

DANIEL - The 70 Week Prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27—Attribute 7

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TO ANOINT THE MOST HOLY - Daniel 9:24

This last of the seven attributes is very unique, but one which even amongst God's people is often misunderstood. But rightly understood, it is another piece of evidence in the 70 week prophecy, in harmony with the other evidences that the last week (seven years of the 490), the 70th week is not to be divorced and applied at the end of time to fit the false theology of the rapture/tribulation theory. This would do violence and injustice to not only this passage, but interpretation of Bible prophecy in general.

As we specifically look at this phrase "to anoint the most holy", we find that early references to this passage is centered around the sanctuary—its sacrifices and furniture.

**But never once is this phrase applied to "a person" in the Bible,
or a person referred to as "Most Holy."**

Just as we saw in the chart, the "Two Princes" are contrasted. But of course, our focus must needs be on the Messiah, the Prince.

It is customary in Bible times for individuals who were selected for prominent leadership to be ordained to their roles by being anointed with oil.

For example, David was anointed by Samuel to be a <i>king</i>	(1 Samuel 16:1, 13)
Aaron was anointed by Moses to be a <i>priest</i>	(Exodus 30:30)
Elisha was anointed by Elijah to be a <i>prophet</i>	(I King 19:16)

Jesus was all three—A Prophet, a Priest, and a King—

Anointed by God as a prophet at His baptism, the Jordan River, He was also anointed as the "Messiah" to redeem His people.

Vs. 25 says specifically that the Messiah the Prince would come after 62 + 7 weeks.

- The Hebrew word "Messiah" means "Anointed One" (see H4899)
- The Greek word "Christ" also means "Anointed" (see G5547 & G3323)

The following verses prove Christ was the "Anointed One":

- Luke 3:21, 22 - (At His baptism, a dove descended upon Him symbolizing the Holy Spirit)
- Acts 10:37,38 - (The word published throughout that God anointed Jesus with Holy Spirit)
- John 1:41,42 - (Andrew searched out brother Simon Peter telling him—
"We have found the Messiah")
- Luke 4:16-21 - Christ applied this Messianic prophecy to Himself

In so much as God anointed Jesus to proclaim liberty, to restore sight, and to preach the good news of forgiveness, it is no wonder that Paul in Hebrews 1:9 states that God anointed Him with the “oil of gladness”: Joy is the “fruit of the Spirit” (Gal 5:22) and Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1) wherever Jesus went He brought joy.

There are a few other passages here in Daniel which implies “The Prince” is the “Anointed One” [Christ]:

- Daniel 11:22 - The Prince of the Covenant shall be broken
- “ 12:1 - Michael, the Great Prince stands up
- “ 10:13, 21 – The chief Prince

There are also a number of N.T. passages which refer to Christ Jesus as the Prince (the Messiah), which are direct reference to Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy and by extension the 2300 Day prophecy.

- Acts 3:15-21 – The Prince of Life
- Acts 5:29-32 – A Prince and Saviour
- Revelation 1:5 –The Prince of the kings of the earth
- John 4:25 –Christ’s personal testimony

So in essence, any time these New Testament passages are mentioned there is a link to the 2300 Day prophecy. Matter of fact, all the sermons of Peter, Stephen, and Paul which Luke records in the book of Acts, unequivocally present this theme of the “death, resurrection and ascension of Christ before the right hand of the Father”. All of these sermons and messages given through the power of the Holy Spirit give credence to the fulfillment of the 70 Week prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27.

