

Daniel --- ~~7~~ (session 3)

different. That's no way to say 69 weeks -- to say 7 and 62!

We have three periods. We have a period of 7 weeks; a period of 49 years seven weeks of years before they were given the right to go back to Jerusalem. Then a number of years passed before they were able to do much building. The people who went back lived in little huts the best they could with constant troubles from the Persian officers there for ever 100 ~~years~~ years. ~~They~~ Eventually they ~~were~~ were able to rebuild the city and so on, and the 62 weeks may stand for the period between that and the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70 with a period -- a gap in between the seven and the 62 weeks. We have gaps in other places. We know that. There is no question ^{but} of gaps in Scripture. I feel from any premillennial viewpoint there is no question that there is a gap between the 69th week and the 70th. It certainly is not at all strange if there is a gap between the 7 ~~th~~ th week and the 62. I can't be dogmatic as if it was, but I can be dogmatic that there are three periods -- a seven week period, a 62 week period, and a one week period. And if there is a gap between the 62 and the one, it seems reasonable that there is a gap between seven and the 62 although that doesn't prove it.

Well immediately somebody can say, Yes ^{weeks} but there is seven ~~of these~~ then to Messiah the Prince. Well Christ did not come in 539 B.C. How can that be the gap until Messiah the Prince? Well if you will turn back to Isaiah. If you will look at Isa. 44:28 : That saith of Cyrus He is my shepherd and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built, and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. 45:1, Thus saith the Lord to his anointed -- and the word translated Anointed is exactly the same word which is elsewhere translated Messiah. Thus saith the Lord to his Anointed to Cyrus whose right hand I have helden, to subdue nations before him. . . ." So according to Isa. there is a sense in which ~~Messiah~~ Cyrus was Messiah the Prince and Cyrus came in 539 B.C. just 49 yrs. after the destruction of Jerusalem. So you have a fitting together that is remarkable with Isa. calling Cyrus Messiah the Prince, and Messiah the Prince coming exactly at that time. So I cannot be dogmatic that that is what this seven week period is, but I think there is very good strong