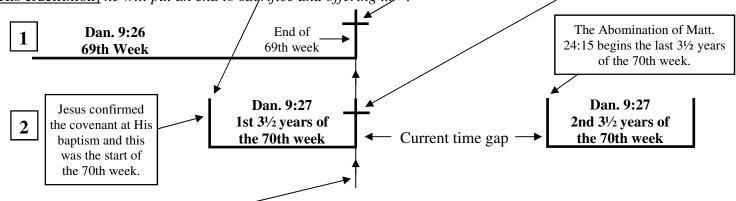
Is Dan. 9:27 referring to Jesus or the Antichrist?

There is a belief that Dan. 9:27 is talking about Jesus, and not the Antichrist. This belief states that Jesus has already fulfilled the first half of the 70th week and that this 3½ year period was the time between His baptism and His crucifixion. The following examines Dan. 9:26-27 as though Jesus is being spoken about in both verses.

1) Dan. 9:26 says, "After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One [Jesus] will be cut off and will have nothing". This verse says that Jesus would be cut off, crucified, at the end of the 69th week (the first 7 + 62 = 69).

2) Dan 9:27 says, "He [Jesus] will <u>confirm a covenant</u> with many for one 'seven.' <u>In the middle of the 'seven' [at</u> His crucifixion] he will put an end to sagrifice and offering ...".



Jesus' crucifixion occurs at this point in time on both time lines.

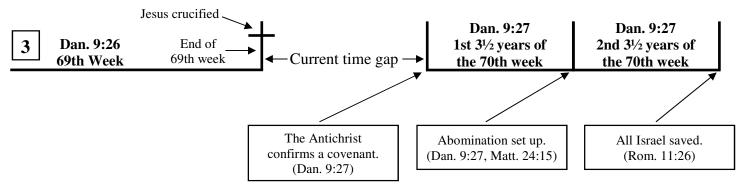
These time lines show that Jesus was crucified on two separate occasions:

- 1) The first time, at the end of the 69th week (Dan. 9:26), as shown on time line #1.
- 2) The second time, in the middle of the 70th week (Dan. 9:27), as shown on time line #2.

Jesus was only crucified once and because Dan. 9:26 tells us that Jesus, "the Annointed One", was cut off (crucified) at the end of the 69th week then it is obvious that Dan. 9:27 is not talking about Jesus being crucified a second time in the middle of the 70th week. Therefore, Dan. 9:27 is referring to the Antichrist.

Another problem with the two time lines is that they show the first 3½ years of the 70th week as coinciding with the last 3½ years of the 69th week. Of course this cannot happen as all of the 70th week must follow the 69th.

The following time line shows the 69th and 70th week in sequence.



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