

The End Begins with the Command to Restore and Build Jerusalem

We start with the simple concept that the entire Bible is written especially for me.¹ Every story, prophecy, instruction, concept, illustration, allegory, and principle is written for whoever is reading it. As I read the Bible today, I consider it to be all about me. If you read the Bible as being all about you, then I think you will find many of the mysteries of the Bible to be much less mysterious. For why I look at it this way, read <https://bit.ly/1-AllAboutMe>

The Bible has a message for us. It tells us about sin and how sin causes death for all of us. It tells us that this period of time, where sin is allowed, will come to an end.² We are invited to participate in the eternal solution and told how that will happen.

The Bible tells us that we are not passive bystanders but, instead, active participants in bringing about the end of sin.³ Sin not only ends in our lives, but also in the universe. The idea that we are to stop sinning and sin no more is an intimidating thought to many. It is a comfort to think of the end of sin as an impossibility in our lifetimes. Yet, God repeatedly directs us to allow Him to remove our sins and to accept His promises. To believe in Jesus is to believe and accept the promises Jesus gives us.

- Does the thought of living without sin elate me or terrify me? For those who it terrifies, it is usually because of a sense of inadequacy. We do not like the idea that there is a standard we are measured against. We tend to want to be accepted as we are. Many of us take comfort in the idea that all have sinned; and, if everyone has sinned, then God will need to accept sinners as they are. Otherwise, there won't be anyone saved.⁴

For me, the thought of living in a universe without sin is a wonderful idea. Where everyone is loving, honest, fair, just, patient, and kind seems like a glorious place to live. It is the kind of person I want to be. My Bible tells me that when I love God and allow God to live in me, these traits will be exhibited in me.⁵

But, this isn't the world we live in today. We are surrounded by those who lack joy, peace, self control, and kindness; and, perhaps that describes me at times. Yet, this is not who I want to be. I hate the consequences of sin. I hate death, disease, suffering, pain, and all of the other terrible things caused by a rebellion against God.

The good news is that the universe I want will exist; and, I am welcome to join that world, if I share its values. The Bible asks me to endure this world and be an example of what God

¹ [Romans 15:4](#)

² [Nahum 1:9](#)

³ [Revelation 12:11](#)

⁴ [Romans 2:4-5](#); [Revelation 9:20-21](#)

⁵ [Galatians 5:22-24](#)

wants.⁶ I am asked to allow God to live in me now and when I allow this, God will make His home in me and I will be all of the things He asks of me. I will be without sin and unable to sin.⁷ When we keep the commandments of God, then we live in God and God lives in us.⁸

Being an example for the world to follow is a scary thought. Yet, this is what the Bible repeatedly tells us to be. It is something that God will work in us today, if we allow Him to do so.⁹

The End of the Age comes for all of us. We don't know when it will come. Perhaps it will come tomorrow or some years from now. One day, it will come at the same time for everyone who lives. The call to each of us is the same, whether we live yesterday, today, or in the year when Jesus comes again. The instructions are to love God more than anyone or anything. We are told to believe in Jesus, and we will be saved.¹⁰ Do we believe Jesus when He tells us that no temptation is so great that we can't endure it?¹¹ In every age, God is looking for people who love Him so much that they allow God to make His home in us. We are to become the home, the temple of God.¹²

Satan is going to boldly, physically, and publicly pretend to be Jesus.¹³ He is going to do this in such a persuasive way that many people, including even some of the most devout churchgoers, will be deceived.¹⁴ God is asking each of us to prepare for this time so that we will not choose the wrong side and be lost.¹⁵

We prepare for this coming deception by allowing God to make His home in us.¹⁶ As God moves in, He cleans house. We will stop sinning, and we won't want to sin again.¹⁷ We will seek forgiveness for the things we have done against God and our neighbors.¹⁸ We will share this message of rescue and opportunity with others.¹⁹ Because we allow the Holy Spirit to live in us, we will know the difference between the real Jesus and the imposter.²⁰

We may think of the End of the Age as being a time when God asks of us something different than He does now. The message is the same yesterday, today, and at the end. God wants us to allow Him to make His home in us. As we allow that, we change. We become the light on the hill.²¹

⁶ [Matthew 5:16](#); [1 Peter 4](#)

⁷ [1 John 3:9](#)

⁸ [1 John 3:34](#)

⁹ [1 Timothy 4:12](#); [Titus 2:7](#)

¹⁰ [Acts 16:31](#)

¹¹ [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

¹² [1 Corinthians 3:16](#)

¹³ [2 Corinthians 11:13-15](#)

¹⁴ [Matthew 24:24](#)

¹⁵ [1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#), [Matthew 7:21-23](#)

¹⁶ [Hebrews 10:16](#)

¹⁷ [Galatians 5:16](#)

¹⁸ [Matthew 5:23-24](#); [1 John 1:9](#)

¹⁹ [Matthew 28:19-20](#); [Ezekiel 3:18-19](#)

²⁰ [Deuteronomy 13:1-4](#)

²¹ [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

From the time when God met with 'the people of many different places' at Mt Sinai²² to the time of Jesus, there were a set of God-given festivals. These festivals were illustrations of the plan of salvation and were also prophecies of what would happen when God came to Earth, sleeved as a human. The same festivals continue to provide us with the calendar and the patterns that are meaningful at the End of the Age. From Moses to Jesus, the sacrifices were animals. Then, the lambs, bulls, and doves pointed to the True Sacrifice who tabernacled with humanity.²³ From the time of Moses to the return of Jesus at the End of the Age, the sacrifices and offerings are us.²⁴ God has always wanted us to allow Him to dwell in us. The deaths of the animals were there to illustrate the point of what is required to eliminate sin. It requires the death of Jesus. But, it also requires that we accept that sacrifice by forfeiting our carnal desires and allowing God to live in us.²⁵

When we went from the prophecy of Jesus dying for us to the actual act, then the death of the animals stopped serving their purpose. The promise went to fact.

God asks us to be the sacrifice.²⁶ He asks us to exchange our lives of sin for a life with Him. The festivals are still there to illustrate the concepts and the timing of what God has been, is, and will be doing to preserve free will while eradicating evil for all time.

An understanding of the festivals allows us to recognize the calendar God has given us. God designed it so that as we look at the historical events that occurred on festivals and watch for future events on festival dates, it will encourage us and prepare us for what will happen just before Jesus returns.

The Overlays

One day, Moses walked out of the desert and told God's chosen people that they would be freed from slavery. Through a series of dramatic events, God took people from bondage and brought them into freedom. Those events were commemorated by festivals.

One day, Jesus was born to a woman. At 30 years of age, on His birthday, on a 7th month festival, Jesus began a series of events that have transformed the world. The life of Jesus ended three and a half years later, on a festival. The events during the time of Moses provided the pattern that Jesus followed during His last years. God's calendar set the pattern for the week that Jesus died and rose. The pattern did not end with His death. Jesus observed the festivals with His birth, death, entombment, and resurrection. Not only did He observe the festivals, but the festivals were also designed to point directly to Him, in all ages.

²² [Exodus 12:38](#)

²³ [John 1:14](#)

²⁴ [Romans 12:1-2](#)

²⁵ [James 1:23-25](#)

²⁶ [Romans 12:1](#)

The events of Exodus and the events of Jesus are an illustration of what God wants of us today. God wants to bring us out of bondage to sin. Again, He wants us to accept Him and allow Him to make His home in us. Jesus is an example of what He wants us to be.

The events at the End of the Age will follow the pattern of the festivals that God gave at Mt Sinai and the Hebrews have kept as the oracles of God.²⁷ The End of the Age events will follow the same pattern Jesus followed as an example for us.

One day in the future, someone will enter the world stage. They will come in the spirit of Elijah. They bring the hearts of God and humanity together again.²⁸ We will recognize this anointed leader by watching the festivals.

The events in the time of Moses, the time of Jesus, and at the End of the Age fit the same pattern. God uses the calendar that He put in place at the beginning to mark the set times.²⁹ For example, the Feast of Firstfruits commemorates the crossing of the Red Sea.³⁰ It was the baptism that marks the freeing of the slave from the land of bondage to sin. The Feast of Firstfruits prophesied the resurrection of Jesus, and we still commemorate the festival today. At the End of the Age, we will again see God interact with humanity on the Feast of Firstfruits.

For a third time, monumental events in the interaction between God and humanity will happen on festival dates. First during the Exodus, again after Jesus has died and returned to Heaven, and again at the End of the Age. God uses the festivals as annual appointed times that each of us are invited to experience so that we will recognize the events that happened and will happen. The events of the Exodus and the events during the time of Jesus are patterns that point to the events that will happen near the End of the Age. The festivals are designed to draw our hearts to our Creator and to help us understand the events that will happen.

The Beginning of the End of the Age

Each of us has our own personal end of the age.³¹ And, our relationship with God is personal.³² The End of the Age spoken of by Jesus and Daniel is in the few years before the 2nd coming, when the end comes for everyone at the same time.³³

Jerusalem is going to need to be rebuilt. There will be a decree to restore and build Jerusalem.³⁴ That decree will happen on the Feast of Firstfruits (Easter).³⁵ The decree will not only be about rebuilding Jerusalem in Israel, but it will be a call from God for us to allow the

²⁷ [1 Peter 4:11](#)

²⁸ [Malachi 4:4-6](#)

²⁹ [Genesis 1:14](#)

³⁰ [1 Corinthians 10:1-2](#)

³¹ [Ecclesiastes 9:1-6](#)

³² [Ezekiel 18:20](#)

³³ [Matthew 24:21-27](#)

³⁴ [Daniel 9:25](#)

³⁵ From the decree, there will be a period of 7 sevens. This is the same period of time as between the Festival of Firstfruits and the Festival of Weeks.

Spirit of God to restore His relationship with us.³⁶ With this decree to restore and build, the End of the Age begins. The book of Revelation says, once the end begins, events will happen in rapid succession.³⁷

Seven weeks (49 days) after the decree to restore and build Jerusalem, God will send an inspirational person who will encourage us to accept God.³⁸ This anointed one will arrive on the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). In the time of the Exodus, the gift of His law was given at Mt Sinai. After the Cross, it was on the same festival when the Spirit empowered the 3,000 to accept and, then, share the gospel with the world.

This anointed one will be in the spirit of John the Baptist and in the spirit of Elijah.³⁹ Malachi 4 tells us that God will send Elijah at the End of the Age.⁴⁰ This leader will call to us individually to accept God into our lives, to let Him clean out the trash, and to allow Him to purify us.⁴¹ This leader will call for the assembly of believers in our churches to prepare. This leader will warn us that an imposter is coming,⁴² There is a war between good and evil, fought both here on Earth and in Heaven.⁴³

We are warned that God will surrender, to the coming imposter, the throne of God⁴⁴ that is in Heaven, in Jerusalem, in our churches, and in each of us, if we allow it. This coming imposter will redirect our attention away from the true God and will focus our attention on himself.⁴⁵ The anointed one, who is in the spirit of Elijah, will help prepare us so we will be ready and won't be deceived.⁴⁶

This anointed one will be with us for a year -- from one Festival of Weeks (Pentecost) to the next.⁴⁷ We are told that when the anointed one is removed, we are to be prepared to take up the message, just as we might pick up the flag when the flag bearer falls in battle.⁴⁸

We are to ensure that the message is shared with the world. This is the mission of those who accept God:

Accept Jesus into our lives.

Let the Spirit take away our desire to hurt God.

Let the Spirit give us the desire to help others, even as they hate us.

³⁶ [2 Timothy 2:19](#); [Ezekiel 9](#)

³⁷ [Revelation 1:1](#)

³⁸ [Daniel 9:25](#)

³⁹ [Mark 9:11-13](#)

⁴⁰ [Malachi 4:4-6](#)

⁴¹ [1 John 1:9](#); [Titus 2:14](#)

⁴² [1 John 2:18-23](#)

⁴³ [Revelation 12](#)

⁴⁴ [2 Thessalonians 2:3-4](#), [Daniel 8:11](#)

⁴⁵ [Revelation 13:5-8](#)

⁴⁶ [Malachi 4:4-6](#)

⁴⁷ [Daniel 9:25](#) - 62 sevens when starting from the same point as the 7 sevens and when occurring in a year with 13 months reveals the anointed one to have a ministry of 1 year, lasting from one Pentecost to the next.

⁴⁸ [Daniel 9:24](#) - To 'seal the vision' is to insure/underwrite/guarantee the vision.

It is going to get hard from this point on. Our faith in God will be tested. Some of us will fall. Help each other get up again.⁴⁹

Four hundred and ninety days (490) after the Feast of Firstfruits (Easter) decree to restore and build Jerusalem, the temple will be destroyed.⁵⁰ Wherever the imposter is accepted and whatever he is allowed to take possession of is destroyed. Don't let it be the temple that is in you. At this time, the imposter Jesus will seat himself on God's throne.⁵¹

Those of us who love the real Jesus are going to find this to be a very difficult time. It will be the worst time in human history.⁵² Of all of the horrible things that have happened in human history, this will be worse. But, trust God. Even if you die honoring God, know that it is worth it.⁵³ Who is more important to you? Is it God or your children? Is it God or your spouse or parent? Is it God or your home?⁵⁴ And at the same time, this will be a time of peace and prosperity for many of those who worship the false Jesus.⁵⁵

The Five Temples

Satan will challenge God in all five manifestations of the temple. [Described in more detail here.](https://bit.ly/sv_FiveTemples)
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1. The temple is the building in Jerusalem⁵⁶ - Satan will sit on the temple throne in Jerusalem. This is the physical manifestation of the temple that we can see. Satan will tell everyone it is the throne of God and that he is God.
2. The temple is us⁵⁷ - Satan will attempt to make his home in our thoughts and actions. Anyone who is not prepared and who allows this will receive the mark of the beast, and they will not be the temple of God. Anyone who refuses to allow Satan to take God's place in their thoughts and actions will receive the mark of God and will continue to be the temple of God.
3. The temple is the congregation⁵⁸ - Satan will work with the churches, the assembly of believers, to persuade and coerce the members to worship the imposter Jesus. Churches are made of individual people. Some will choose God. Some will choose Satan.
4. The temple is Jesus⁵⁹ - Satan will redirect people's attention from the real Jesus to himself. He will tell people to worship, not the God in heaven, but the imposter Jesus. He

⁴⁹ [Daniel 11:35](#)

⁵⁰ [Daniel 9:26](#) - The destruction comes after the 62 sevens are complete. From the decree to restore and build Jerusalem is 70 sevens. From the Festival of Firstfruits to the end of the 70 sevens is the anniversary or the destruction of the first and the second temples. Both the first and second temples were destroyed on the 9th and 10th of the fifth month.

⁵¹ [Daniel 9:27](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:4](#)

⁵² [Matthew 24:21-22](#)

⁵³ [James 1:2-4](#)

⁵⁴ [Matthew 10:37](#)

⁵⁵ [Luke 17:26-30](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:1-3](#)

⁵⁶ [Isaiah 2:1-4](#)

⁵⁷ [1 Corinthians 3:16-17](#)

⁵⁸ [1 Peter 2:4-5](#)

⁵⁹ [Ephesians 2:20-21](#)

will tell everyone to worship him, saying he has come from Heaven to Earth. He will tell us that we should not and must not worship anyone but the God who is here with us now. He will persuade virtually everyone on the planet this is a good idea and, by doing so, redirects the prayers that should be going to Jesus, causing people to worship the imposter instead. Eventually, the imposter Jesus will be revealed as the man of sin⁶⁰ and, still, many will continue to choose him over God.

5. The temple is in Heaven⁶¹ - Satan will sit on the throne in Heaven. This war is not confined to Earth. Satan still has access to Heaven.⁶² One third of the Heavenly host has joined Satan in his rebellion.⁶³ That battle continues now. God allows this, just as He allowed His Son to be killed on the Cross.

From the time that Satan takes the throne of God, there will be 1,290 days.⁶⁴

But, in the end, God wins. No matter how bad it is, we should consider our suffering and the betrayals we endure to be for the glory of God. We know the outcome. Don't lose faith. Trust God and be saved.⁶⁵

Our Personal End of the Age

None of this is to take away from a historical understanding of the prophecy. The Bible is written such that every person who reads it can understand that all of it applies to them. If you were a person who lived in the 1800s or in the time of Christ or at any other time, Scripture had meaning to you. If we decide that the prophecy is meant for someone else -- anyone else but us, then we are missing the point.

God wants to be our friend. He wants us to choose Him. That is the message that is common to all of us, no matter when we live or die. Each of us should open the Bible and, as we study it, not only consider how it applies to someone else in another time but also how it applies to us and our lives today. Remember, it's all about each of us. Jesus said that everyone should read and understand Daniel, as the message is meant for the End of the Age.⁶⁶ And, the message of Daniel 9 is for us, no matter when we live.

Consider this instruction as you consider the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:1-9⁶⁷ and 18-23⁶⁸. The teaching to "know this and you will understand" of Dan 9:25⁶⁹ and the good soil of Matthew 13:23⁷⁰ are parallel instructions.

⁶⁰ [2 Thessalonians 2:3](#)

⁶¹ [Hebrews 8:5](#)

⁶² [Zechariah 3:1](#), [Job 2:1](#)

⁶³ [Revelation 12:4](#)

⁶⁴ [Daniel 12:11](#)

⁶⁵ [Hebrews 10:39](#)

⁶⁶ [Matthew 24:15](#)

⁶⁷ [Matthew 13:1-9](#)

⁶⁸ [Matthew 13:18-23](#)

⁶⁹ [Daniel 9:25](#)

⁷⁰ [Matthew 13:23](#)

The prophecy given by Gabriel to Daniel is for whomever reads it. It is especially for those who live at the End of the Age. Not just some of it, all of it. All of what Gabriel relays via Daniel is written for whomever reads⁷¹, understands, and bears fruit.

The End of the Age is very personal and comes for every one of us. Some of us will experience it alone. And, someday, the End of the Age will come at the same time for everyone who is alive. The events that happen then will cause the eradication of sin and evil for all of eternity. We are each invited to participate. We do this by the blood of the Lamb and by the testimony we give.⁷² Those who accept God completely, who allow God to make His home in them, and who accept the power of the blood of Jesus will tell the world of His love. It is the testimony that we give of what Jesus has done in us and which is evidenced by our words and deeds. Jesus, through us in this manner, will defeat the dragon. We will be known by the fruits of the Spirit Who works in us.⁷³

Humanity is an essential part of the story of salvation. We are not saved without our choosing God. He honors our free will and allows us to choose or not choose Him. God does not force us to choose Him. It is our choice on whether to accept the gift and to accept Him.

The End Starts With the Decree

This graphic on the next page looks at all of Daniel 9:24-27 from the perspective of those who live at the End of the Age. This is not to take away from how it was used by prior generations to give meaning to their lives. But, here, we focus on what it means to us now.

The command to restore and build Jerusalem is given on the Feast of Firstfruits. We do not know the year. Forty-nine days later, an anointed one in the Spirit of Elijah will arrive on Pentecost to inspire humanity to come together with God.

The arcs are in days. The red vertical bars are when the festivals are. God has designated festivals in the 1st, 3rd, and 7th months. The blue bar over the 13th month highlights that there is a 13th month, which happens every two to three years on God's calendar. The red vertical bars below the horizontal axis are when the festivals would be, if there was not a 13th month that year.

When there is a 13th month in the year that the command to restore and build happens, then the end of the arcs fall on festivals or on the anniversary of the destruction of Jerusalem. The command to build happens at the beginning of the blue, green, and gold arcs. The destruction of the sanctuary happens at the end of the green arc.

God surrenders His throne -- in each of the five temples to Satan. That happens at the end of the green arc. When Satan takes the throne of God, the abomination of desolation (spoken of by Daniel the prophet) is set up. At the end of the green arc is when those who have followed

⁷¹ [Matthew 24:15](#)

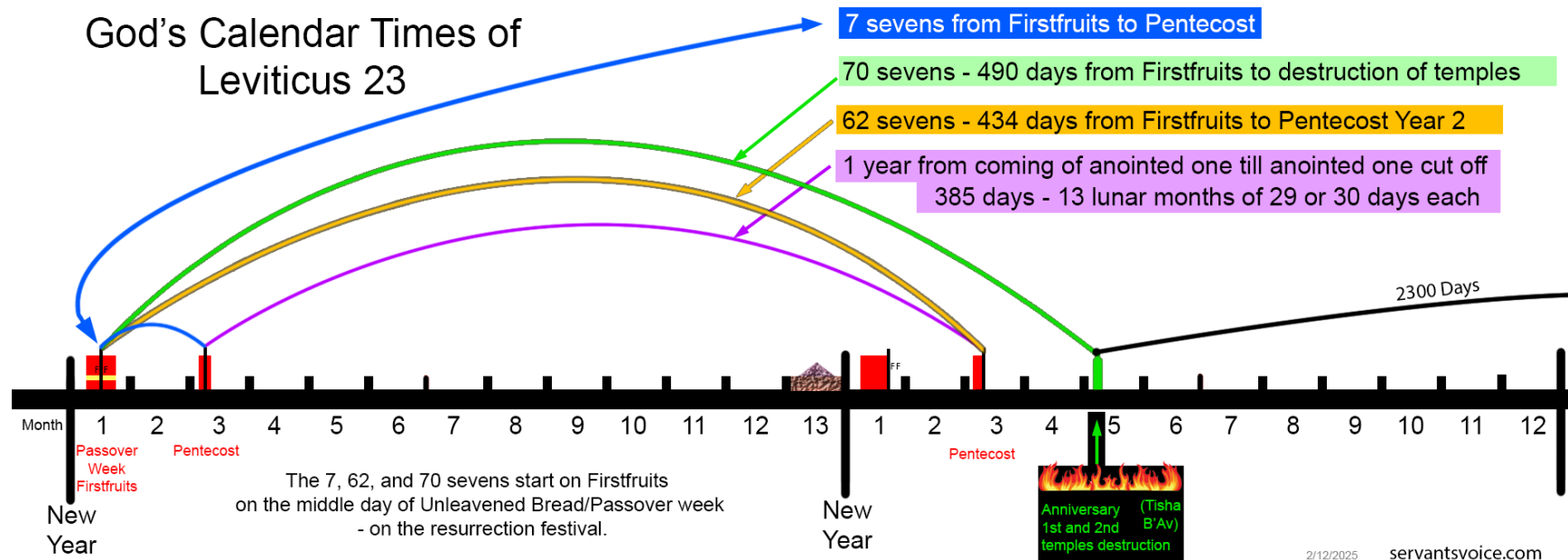
⁷² [Revelation 12:11](#)

⁷³ [Matthew 7:15-20](#)

the instructions of Daniel 9:24 take on the role of being God's chosen champions who will fight and defeat the dragon. Like God did with Job, where God allowed His chosen to be tested, the same will happen at the End of the Age. God will have selected His dragon fighters and, through them, defeat evil. During the 1,290 days that follow⁷⁴, they will continue to choose God and place their faith in Him, though it appears that God has forsaken them.

⁷⁴ [Daniel 12:11](#)

Daniel 9:24-27 Overlaid on God's Calendar Times of Leviticus 23



All of us are familiar with the chart that shows how the prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 goes from the time of a Persian ruler to Jesus. This isn't that chart. This chart, instead, works from the premise that all of the Bible is written for those who live at the End of the Age. Yes, it was written for the people who lived in earlier times. Yes, the prophecies told of the coming of Jesus. God's festivals were integral to those prophecies, and they are important again at the end. The Jews sporadically kept the festivals from the time of Moses through today. There have always been some who have loved God and kept the important things alive.⁷⁵ God has always been honored by those who have obeyed. The sacrifices of those who keep the commandments have been great. Many have given their lives so that God's calendar will be there for those who choose to believe.

⁷⁵ [Acts 7:38](#), [Romans 3:2](#)

God has given us the information we need to recognize the imposter who comes seeking to replace Jesus. Those who obey the instruction to count the omer will recognize the imposter even if they do not understand the reason for the command. On the Festival of Firstfruits there will be a command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. The city is made up of those who claim to love God. This begins the 49 day countdown to the arrival of the anointed one who comes in the Spirit of Elijah. He arrives on the Festival of Weeks which we know as Pentecost.

Those who know God's festivals will recognize the 49 days of Daniel 9:26 as matching the 49 days that separate Firstfruits from Weeks. Those who love God follow God's command to count the days between Firstfruits and Weeks. There are 49 days. There are seven Sabbaths. At the end of the 49 days, the anointed one comes. Another part of the prophecy tells us when that anointed one leaves.

Begin count with First Fruits	1 First Fruits	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₁
First Fruits is a Festival	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₂
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₃
Leviticus 23:15-22	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₄
Counting the Omer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₅
Count 7 Sabbaths	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₆
which is 7 weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₇
which is 49 days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₇
Weeks/ Pentecost is a festival Sabbath	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ₇
Arrive at Weeks / Pentecost	1 Weeks	Daniel 9:25 And you must know and you must understand that from the time of the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem until an anointed one - a leader - will be seven weeks					

The counting began with Moses. Each year the Hebrews were to repeat this count. They might have asked "what is the purpose?" "Why do we do this?"⁷⁶ Those who obeyed, even though they might not have understood the reason, built the foundation for Jesus and for us. The festivals of the days of Moses went from prophecies to actualization. The death of the lambs in

⁷⁶ Exodus 12:26, Deuteronomy 6:20, Joshua 4:6

Egypt on Passover were a part of the 10th plague. They were the prophecy of Jesus. Every part of the ritual from choosing the lamb for sacrifice four days before slaughter to the time of day it was killed, was a part of the prophecy of Jesus. The death of Jesus was the actualization of the first prophecy. Every other festival prophecy was first acted out in symbolic form and then actualized after the death of Jesus. The festivals didn't end with Jesus dying on the Cross; their true meaning began at the Cross. The Festival of Firstfruits was not a prophecy of what would happen before the Cross but after the Cross. The same for each festival prophecy. Those who nail the festivals to the Cross are losing the primary purpose of the festivals and that is to reveal to those who obey God the events that would happen so that they would not be deceived.

The festival of Passover showed the sacrifice that is necessary for salvation. It was the bride price paid in the marriage ritual. The marriage where we are invited to be the bride. God used that illustration to show what was coming. Those who listened would know that on that day a special sacrifice would happen. Each year, from the time of Moses, on Passover, the events of the 10th plague on Egypt was commemorated and simultaneously foretelling of the sacrifice that God would make for humanity.

And when Jesus died on the Cross, he was the sacrifice that the sanctuary system foretold. Jesus dying was the first festival that went from prophecy to actuality. The festivals didn't end at the Cross, they began. The festivals, with their rituals, timings, and sacrifices were prophecies of Jesus and of events at the End of the Age.

We have the illustrations given to the Jews who acted out the concepts that Jesus would act out while on Earth. Jesus set the example of what He wants us to be and do. We have the Moses overlay and we have the Jesus overlay. Both are there to help each of us comprehend what it is that God is doing and how we are invited to participate.

The sanctuary system with its attendant festivals are key to understanding how God permanently eliminates evil from the universe. God has asked those who follow Him to participate each year in a series of events that illustrate what God has done and will do.

Observing the festivals does not save us. They did not save anyone before the cross. The festivals are there to illustrate a concept which allows us to better understand how God eliminates sin in us and for all eternity. They are there to help us so that we will not be deceived by the imposter.

Link to additional documents

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Daniel 9:24-27 where each phrase is separated out for easy comprehension.
Lexham English Bible is what I consider one of the least biased translations.

Daniel 9:24-27 (LEB)

(24) "Seventy weeks is decreed for your people and your holy city;

- to put an end to the transgression and
- to seal up sin and
- to make atonement for guilt and
- to bring in everlasting righteousness and
- to seal vision and prophet and
- to anoint the most holy place.

(25) And you must know and you must understand that

- from the time of the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem
- until an anointed one—a leader—
- will be seven weeks
- and sixty-two weeks;
- it will be restored and will be built with streets and a moat,
- but in a time of oppression.

(26) "And after the sixty and two weeks

- an anointed one shall be cut off,
- and he shall have nothing,
- and the people of the coming leader will destroy the city and the sanctuary,
- and its end will be with the flood
- and on to the end there shall be war;
- these desolations are determined.

(27) And he will make a strong covenant with the many for one week,

- but in half of the week he will let cease sacrifice and offering
- and in its place a desolating abomination comes
- even until the determined complete destruction is poured out on the desolator."

Here we take each verse and compare how we might read it if it is a direct instruction for those who live at the End of the Age, the actual text, and how it is typically understood by most, but not all, Christians.

Daniel 9:24

Reading it as if it is an instruction to us

(24) "From the Festival of Firstfruits (Easter)

YOU, _____insert your name_____ will,
with the help of the Holy Spirit,

- Stop sinning
- and sin no more
- Will make good on the things you have done wrong
- Accept Jesus into your life
- Pick up the duties of the prophet
- Choose God, not the imposter.

The actual text

(24) "Seventy weeks is decreed your people and your holy city will

- to put an end to the transgression and
- to seal up sin and
- to make atonement for guilt and
- to bring in everlasting righteousness and
- to seal vision and prophet and
- to anoint the most holy place.

How most churches understand the prophecy

(24) At the end of 483 years, during His ministry, Jesus will

- win the war against sin
- die on our behalf
- start the kingdom of God
- end the time of prophets
- dedicate the temple in Heaven

Reading it as if it is an instruction to us

- (25) YOU, _____ insert your name _____ must know and understand that
- From the decree to restore and build Jerusalem which will happen on Feast of Firstfruits (Easter)
 - until a leader, like John the Baptist, who 49 days later arrives on the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
 - and who will be with you for one year - until the following Feast of Weeks (Pentecost).
 - Jerusalem will be restored and put in use again.
 - Jerusalem is God's city bearing God's name and is where God's temple is
 - The temple as in Jerusalem will be restored in those who allow it during this time
 - The temple - as in each of us will be restored in those who allow it during this time
 - The temple as in the church will be restored in those who allow it during this time
 - The temple as in Jesus who lives in us will be restored in those who allow it during this time
 - The temple as in Heaven will be restored
 - This restoration will happen during a time of oppression of those being restored.

The actual text

- (25) And you must know and you must understand that
- from the time of the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem
 - until an anointed one—a leader—
 - will be seven weeks
 - and sixty-two weeks;
 - it will be restored and will be built with streets and a moat,
 - but in a time of oppression.

How most churches understand the prophecy

- (25) From the decree by a Persian (Iranian) ruler 2,500 years ago there
- Would be 483 years (69*7) until Jesus started His ministry
 - As the city of Jerusalem was being rebuilt 2,500 years ago, it would happen while the builders were harassed by their enemies.

Dan 9:26

Reading it as if it is an instruction to us

(26) After the leader who is like John the Baptist, who prepares the way, is cut off on

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

- There will be a evil leader who will
 - Destroy the city and temple that has just been restored
- From this time forward to the end there will be war and
- God has decided that these desolations will happen.

The actual text

(26) "And after the sixty and two weeks

- an anointed one shall be cut off,
- and he shall have nothing,
- and the people of the coming leader will destroy the city and the sanctuary,
- and its end will be with the flood
- and on to the end there shall be war;
- these desolations are determined.

How most churches understand the prophecy

(26) At the end of 483 which occurs in 27 AD, Jesus begins His ministry.

- Several years after that, Jesus, who is
 - a. the anointed one
 - b. the city
 - c. the sanctuary
- would be killed and win the war against Satan
- For at least another 2,000 years after Jesus died there will be constant war

Daniel 9:27

Note - There are very large differences between different translations of verse 27. Some translations have the exact opposite meaning as other translations.

Reading it as if it is an instruction to us

(27) And God will make a powerful promise to those who endure

when our prayers and communication with God are interfered with

- This is when Satan sits himself in the temple of God on God's throne
- This is what God allows (He will let cease)
- Satan overthrows the temple of God
- Satan sits on the throne in the:
 - The temple in Jerusalem
 - The temple in each of us who allow it
 - The temple in the churches
 - The temple as is Jesus -
Satan persuades people to worship him instead of the real Jesus
 - The temple in Heaven
- Satan will continue to occupy the temples for at least 1,290 days, until he is destroyed by God.

The actual text

(27) And he will make a strong covenant with the many for one week,

- but in half of the week he will let cease sacrifice and offering
- and in its place a desolating abomination comes
- even until the determined complete destruction is poured out on the desolator."

How most churches understand the prophecy

(26) 486.5 years after a Persian king ordered the building of the second temple, then

- Jesus allows Himself to be killed on the Cross
- Then various theories describe the abomination as one of the following things:
 - a. When the Greek governor, Antiochus Epiphanies, put a pig on the altar in Jerusalem 194 years before Jesus died.
 - b. The surrounding of Jerusalem by the Roman army in 66 AD, which was 36 years after Jesus' death, Then 3.5 years after Jesus died, Paul would hold the coats of those stoning Stephen to death. The 70 sevens is all in the past.
 - c. An event sometime in the future, the Pope will make a deal with Satan and attack those who are God's people. This is also the position of most Adventists. Most Adventists, including White, believe that there is a dual application of the prophecy. The official Research arm of the Adventist church however, says that there is no dual application of any prophecy.

Confusing?

Daniel 9:25 says:

And you must know and you must understand

Daniel 12:10 says:

None of the wicked will understand,
but those who have insight (wisdom) will understand.

Who has insight (wisdom)?

Psalms 111:10

**Respecting Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom;
all who do them [his precepts and stipulations of his covenant]
have a good understanding.**
His praise endures forever.

2 Timothy 3:15 LEB

and that from childhood you have known **the holy writings
that are able to make you wise** for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.

Deuteronomy 4:5-6 LEB

See, I now teach you rules and regulations just as Yahweh my God has
commanded me, to observe them just so in the midst of the land where you are
going, to take possession of it. And **you must observe them diligently, for that
is your wisdom** and your insight before the eyes of the people, who will hear all
of these rules, and they will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning
people.'

Those who:

- Pray
- Study the holy writings
- Allow the Spirit to lead
- Do His precepts and stipulations of His covenant⁷⁷

When will the message be understood?

Daniel 12:4

But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and
seal the scroll until the time of the end

⁷⁷ Deuteronomy 28