

Okay, but what IS the Gospel?

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

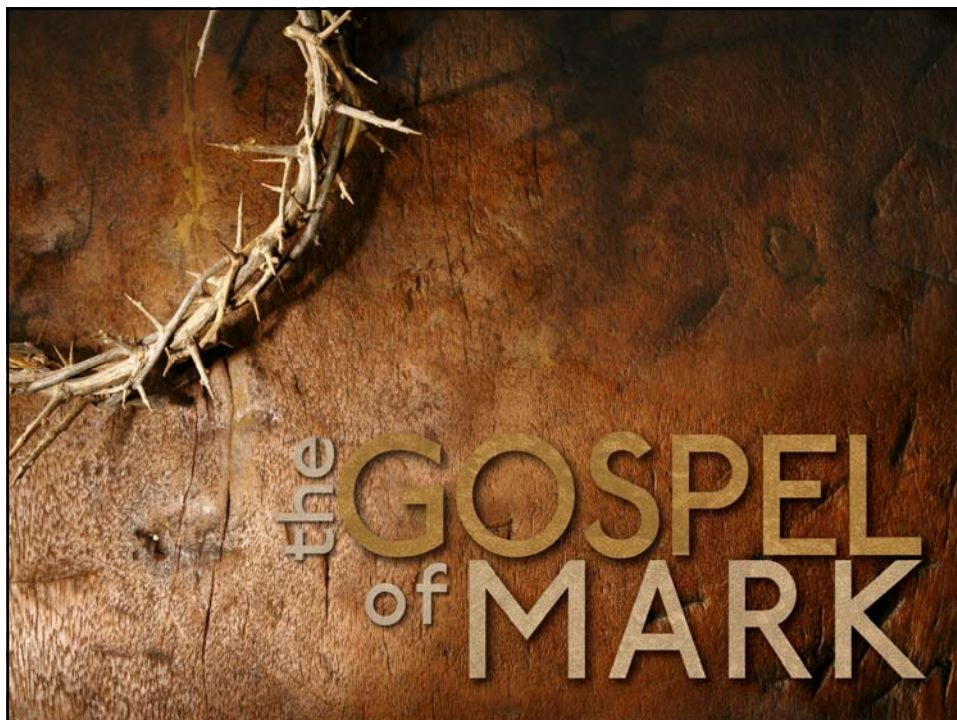
⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

"The gospel is
**neither a discussion
nor a debate.**

"It is an **announcement!**"

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Key Verse in the book of Mark

"For even the Son of man came
not to be ministered unto,
 but to minister, and to
give his life
a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

¹⁴ "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. (Mark 13:14)

The Scope	Daniel 9:24
The 69 Weeks	Daniel 9:25
(The Interval)	Daniel 9:26
The 70th Week	Daniel 9:27

The Scope of Daniel's Prophecy Daniel 9:24

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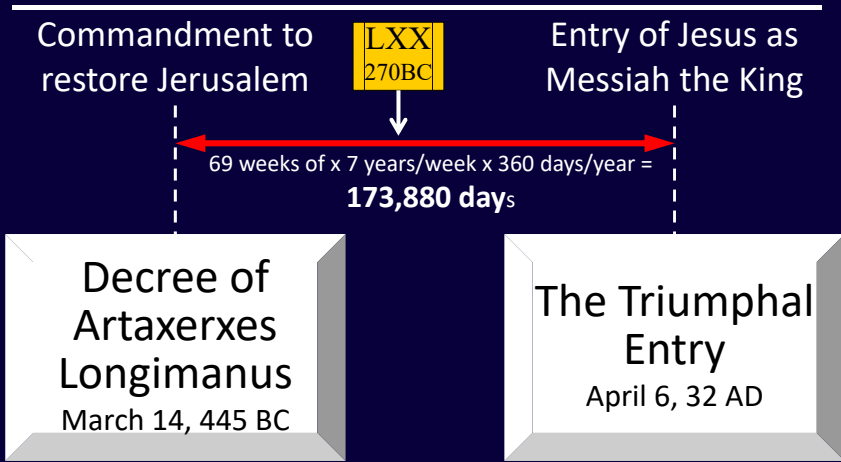
Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (Israel) and upon thy holy city (Jerusalem):-

- to finish the transgression,
- to make an end of sins,
- to make reconciliation for iniquity,
- to bring in everlasting righteousness,
- to seal up the vision and prophecy, and
- to anoint the most Holy Place

Have these things been done yet?

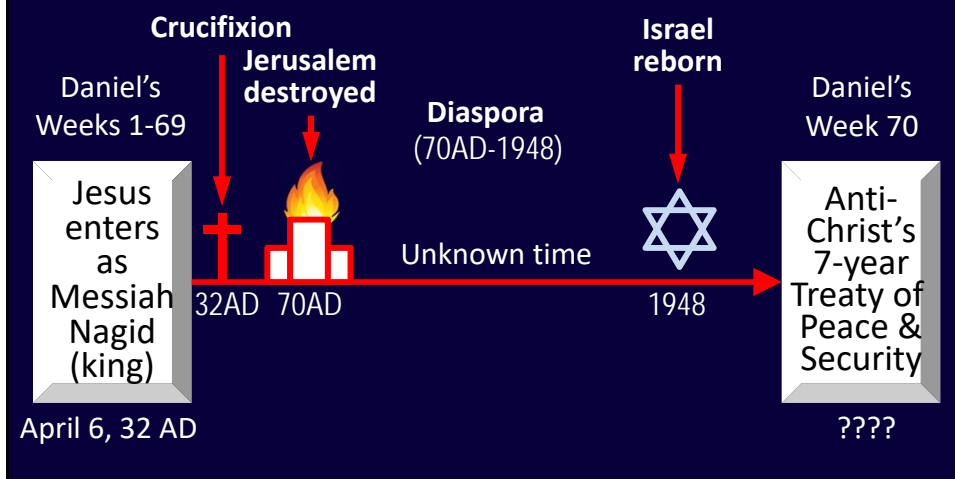
The 69 Weeks - Daniel 9:25

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the King shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."



The Interval - Daniel 9:26

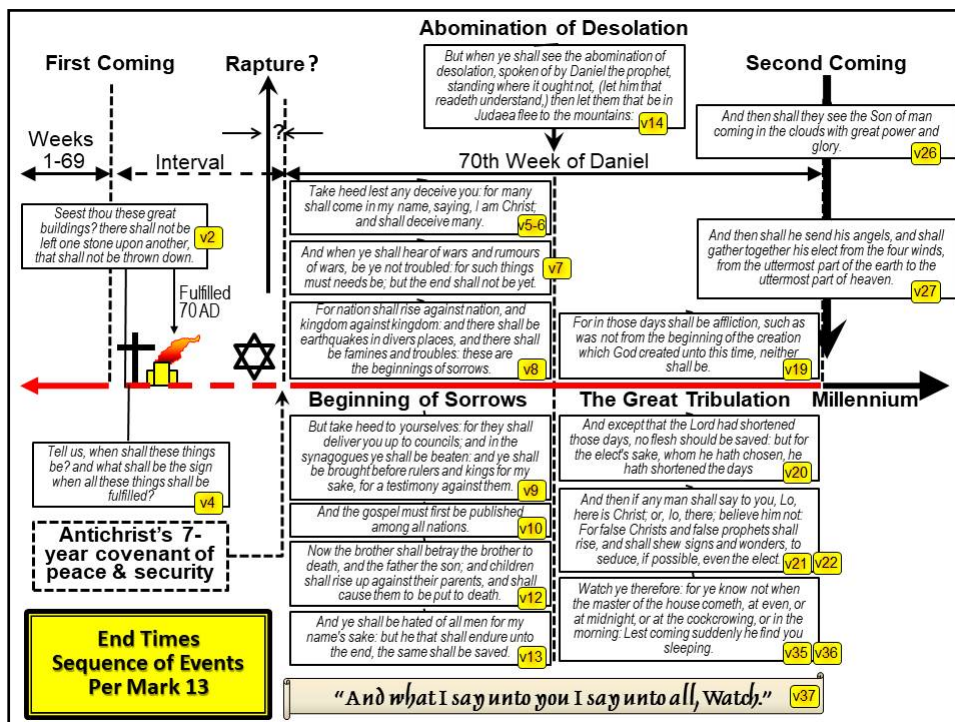
“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”



The 70th Week - Daniel 9:27

“And he (“the prince that shall come”) shall enforce the covenant with [the] many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”





When will Jesus return?

- Over 300 specific Old Testament predictions (prophecies) were fulfilled to the letter by Jesus' First Coming.

Messiah would be born of a woman who was a virgin from the line of David... and would be called Immanuel and be a carpenter's son.

Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, ... yet called a Nazarene...

A messenger would prepare the way for Him (He would be preceded by Elijah) and He would be declared Son of God. He would be a Prophet who would speak in parables... Called King, He would be betrayed and falsely accused, yet remain silent before his accusers. His blood money would buy a potter's field.

He would heal the broken hearted and be praised by little children.

Messiah would be rejected by His people, innocent yet falsely accused, crucified with criminals, given vinegar to drink, his hands and feet pierced but bones not broken; his clothing sold by lot, and buried with the rich.

AND THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OVER 300!

**For every prophecy of His First Coming...
There are at least 7 of His Second Coming!**

Prophetic Scriptures

- 8,362 predictive verses out of 31,124 verses = 27%, consisting of 1,817 predictions on 737 separate matters. (J. Barton Payne, *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*)

• OT references to the First Coming:	>300
• OT references to the Second Coming	1,845
• NT references to the Second Coming	318
Total references to the Second Coming	<u>2,163</u>
Ratio of 2 nd /1 st = 2,163 ÷ 300 =	>7:1

So when will Jesus return?

“I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly.”

Hosea 5:15



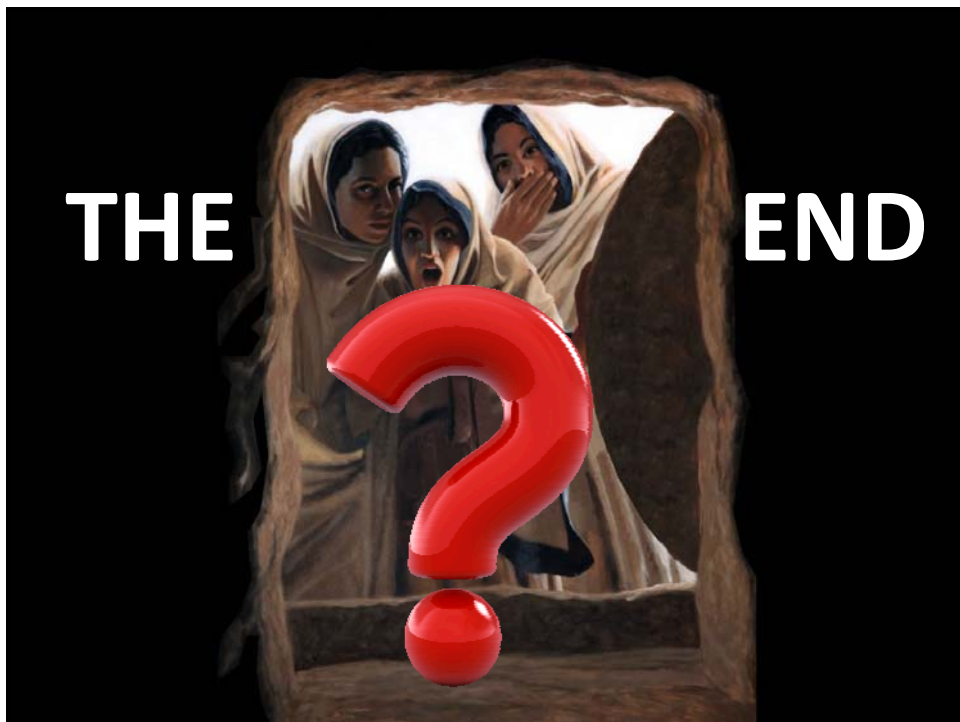
Mark 16

¹ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large.

⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid of...



⁹ Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.

¹¹ And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

¹² After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.

¹³ And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Many bibles omit Mark 16:9-20 or have a footnote that they were not in the original or were added later.

Were they **added later?**
or
 Were they in the original
 but **expurgated later?**

What ARE the “original texts”?

- In 1881, B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort released their *New Testament in the Original Greek*. It relied upon two of the oldest extant NT texts known at the time:
 - **Codex Vaticanus** – first noted in the Vatican Library (founded 1448) in 1475. Known to and consulted by Erasmus for the *Textus Receptus*. Provenance unknown.
 - **Codex Sinaiticus** – allegedly “discovered” by scholar Constantin Tischendorf at St. Catherine’s Monastery on the Sinai Peninsula in 1844. Provenance unknown.
- Both were thought to *possibly* be among the fifty bibles commissioned by Constantine I through Eusebius from Alexandria circa 325 AD (TC Skeat).
- It is these two texts that are primarily referred to as “the oldest known New Testament manuscripts.”

Some arguments for verses 9-20.

The *primary* argument against inclusion is omission from the Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus.

Among the arguments for inclusion are these four:

1. Quoted in early documents and commentaries.
2. Quoted by early Church Fathers.
3. Space left in the Codex Vaticanus (the only space left in the codex).
4. Contain same underlying heptadic structure as rest of the book of Mark.

Quoted in early documents

- The verses are quoted from in Irenaeus' commentary (150 AD) and Hypolatus commentary (2nd century).
- The Syriac *Peshitto* (2nd century) and *Curetonian Syriac* (3rd century) both contain these 12 verses.
- Jerome (AD 382), who had access to Greek versions no longer available, includes these 12 verses. His *Vulgate* was a revision of the *Vetus Itala* (2nd century) and contains these 12 verses.
- The *Gothic Version* (AD 350) contains them.
- The Egyptian *Memphitic (Coptic)* NT of the 4th or 5th century, and the 3rd century *Thebaic (AKA Sahidic)* NT include them.
- The Armenian (5th century), Ethiopic (4th-7th century), and Georgian (6th century) NT contains them.

Heptadic (7) structure of the Bible

- Mathematician Dr. Ivan Panin (1855-1942) discovered the underlying heptadic structure in 1890 and studied it for fifty years.
- Sevens in the Bible occur in hundreds of passages—some overt, some structural, some hidden: e.g.,

The Last 12 Verses of Mark

1. Words, 175 (7 x 25)	}	6. Found before in Mark, 84 (7 x 12)
2. Vocabulary, 98 (7 x 7 x 2)		7. Only here, 14 (7 x 2)
3. Letters, 553 (7 x 79)		8. Used in Lord's address, 42 (7 x 6)
4. Vowels, 294 (7 x 42)		9. Not part of His vocabulary, 56 (7 x 8)
5. Consonants, 259 (7 x 37)		

Chances of multiples of 7

For 1 7 to occur	$7^1 = (7 \times 1)$	7
For 2	$7^2 = (7 \times 7)$	49
For 3	$7^3 = (7 \times 7 \times 7)$	343
For 4	$7^4 = (7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7)$	2,401
For 5	$7^5 = (7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7)$	16,807
For 6	$7^6 = (7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7)$	117,649
For 7	7^7	823,543
For 8	7^8	5,764,901
For 9	7^9	40,353,607

Chance of winning Oz Lotto 1 in 45,360,620

But those aren't the only sevens

Words:

1. Total Words, 175 (7 x 25)
10. Address of the Lord, 56 (7 x 8)
11. Rest of the passage, 119 (7 x 17)
12. vv.9-11, 35 (7 x 5)
13. vv.12-18, 105 (7 x 15)
14. v.12, 14 (7 x 2)
15. vv.13-15, 35 (7 x 5)
16. vv.16-18, 56 (7 x 8)
17. vv.19-20, 35 (7 x 5)

Vocabulary:

2. Total vocabulary, 98 (7 x 14)
18. Not before in Mark, 14 (7 x 2)
19. Found later in NT, 7 (7 x 1)
20. Occurrences, 35 (7 x 5)
21. Numeric value, 8,246 (7 x 1,178)
22. v.20 vocabulary, 14 (7 x 2)
23. found previously, 7 (7 x 1)
24. found only here, 7 (7 x 1)

Greek Alphanumeric

α	1	ι	10	ρ	100
β	2	κ	20	σ ς	200
γ	3	λ	30	τ	300
δ	4	μ	40	υ	400
ε	5	ν	50	φ	500
ς*	6	ξ	60	χ	600
ζ	7	ο	70	ψ	700
η	8	π	80	ω	800
θ	9	Ϟ*	90	§*	900

**Vau* (6), *koppa* (90), and *samsi* (900), later became extinct.

Numerical (Gematrical) values of letters

<u>Words:</u>	<u>Gematrical Value</u>	<u>Divisible by 7</u>
25. All words in vv. 9-20	103,663	(7 x 14,809)
26. vv.9-11,	17,213	(7 x 2,459)
27. v.9,	11,795	(7 x 1,685)
28. v.10,	5,418	(7 x 774)
29. 1st word,	98	(7 x 14)
30. Middle,	4,529	(7 x 647)
31. Last word,	791	(7 x 113)
32. v.11,	11,795	(7 x 1,685)
33. vv.12-20,	86,450	(7 x 12,350)

Factoid 34 – unique word in Mark 16:9-20

- There is only one word in Mark 16:9-20 that is not found elsewhere in the New Testament:

θανασιμος, *deadly*

$$9+1+50+1+200+10+40+70+200=$$

$$581 (7 \times 83)$$

It is preceded in the vocabulary by 42 (7 x 6) words and in the passage itself by 126 (7 x 18) words.

Probability of 34 - 7s occurring by chance?

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For 10	7^{10}	282,475,249
For 11	7^{11}	1,977,326,743
For 12	7^{12}	13,841,287,201
For 13	7^{13}	96,889,010,047
For 14	7^{14}	678,223,072,849
For 15	7^{15}	4,747,561,509,943
For 16	7^{16}	33,232,930,569,601
For 17	7^{17}	232,630,513,987,207
For 18	7^{18}	1,628,413,597,910,449
For 19	7^{19}	11,398,895,185,373,143
For 20	7^{20}	79,792,266,297,612,001
For 21	7^{21}	558,545,864,083,284,007
For 22	7^{22}	3,909,821,048,582,988,049
For 23	7^{23}	27,368,747,340,080,916,343
For 24	7^{24}	191,581,231,380,566,414,401
For 25	7^{25}	1,341,068,619,663,964,900,807
For 26	7^{26}	9,387,480,337,647,754,305,649
For 27	7^{27}	65,712,362,363,534,280,139,543
For 28	7^{28}	459,986,536,544,739,960,976,801
For 29	7^{29}	3,219,905,755,813,179,726,837,607
For 30	7^{30}	22,539,340,290,692,258,087,863,249
For 31	7^{31}	157,775,382,034,845,806,615,042,743
For 32	7^{32}	1,104,427,674,243,920,646,305,299,201
For 33	7^{33}	7,730,993,719,707,444,524,137,094,407
For 34	7^{34}	54,116,956,037,952,111,668,959,660,849

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Dr Ivan Panin found strong statistical evidence that Mark 16:9-20 was intentionally designed using a heptadic structure. But how does that affect its place (or not) in the book of Mark?

- The heptadic structure is typical of the book of Mark, e.g.:
 - Forty-two (7x6) words are unique to Mark.
 - They have 126 (7x18) letters.
- The heptadic structure is typical of the New Testament, e.g.:
 - The first and last words of the 27 NT books comprise 28 (7x4) discrete words. The gospels begin and end with 7 of those words having gematria of 46,949 (7x6707).
 - The value of the shortest word, ο, is 70 (7x10)
 - The longest word, αποκαλυσεις, value is 1,512 (7x18)

There is **no human explanation**
for this incredible and precise
structure. It has all been
supernaturally designed.
We simply gasp, sit back, and
behold the **skilful handiwork.**

Dr. Chuck Missler, Cosmic Codes, Coeur d'Alene, ID: Koinonia House, 1999.