

THE CALCULATION OF "69 WEEKS" UNTIL THE MESSIAH

- a. Calculate the Total Years
 - (1) Each "week" is seven years
 - (2) Messiah will come after 69 "weeks" ($7 + 62 = 69$)
 - (3) Number of years until Messiah: $69 \text{ "weeks"} \times 7 \text{ yrs/wk} = 483 \text{ years}$
- b. Calculate the Total Days
 - (1) We need to assume that the years are "prophetic years" of 360 days, not solar years of $365 \frac{1}{4}$ days
 - (2) $483 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days/yr} = 173,880 \text{ actual days}$
- c. Convert to Solar Years
 - $173,880 \text{ days} \times 1 \text{ yr}/365.242 \text{ days}$
 - $= 476.068 \text{ solar years}$
 - $= 476 \text{ solar years} + 25 \text{ days}$
- d. Calculate from the Date of the Decree to Nehemiah
 - (1) Decree: March 5, 444 BC
 - (2) Add 476 years + 25 days [Note: 1 BC to AD 1 = 1 year]
 - (3) Result: March 30, AD 33

CONCLUSION

From the decree of Artaxerxes on Nisan 1, 444 BC, 69 "weeks" would bring us to March 30, AD 33, the very day of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

- (1) Zech 9:9 – The prediction of Israel's king coming on a donkey was fulfilled on March 30, AD 33.
- (2) Luke 19:41-44 – Israel's failure to discern the significance of this occasion. This was the time when Jesus was formally presented to the nation as her Messiah and evaluated by the Sanhedrin.