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Daniel 9:27b "For the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate." Jesus told the Jewish leaders, "Your house is left ... *desolate*." Matthew 23:38. The prophecy of the "abomination of desolation" was fulfilled by "the armies" of Rome in 70 A.D. Read Matthew 24:15; Luke 21:20-22.

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The Great Focus - Jesus Christ in His Heavenly Temple

As 70 weeks = 490 years, so 2300 days = 2300 years. 457 B.C. + 2300 yrs. = 1844. Gabriel said, "*then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.*" Jesus Christ is our High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary. Hebrews 8:1,2,6,8-10. In the Old Testament, "the cleansing of the sanctuary" occurred when the High Priest entered the Most Holy Place and sprinkled blood upon the ark containing the Law of God which symbolized a cleansing of the people from "all their sins." Leviticus 16:15,30. In 1844, "the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his covenant." Revelation 11:19. *Now, in "the time of the end,"* Jesus is working to cleanse His people by His blood from "all their sins" of breaking the Law of God! See Daniel 12:4,10; Revelation 12:17; 14:7,12; 22:11,12. 2000 years ago, many Jews misinterpreted Daniel 9:27 and missed the Messiah. *Today, many Christians are misinterpreting the same important prophecy!*

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