

Shekinah (She-KEE-nah) is a word *not* found in the Bible. It literally means in Hebrew, "residence," or "dwelling." It is from a Hebrew root that *is* in the Bible, often translated as "to dwell." For example, Exodus 25:8; the word translated dwell is *shakan*--the root of *Shekinah*.

**FIRST TEMPLE** (Moses--notice the glory of the Lord fills the temple shortly after construction complete)

Exodus 13:22 is an example of what the Israelites referred to as *Shekinah* prior to the sanctuary.

Exodus 25:8 is an example of the same post sanctuary. They build the sanctuary and His glory appears over the mercy seat.

Exodus 40:33-38 ...Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory (*kabowd*) of the LORD filled the tabernacle...

This is a *Hebraism*--parallel clauses. The cloud represents Jehovah's glory. He chose to represent Himself via a pillar.

Exodus 40:35-38 note the object lesson. Do not move until God moves. Also notice that the pillar was always with them. One might say that the pillar was *Emanuel*—God with us (dramatic pause...) Sadly, over time, they took for granted the way that God chose to manifest Himself. They even turned their backs to the temple where His glory was (Ezekiel 8:16).

### ***Getting personal***

How does He represent Himself to us today? Do we take Him for granted? Do we turn our backs to His glory? The Word is His glory. Are you basking in the radiant words of the good Book daily?

**SECOND TEMPLE** (King Solomon--notice the glory of the Lord fills the temple shortly after construction complete)

**Context:** the temple is being dedicated. Specifically, the ark has just been brought to the temple. 1 Kings 8:9-11...So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

Another Hebraism.

**Note:** The pillar--cloud/fire--represents His glory which fills the the temple in the wilderness and Solomon's temple after they are constructed. (In passing, we used the end of Exodus 33 and beginning of 34 to prove that God's glory is associated with His name--character--the Ten.

Exodus 25:11 And the cherubims shall stretch forth [their] wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces [shall look] one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

Where was the Shekinah glory? Where were the angels facing? They are not looking at each other as often illustrated. If they were they would be looking directly into the Shekinah between them. They are looking DOWN. How much regard do we have for the Most High when we enter His sanctuary on His holy day?

Psalms 132:7,8 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool. Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

In Exodus 33:18 Moses requests to be shown God's glory. God responds by making His goodness pass before Moses then He gives His law a second time. According to God, His glory is the spiritual radiance of His character. That is why Simon Peter in Luke 5:8 says, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

You see, our nature pushes God away (Romans 8:7). This is why we must allow Him to crucify our flesh (nature). (See the standard? John 8:29)

### **Returning to the radiant Shekinah glory.**

After Daniel's vision of chapter 8, the angel Gabriel came and began explaining the vision to him. When Gabriel reached the point of the 2,300 days, Daniel collapsed and was ill for some time. He regained his strength and resumed doing the king's business but was much concerned regarding the unexplained portion of the vision--the 2,300 days. Daniel prayed earnestly for his people, the Jews who were in captivity in Medo-Persia. He confessed his sins and pleaded with God to forgive His people. Daniel chapter 9 begins with the prophet's earnest prayer of confession and appeal to God.

Read Daniel 9 (Yes, the Shekinah glory is related to the 70 weeks... keep reading!)

He knew that their prophesied time of captivity was nearly complete because he listened and read the prophet of his time (9:2).

**Note:** Daniel knew the time and what he should do (seek God with all his heart Jer 29:13) because he read the prophet of his day, we should do the same. Jeremiah 29:1,7,10-14

### **NO GLORY APPEARS IN THE FINAL EARTHLY TEMPLE... AT FIRST**

You'll recall that after the erection of the wilderness temple, and after the completion of "Solomon's" temple that the Shekinah glory appeared and "filled the temple" (Future application Rev 15:8 during the fulfillment of the seven plagues). This radiance was evidence that God was with them. However, their disobedience caused His presence to vanish and the temple was now desolate.

Now, in 9:17, Daniel requests that God shines His face on the temple again. He admitted that God could not be with his people because of their disobedience. Now, he asks that His prayer turns them from their iniquity (9:13).

If we notice that God's presence is not near us, or notice that our lives are not in harmony with His Word, remember Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid [his] face from you, that he will not hear."

**Notice** the relationship between God's face and His glory (Isaiah 59:2, Daniel 9:17).

Again, God's Shekinah glory appeared in the wilderness temple and in Solomon's temple but if you read Ezra 3 which discusses the rebuilding of the temple, you will notice that the elders wept. Haggai 2:1-9 explains why. The glory was absent (read it for yourself please ;).

Now see Malachi 3:1

In essence this text at the end of the "OT" says that the glory of Jehovah will fill the temple.

**Notice:** the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to HIS temple, even the messenger of the covenant... Obviously a Messianic prophecy.

John 1:1-9 the word for Light there is *Phos* the root of the English, phosphorous which literally means *bringer of light*. It is authentic, not synthetic light. Light on the order of the sun/fire only more fundamental. The Word is the *Bringer of Light*. Remember how God manifested Himself in the temple of old?

Our God is a consuming fire (Deut 4:24, Heb 12:29). He manifested His Shekinah glory as Light/Phos.

You'll remember Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

The Pillar in the wilderness was God with us. The Shekinah between the two cherubim was God with us. And now...

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Grace and truth are two of the attributes that were shewn to Moses in answer to his request of God, "shew me thy glory" in Exodus 33 (end), 34 (beginning). Yeshuah *is* the Shekinah Glory!

The Bible says, "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:27

Then in Acts 18:28 it is said that Paul, "mightily **convincd** the Jews, [and that] publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ."

**Note:** "NT" was not scripture as yet. It was the word of the Lord but it was not in a single book. Paul used the "OT" to prove that Yeshuah was the Messiah!

The "OT" predictions of the Messiah to come were so specific and so clearly fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth that both Jesus and Apollos used these prophecies to prove to the Jews that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. There are more than 125 of these prophecies. Below is a small sample.

Prophecy	Old Testament Scripture	New Testament Fulfillment
1. Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
2. Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18-23
3. Of David's lineage	Jeremiah 23:5	Revelation 22:16
4. Attempted murder by Herod	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
5. Betrayal by a friend	Psalms 41:9	John 13:18, 19, 26
6. Sold for 30 silver coins	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:14-16
7. Crucified	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:16-18, 37

8. Divided garments but cast Lots for His vesture/ cloak. Typology: no seam on vesture = His righteousness is seamless, sublime, perfect	Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35
<del>9. No bones broken</del>	<del>Psalms 34:20; Exodus 12:46</del>	<del>John 19:31-36</del>
10. Buried in rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
11. Year, day, hour of His death	Daniel 9:26, 27; Exodus 12:6	Matthew 27:45-50
12. Raised the third day	Hosea 6:2	Acts 10:38-40

*Christ gave Himself, an atoning sacrifice, for the saving of a lost world. He was treated as we deserve, in order that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. 8T 208.3*

Higher critics were in disbelief because of the "suspicious" the accuracy with which One Man fulfilled these detailed prophecies.

Dr. Peter Stoner, former chairman of the departments of mathematics, astronomy, and engineering at Pasadena College (California), worked with 600 students for several years applying the "principle of probability" to the prophecies of the Messiah's coming. They chose just eight from the many available and finally decided the chances of all eight being fulfilled in one man in a lifetime is one in 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (10<sup>33</sup>). It would be impossible for 125 prophecies of the Messiah to happen by one man coincidentally. Yeshuah is the Messiah!

So the higher critics said, the New Testament must have been written to make it appear that Yeshuah was the Messiah--that maybe this Yeshuah did not exist--but secular sources do not concur.

Tacitus (c. A.D. 60-120), a Roman historian, has preserved a record of this situation. Quoting the following from his Annals (XV.44).

*"And so, to get rid of this rumor, Nero (Roman emperor) set up [i.e., falsely accused] as the culprits and punished with the utmost refinement of cruelty a class hated for their abominations, who are commonly called Christians. Christus, from whom their name is derived, was executed at the hands of the procurator Pontius Pilate in the reign of Tiberius. Checked for a moment, this pernicious superstition again broke out, not only in Judea, the source of the evil, but even in Rome.... Accordingly, arrest was*

first made of those who confessed [to being Christians]; then, on their evidence, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much on the charge of arson as because of [their] hatred for the human race. Besides being put to death they were made to serve as objects of amusement; they were clothed in the hides of beasts and torn to death by dogs; others were crucified, others set on fire to serve to illuminate the night when daylight failed. Nero had thrown open his grounds for the display, and was putting on a show in the circus, where he mingled with the people in the dress of charioteer or drove about in his chariot. All this gave rise to a feeling of pity, even towards men whose guilt merited the most exemplary punishment; for it was felt that they were being destroyed not for the public good but to gratify the cruelty of an individual.”

From the Talmud (2nd century documentation) we read.

On the eve of Passover Yeshu was hanged. For forty days before the execution took place, a herald went forth and cried, "He is going forth to be stoned because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy.

So the higher critics tend to simply ignore these truths today. The evidence for Yeshuah being the Messiah is absolutely overwhelming.

## **70 WEEKS**

We now turn our attention to the Messianic prophecy known as the 70 weeks in detail to further drive home the divinity of Yeshuah the Son of God. However, before we do that note that there are Talmudic curses associated with this study.

*"May the curse of heaven fall upon those who calculate the date of the advent of the Messiah, and thus create political and social unrest among the people. ...he will blast him who calculated the end."* Sanhedrin, 97b.

A brave Jewish brother defied the curse. Notice what Avram Yehoshua says.

HAS MESSIAH COME? (article)

A most amazing thing occurs in the ninth chapter of Daniel: we're told when Messiah would come. But instead of explaining it to us, our Rabbis curse anyone wanting to find it out: 'Rabbi Samuel b. Nachmani said in the name (of) Rabbi Jonathan: 'Blasted be the bones of those who calculate the end.' (1) Some of our Rabbis, in a further attempt to keep us from Daniel, even state that Daniel was wrong. Alfred Edersheim, a Talmudic scholar who would come to know Messiah said, 'later Rabbinism, which, naturally enough, could not find its way through the Messianic prophecies of the book, declared that even Daniel was mistaken' (2) (emphasis added).

Assuming you're trust is in God and you do not fear the above curse, shall we continue?

## **The Day-Year Principle**

Prophecies are couched in symbolic language that needs to be unraveled before the meaning of the words can be understood. Prophetic time is used as a symbol to be interpreted in the light of Scripture.

*Numbers 14:32-34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land,*

*[even] forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even] forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise..*

*Ezekiel 4:6 I have appointed thee each day for a year.*

These two texts provide the key—the day-year principle (if you need more evidence please let me know). This principle takes prophetic days and converts them to actual years. Applying this principle to the 70-week prophecy will show that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah.

### **Six Messianic Tasks**

*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy (Daniel 9:24).*

“Thy people” were God’s chosen people Israel. Seventy weeks resolves into 490 days. Applying the day-year principle, 490 days become 490 years.

The 490 years were appointed to the Jewish nation for these six reasons found in Daniel 9:24:

1. to finish the transgression
2. to make an end of sins
3. to make reconciliation for iniquity
4. to bring in everlasting righteousness
5. to seal up vision and prophecy
6. to anoint the most Holy

Now, who could make reconciliation for iniquity or bring in everlasting righteousness?

These six issues could only be fulfilled in and through the Messiah.

Yeshuah meets the Prophecy

*Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

*And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Daniel 9:25-27).*

The angel gives a breakdown of the 70 weeks as follows:

7 weeks of years for rebuilding of Jerusalem (verse 25)

62 weeks of years to the Messiah (verses 25-26)

1 week of years to the close of the period (verse 27)

The calculations are shown in the graph below:

Unto 2300 Days (years), Then Shall The Sanctuary Be Cleansed  
 2300 Prophetic Days = 2300 Years

"70 Weeks are determined upon thy people."

490 Years

(Based on Daniel 8:14)

BC 457      BC 408      Daniel 9:24      AD 27      AD 34

7 weeks or 49 Years	3 score & 2 (62) weeks or 434 Years	1 week or 7 Years	
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The 2300-day prophecy, of which the 70-week prophecy is a small part, was to begin at the command that effected the restoration of Jerusalem. This command went forth under King Artaxerxes Longimanus in the year 457 BC.

Ezra 7:12,13-16

*Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.*

The translated "restore" in Daniel 9:25 is *shuwb*: it means return or turn back. Ezra 7:13 answers that part of the prophecy. However, what of the "to build Jerusalem" part of the prophecy?

Note verse 16.

*And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which [is] in Jerusalem:*

Clearly, this is the decree that Daniel 9:25 points to.

From this starting point, we can determine all the other time markers of the prophecy. Seven weeks were allotted for the restoration of Jerusalem. True to the prophecy, Jerusalem was rebuilt 49 years after 457 BC, which was 408 BC.

Seven weeks (49 day-years 9:25a) for the rebuilding of Jerusalem and another threescore and two weeks (62 weeks or 434 day-years 9:26a) brings us to "the Messiah the Prince." Beginning in 457 BC and applying the day-year principle, we can determine the passing of 483 years from 457 BC which brings us to 27 AD (allowing for the conversion from BC to AD being one extra year).

In 27 AD, Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit on the occasion of His baptism which marked

the beginning of His ministry ([Luke 3:21-23](#)). This baptism marked the event in Daniel's prophecy "unto the Messiah the Prince." When Christ proclaimed, "The time is fulfilled" ([Mark 1:15](#)), He was referring to this part of the prophecy.<sup>iii</sup>

The end of the prophecy is 34 AD, 7 day-years after the baptism:

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease (Daniel 9:27).*

Christ would confirm the covenant made with Israel for one prophetic week (7 years), but oblation (offerings) would cease in the middle of the week (3 ½ years after 27 AD). This midpoint brings us to 31 AD—the year Christ was crucified. It was at His death that he put an end to the system of offerings practiced by Israel for so many years.

Chiastic Structure

Some modern interpretations confuse the 70-week prophecy by applying it to the Antichrist, who (according to this interpretation) would arrive at the end of the Christian dispensation some time in the future.

However, the prophecy in Daniel 9:26-27 has a chiastic structure, and if this is taken into account, the apparent confusion in its literary style is eliminated:

See 70 weeks chart

*And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

The chiastic structure is as follows:

- \* a. Messiah destroyed
- \* b. Sanctuary destroyed
- \* b1. Sacrifice terminated
- \* a1. Ruler destroyed

Verse 27 has an additional chiasm: "he—week—week—he," again emphasizing the role of the Messiah. It can thus be said that the destruction of the Messiah caused "the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." The Messiah would also confirm His covenant with God's people by His sacrificial death "in the midst of the week."

John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, and Isaac Newton all connect the 70th week with the Messiah. When Christ cried "[It is finished](#)," the priests were officiating in the temple. It was the hour of the evening sacrifice, and as the Passover lamb representing Christ was about to be slain, "the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake and the rocks rent" (Matthew 27:51).

After Christ died, rose again, and ascended to heaven, there were still 3 ½ day-years remaining in the prophecy. These ended in 34 AD with the stoning of Stephen ([Acts 7:59-8:4](#)). At that time the Gospel was given to the Gentiles by individual ambassadors from every nation. Paul, the very one who consented to the stoning of Stephen, became the apostle to the Gentile world. Israel ceased to be the recipient and channel of God's truth.

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