

If it were not for this very serious weakness, the theory that ~~Ky~~ Keil advanced would ~~would~~ seem far superior to any of ~~th~~ the many ~~other~~ other interpretations. In view of this weakness it is necessary to look again at the points where more than one interpretation is possible to see whether election (?) selection (?) of other equally ~~good~~ <sup>U</sup> viable alternatives would produce a more satisfactory explanation. (nc)

Before ~~we~~ doing so we should notice an additional point at which more than one interpretation is possible. That is the question whether the three segments of the 70 weeks necessarily follow one another immediately [put here a footnote about the references to Hengstenberg and (Payne)] Thus a man might say I studied three years at (?) a German university. The statement ~~would~~ <sup>U</sup> be equally true The statement might mean that he had spent a ~~entire~~ continuous period of three years studying in German niversity. However, it would be equally possible that he meant that he had spent one year studying in German prior to assuming a professorial chair at an American university and one at each <sup>subsequent</sup> of two/sabbatical periods. One has no right to say in advance that the three segments of the ~~third~~ 70 ~~follow one/another~~ <sup>immediately after</sup> follow immediately after one another, or that there are unspecified intervals between them. The answer to this question depends upon how they are to be fit together. With this question in view we look again at the description of the first segment. It runs from the going out of the ~~word~~ word for the rebuilding of ~~the~~ the city to Messiah the <sup>P</sup> Prince. We have ~~not~~ noticed that its beginning <sup>K</sup> it might refer to the edict of a human king of king Cyrus that Jerusalem should b erebuilt, but that it could equally well refer to the prophetic word that God gave to Jeremiah in 587 B.C. that the time/~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> come when Jerusalem would again be a center where business would be conducted. The end of the first segment runs to Messiah the <sup>P</sup> Prince. As we saw, the word "Messiah" could here point to Christ, but it could equally well point to Cyrus. <sup>a</sup> <sup>o</sup> <sup>h</sup> Idaiah described describes as the Anointed One whom God had appointed to cause His city to be rebuilt. It is striking ~~that~~ that the time from the prophetic word that came to Jeremiah to the coming of Cyrus the ~~Prince~~ <sup>P</sup> Prince (nc) , was exactly 49 years, which would fit with the idea of taking the weeks as weeks of years. Daniel could see that the first segment of the ~~70~~ 70 weeks had been precisely fulfilled, and this would serve to