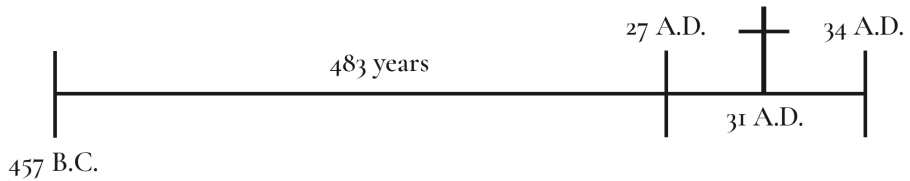


70 WEEKS



457 B.C.

The decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem was given in the seventh year of Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:7). It was part of the three decrees made, and the only decree which restored Jewish government (Ezra 6:14).

27 A.D.

The Bible says that Jesus' baptism occurred in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar - 27 A.D. When Jesus began preaching, He began His message by declaring that "the time is fulfilled!" He was referring directly to the prophecy of the 70 weeks.

31 A.D.

We know that there were four Passovers during Jesus' ministry, the first about 6 months after His baptism, and the fourth and final one at the time of His crucifixion. He was the passover lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7). The final week of the prophecy began at the baptism of Jesus in the autumn of 27 A.D. Three and a half years would bring us to the spring of 31 A.D.

34 A.D.

The seventy weeks came to an end in the fall of 34 A.D. when the Jewish Sanhedrin stoned Stephen to death.