weeks were **determined** by God
- The purpose was spiritual, not political
- Sin would be finished and ended

- Everlasting righteousness would be brought in

Scripture Passage

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:24**

Discussion Questions

- Which purposes deal directly with salvation?
- Do these purposes sound complete or ongoing?

Lesson Summary

The seventy weeks describe God's redemptive work.

Lesson 3

God's Control of Time

Lesson Aim

To see God as the one who governs prophetic time.

Key Teaching Points

- Time is set by God, not man
- The prophecy has a clear beginning
- Human speculation is unnecessary
- God's plan unfolds exactly as written

Scripture Passage

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:24**

Discussion Questions

- What does "determined" teach about God's authority?
- Why is this important for understanding prophecy?

Lesson Summary

God alone controls the timing of His purposes.

Lesson 4

The Messiah Revealed

Lesson Aim

To identify Jesus Christ as the focus of the prophecy.

Key Teaching Points

- Time is measured **unto the Messiah**
- The Messiah is called a Prince
- The prophecy points to one central person
- God directed history toward Christ

Scripture Passage

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:25**

Discussion Questions

- Why is the Messiah named in the prophecy?
- How should this guide our interpretation?

Lesson Summary

Jesus Christ stands at the centre of God's plan.

Lesson 5

Fulfilment Through the Messiah

Lesson Aim

To understand how Christ fulfilled the prophecy.

Key Teaching Points

- The Messiah would be **cut off**
- His sacrifice was for others
- Redemption was accomplished
- No future delay is stated in the text

Scripture Passage

Daniel the prophet, **Daniel 9:26**

Discussion Questions

- What does "cut off, but not for himself" mean?
- How does this show fulfilment?

Lesson Summary

Christ fulfilled the prophecy through His sacrifice.

Unit Conclusion

The seventy weeks reveal God's perfect timing and purpose.
Jesus Christ fulfilled every word written by the prophet.

Optional Extensions

- Group review of Daniel chapter nine
- Memory verse from **Daniel 9:24**
- Follow up study on fulfilled prophecy in the Gospel Day