

2. What do you think this symbolised?

"He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated."

Daniel 8:14

1. In 1844 the sanctuary (in heaven) is to be re-consecrated.

2. An explanation of this is found below.

"In the ancient earthly sanctuary service the high priest went into the most holy place, the most sacred room, only once a year. This was for a special service on the Day of Atonement, which was considered a cleansing of the sanctuary from the people's sins that had been confessed during the year. In fact, the Jews viewed it as a day of judgement. ... The entire sanctuary service, of course, represented the plan of salvation and the work of Jesus for us."

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DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 24

2300 DAYS—JESUS IN PROPHECY

"Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets."

Amos 3:7

1. God does not keep His plans to Himself.

2. One way that God reveals His plans is through prophecy

"Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled--the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?" He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated."

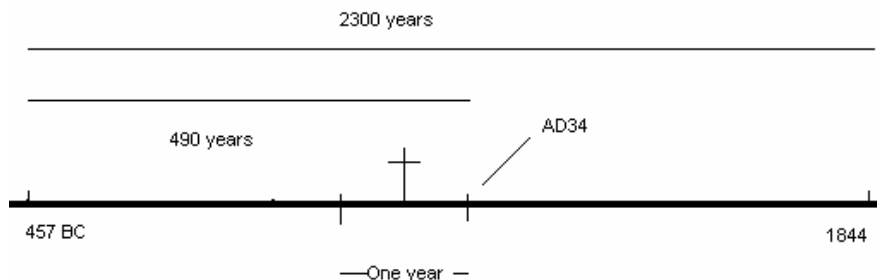
Daniel 8:13,14

1. God has given a vision to Daniel which concerns 2300 evenings and mornings.

2. The sanctuary is then to be re-consecrated.

3. *The majority of the vision is not explained*—yet.

A chart outlining key events in the prophecy of Daniel 8:14



For forty years--one year for each of the forty days you explored the land--you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.'

Numbers 14:34

1. Days in prophecy represent years.
2. 2300 days would represent 2300 years.

"Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy."

Daniel 9:21,22,24

1. The vision is explained in Daniel 9.
2. The first part of the vision describes a period of 490 years (seventy 7's).
3. The focus of the vision is Daniel's people—the Jews.

"Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

1 Corinthians 5:7

1. Jesus is described as the Passover lamb who was sacrificed. He did this to 'put an end to sin'.
2. We can expect that the prophecy will relate to the work of Jesus.

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will

be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble."

Daniel 9:25

1. The vision begins when a decree is made to rebuild Jerusalem
2. This took effect in 457 BC.
3. The 490 years takes us to AD 34

"...He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

Daniel 9:27

1. This is an account of one week—part of the 490 years.
2. In the middle of the week sacrifice and offering will end. This points to the death of Jesus—in 31AD, 3½ years before the ending of the 490 years.
3. At the start of 'the week', 27 AD Jesus was baptised, at the start of his ministry He was anointed as Messiah—as predicted in Daniel 9:25

4. This prophecy fits well with history. If we extend the time period to cover the 2300 years we are taken to the year 1844.

"At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split."

Matthew 27:51

1. At the time of Jesus death the curtain of the temple was ripped open revealing the heart of the temple to all.