

A different king! You've got the kings described one after the other from Alexander the Great and their deeds described in detail in ch. 11 until you get to Antiochus Epiphanes, and then you tell about his end and then you say, And the king shall do according to his will. Evangelical interpreters think that the rest of the ch. is describing the antichrist, so there's at least 2000 years between v.35 and v.36.

That's what St. Jerome believed, only he put the change between vv.20 and 21 which is, I think, not nearly so proper a place to put it. I'm not entering now into where the interval is. There is no question that there are many unmentioned intervals in Daniel. So I would say that we have here the three periods presented. The first given in specific mention, the first period of 7 weeks, 49 years, leading up to Cyrus.

Then we have a period of 434 yrs. mentioned, and in between the two there is an interval, perhaps about a century. We don't know how long. There is an unmentioned interval. Then we have a period of 62 years(?) weeks when the city was standing there being constantly rebuilt and expanded with walls and moats and it was in troublous times. Well, it certainly is in troublous times now, so that fits with Keil's idea, but it certainly fits the times of the Macabees ever bit as well.

So we have that period and then v. 26 says, After 62 weeks --- not during them, not precisely at the end of them necessarily, Messiah is cut off though He has no guilt. Then what happens then? The people of the prince that shall come _____ same word as we had above, Vespasian and Titus, two generals who became emperors of the Roman empire later on, these two generals, their armies came under their direction later on, their armies came under their direction later on and destroyed the city and the sanctuary and the the end thereof with a flood and even unto the end desolations are determined. The destruction of Jerusalem right after the death of Christ, it was within the next 40 years.

Then v. 27 we have our second interval, the length of time the Lord has not told us because He wants us to be ready looking forward to and preparing for difficult days that will be ahead for this world when antichrist reigns but looking ahead to the glorious time when sin shall be at an end and the _____ of v. 24 will be fulfilled.

So it seems to me that if we take this passage and see what is definite. That there are three periods, and see what the possibilities of these three words, we get an interpretation that is perfectly clear and understandable and that brushes away an awful lot of confusion that exists in people's minds about the matter.