

Daniel 12 -- (session 3)

sixty-nine weeks Messiah will be cut off. But that's not what the Heb. says. The Heb. says after 62 weeks. And the Heb. says that from the ~~point where~~ going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks." And then it says "and after 62 weeks the street will be built again and the wall even in troublous times" So we have two periods, a period of seven weeks and a period of 62 weeks. And this leaves one week out of the 70 which is discussed in the next verse. Now to take these two periods and just run them together and say a 69 week ~~period~~ period is not what the Bible says. There are two periods here: seven weeks and ~~62 weeks~~ 62 weeks. That is definitely what the Heb. says and I don't know why the translators of the KJV said that the period ~~shall~~ shall be 7 weeks and 62 weeks unless they thought that there was some way you could get a 69 week period to the coming of Christ. But if the Lord wanted to say 69 he could say 69. He didn't have to say 7 and 62. That's not the way to say 69 in any language -- 7 and 62! You could say 9 and 60. but you don't have to say 7 and 62. That doesn't fit the usage in any country I ever heard of anywhere. 7 and 62! It is ~~definitely~~ certainly what the passage says that from the point where the commandment goes forth to restore and build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks; and 62 weeks the street shall be built again and the wall even in troublous times. And after 62 weeks shall Messiah be cut off but not for himself... "But not for himself" is a strange phrase. The natural reading would be "and have nothing". It's the regular Heb. phrase for "have nothing". This phrase could be translated "not for himself". I don't say it is impossible, but it is not a natural understanding of the meaning. But here you have three periods. You have a period of one week. You have a period of 62 weeks. And you have a period of 7 weeks. Now there is a very interesting thing. "That from the time when Jerusalem was destroyed in 586 B.C. until the time when Cyrus told the Jews that they could go back to Jerusalem -- or when they did go back in response to his offer of the right to go back -- in about 537 or 536 is just about exactly 49 years. which would be the equivalent of 7 weeks of years. So a possible interpretation in certain points that Jerusalem will be destroyed for 49 years. and that then there will be a period of 62 weeks of years in which the street will be built again and the wall even