

*Note how the literary structure of the passage below shows "Messiah" (not antichrist) the focal point of the chiastic prophecy:

CHIASM OF DANIEL 9:25-27

- (A Construction) 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem
 - (B Messiah) unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks:
 - (C Construction) the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
 - (D Messiah) 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come
 - (C' Destruction) 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.
 - (B' Messiah) 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week
- (A' Destruction) 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 consumation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

William H. Shea notes that Daniel 9:25-27 forms a chiasm placing the death of the "anointed one" at its center.^[5]

- **A. Jerusalem Construction:** Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem *Daniel 9:25a* (ASV)
 - **B. Anointed one:** unto the anointed one, the prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: *Daniel 9:25b*
 - **C. Jerusalem Construction:** it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troublous times. *Daniel* 9:25c
 - **D. Anointed one:** And after the threescore and two weeks shall the anointed one (i.e., Onias III, the High Priest) be cut off, and shall have nothing: *Daniel 9:26a*
 - **C'. Jerusalem Destroyed:** 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 even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined. *Daniel 9:26b*
 - **B'. Anointed one:** And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; Daniel 9:27a
- **A'. Jerusalem Destroyed:** and upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate. *Daniel 9:27b*