

# DANIEL - The 70 Week Prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27—Attribute 5 & 6

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## DN-22

### TO SEAL UP THE VISION AND PROPHECY

As we continue with these important attributes of Daniel 9:24, we come to the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> on the list. Last week your recall, we looked at this word “vision” in Daniel 8 which in English is translated the same, but in the Hebrew Daniel it is parsed as two separate words—*Mareh* and *Chazown*.

It is important we understand the differences for a number of reasons:

- 1) Our very roots as a movement began out of a great disappointment. Part of the reason for this disappointment was a misunderstanding of the 2300-Day prophecy which William Miller and his colleagues did not discern. A vital part of that misunderstanding was because Miller didn't see the difference in these two words, “Mareh and Chazown”.
- 2) Is it ironic that the very issue in understanding the end of the 2300 Day/Yr prophecy was an issue for Daniel the prophet in understanding it's beginning just as it was for those in the Millerite movement. The Lord sent Gabriel to make Daniel understand the “*Mareh*” vision (Dan 8:16, 27), which was a reference back to the vision of Dan 8:14. But “as the terrible persecution to befall the church was unfolded to the prophet's vision,” he fainted. Gabriel had to come back a future time and finish giving Daniel the understanding of the vision. This happened in Daniel 9, as a result of Daniel's earnest corporate prayer.

Note this statement:

*“Like the first disciples, William Miller and his associates did not, themselves, fully comprehend the import of the message which they bore. Errors that had been long established in the church prevented them from arriving at a correct interpretation of an important point in the prophecy. Therefore, though they proclaimed the message which God had committed to them to be given to the world, yet through a misapprehension of its meaning they suffered disappointment. {GC 351.2}*

Let us review these two words for vision as contrasted:

*Mareh* – this vision was in reference to time, the time element of the 2300 “evening and mornings” of Dan 8:14 which was true.

*Chazown* –was to be “shut up” or sealed for many days. It was in reference to the kingdoms of this world which are opposed to God and persecute God's people

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Attributes of Daniel 9:24

“To seal up the vision and prophecy” needs to be understood from this perspective: It is not in the sense of it being “shut up”, but that of “confirming,” or “ratifying.” The fulfillment of the predictions connected with the first coming of the Messiah at the time specified in the prophecy gives assurance that the other features of the prophecy, notably the 2300 prophetic days, will be as precisely fulfilled.