

WHEN DID THE FIRST 69 OF DANIEL'S 70 'WEEKS' BEGIN?

"from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks" (Daniel 9:25)

	VIEW # 1	VIEW # 2	VIEW # 3	VIEW # 4	VIEW # 5
AUTHOR OF DECREE	Cyrus	Artaxerxes (seventh year)	Artaxerxes (twentieth year)	Artaxerxes (twentieth year)	God
BIBLICAL REFERENCE	Ezra 1:1-3	Ezra 7:6-7, 11-13, 23	Nehemiah 2:1-8	Nehemiah 2:1-8	Jeremiah 32:1, 6-9, 13-17, 24-27
OBJECT OF DECREE	to rebuild Temple	to rebuild Temple	to rebuild Jerusalem	to rebuild Jerusalem	to rebuild Jerusalem
DATE OF DECREE	538 B.C.	458 B.C.	445 B.C.	445 B.C.	587 B.C.
YEARS TO MESSIAH	483 (69x7)	483 (69x7)	483 (69x7)	483 prophetic (69x7)	483 (69x7)
DATE OF MESSIAH	55 B.C.	A.D. 26	A.D. 39	A.D. 32	104 B.C.
ADVANTAGES OF VIEW		Brings us closest to beginning of Christ's public ministry	Specifies the city and the walls	Specifies the city and the walls	Promises restoration of the city
PROBLEMS OF VIEW	Specifies the Temple, not the city Date of Messiah too early	Specifies the Temple, not the city	Date of Messiah too late	Date of Messiah too late	Daniel says "decree," Jeremiah says "word." Date of Messiah much too early