

Both the symbol of the *LAMB* and the name *CHRIST* remind us of the baptism and anointing of Jesus. The symbol of the *LAMB* in the Revelation reminds us of the baptism of Jesus for it was at that time that John the Baptist declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29. The name *CHRIST* is the Greek for "anointed." It was at His baptism that Jesus was "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power." Acts 10:37,38. These symbols remind us of the supreme sacrifice for sin and the acceptance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ by the Father.

JESUS— WAS BAPTISED & ANOINTED



Q1 **When was Jesus baptised? How old was He at the time of His baptism?** Luke 3:1-3, 21-23

A **The year of Jesus' baptism:**

Jesus' age at His baptism:

No other year in the life of Jesus on this earth is specifically dated like the year of His baptism. The year of the baptism and anointing of Jesus was "the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar." Luke 3:1. The fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar spanned a portion of A.D. 27.

The amazing prophecy of DANIEL 9...

Over 500 years before Jesus came to this earth it was predicted by Daniel the prophet that the Messiah, or the Anointed One, would arrive in A.D. 27. The prophecy of Daniel chapter 9 clearly identifies Jesus as the Messiah or Christ. The major portion of Daniel 9 is a prayer. Because of their rebellion against God the Jews had been in captivity in Babylon for "seventy years." (Daniel 9:2.) Their city of Jerusalem and its temple lay in ruins. In his prayer Daniel acknowledges their sinfulness. He prays for the deliverance of the people from captivity, and the restoration of the city and the temple. He prays for forgiveness and salvation. (Read Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9:4-19.)

Q2 **Daniel's prayer was answered. How much time was given to Daniel's people to turn from their rebellious ways?** Daniel 9:24

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"Seventy sevens" is 490. The context indicates that the "seventy sevens" should be understood to be 490 years. (See Daniel 9:2.)

Q3 **When were the 490 years of probationary time for Israel to begin?** Daniel 9:25

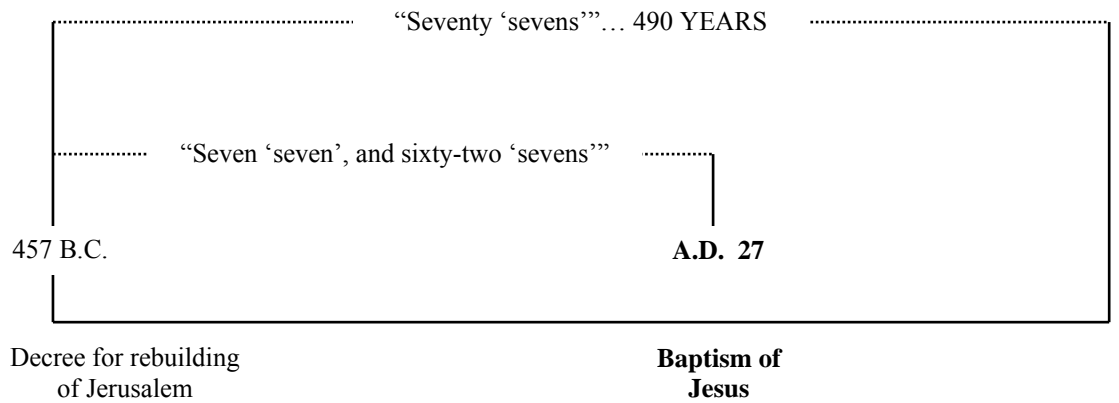
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History reveals that in 538 B.C., Cyrus issued a decree providing for the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. Darius reaffirmed this in 519 B.C. Finally, in the autumn of 457 B.C., Artaxerxes Longimanus issued a decree that enabled the total restoration of the city and state. (See Ezra 6:14.) The 490 years of probationary time began in 457 B.C. (See Gleason L. Archer, A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, p. 396. For a discussion of the chronological issues relating to the date 457 B.C., or 458 B.C., see S. H. Horn, "Elephantine Papyri and Daniel 8:14, Ministry, August 1981, pp. 24-27.)

Q4 **From the issuing of the decree how long would it be until the arrival of the Anointed Saviour?** Daniel 9:25

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"Seven 'sevens', and sixty-two 'sevens'" (Daniel 9:25) is 483. Once again the context indicates that it is a period of years. The Messiah or Anointed Saviour was to appear 483 years after 457 B.C. That was in A.D. 27. Jesus was anointed at His baptism right on time in A.D. 27. ◻



In order to save us Jesus Christ had to be the appointed and anointed Saviour. He had to be acceptable to God both in character and nature. He had to be equal to the Father as well as the perfect embodiment of the divine law that sinners have broken.

JESUS— WAS CRUCIFIED

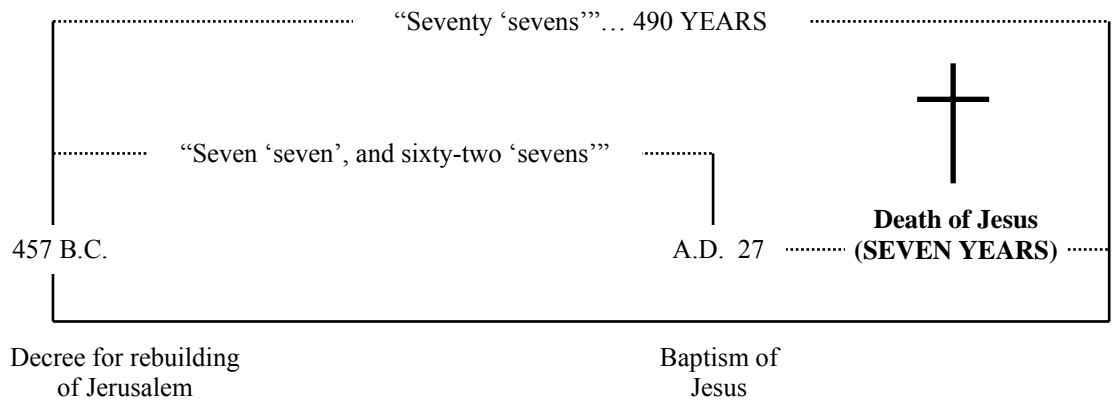
Because of our sin we are condemned to death. However, Jesus Christ took the responsibility of our sin upon Himself and paid for it with His death. (See 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Romans 5:8.)

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Q5 **What would happen to the "Anointed One" after His arrival on earth?** Daniel 9:26

Jesus Christ died right on time in the middle of the last seven of the 490 years. (See Daniel 9:27.) His death "put an end to sacrifice and offering" (Daniel 9:27) in the temple in Jerusalem. (Compare Matthew 27:45-51.)



To save us Jesus Christ took our death penalty upon Himself. He died for the human family. However, before His death He predicted the setting up of "an abomination that causes desolation" (Daniel 9:27) and the destruction of Jerusalem because the people of Israel refused to accept Him as the Anointed Saviour. (Read Matthew 21:33-45; 24:1-2, 15-20. Compare Daniel 9:26,27.)

THE FORBIDDEN BIBLE PROPHECY

At one time the Jews were forbidden to study the time prophecies of Daniel. It was declared, "May the bones of the hands, and the bones of the fingers decay and decompose of him who turns the pages of Daniel to find out the time." - SANHEDRIN 97 B., Sec. 2, line 28. The prophecy of Daniel chapter 9 clearly identifies Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus was baptised and anointed on time. Jesus Christ died for us on time.