

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Introduction

In studying for these lessons, I have learned many things:

- God is in control over His all creations.
- The Out-come of the Bible Found In Revelation 21-22 is God's orchestrated Plan from Genesis 1 with the Fall of Man and Corruption of Creation.
- God's Plan Centers on Israel and Jerusalem Only.
- God is faithful and keeps all His Promises and Covenants.
 1. Abraham Covenant leading to show that He Chooses His People (Israel)
 2. Mosaic Covenant leading to show mankind as sinners
 3. Davidic Covenant leading to the Promise of the Messiah and Jerusalem
- The Church is only a grafted branch into God's Plan Concerning Israel as discussed in Romans 9-11, Specifically, **Romans 11:17**.

Book of Daniel, Chapter Nine

1 ¶ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

This is approximately 538 BC according to Usher. Daniel is approximately over 80 years old.

2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 25: 8-12 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, **9** Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. **10** Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. **11** And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**. **12** And it shall come to pass, when **seventy years are accomplished**, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

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Daniel's Confessions for the Sins of Israel and Judah

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

God's Judgment on His People

12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

Again Daniel's Confessions for the Sins of Israel and Judah

15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

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Daniel's Intercession for Israel and Judah

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and **cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.**

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Gabriel Appears to Daniel

20 And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man **Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, (**Chapter 8**) being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, **O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.**

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for **thou art greatly beloved**: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

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God Future Plan for His People and His Holy City Jerusalem Accomplished in Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24

- Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,
 1. to finish the transgression, and
 2. to make an end of sins, and
 3. to make reconciliation for iniquity, and
 4. to bring in everlasting righteousness, and
 5. to seal up the vision and prophecy, and
 6. to anoint the most Holy.
- What is the meaning of Seventy Weeks
If weeks mean seven days then 70 weeks equal to 1.3 years. 1.3 years is too soon historically for the six items to be completed. So Weeks cannot mean a week of days.
The Hebrew word for Weeks is “shabau” literally means seven, therefore like the word, “dozen” means twelve of any items so week means seven of any items.
Therefore Seventy weeks of what. If days do not work therefore it could mean a week of weeks, or a week of months or a week of years. Again, if days then 1.3 years or if weeks then 9.1 years or if months then 39 years or if years then 490 years.
- Jewish calendar is made up of 12 months of 30 days, which equals 360 days.
- The seventy weeks of years is divided into three parts.
 1. Seven Weeks - Verse 25
 2. Threescore and two Weeks (Sixty-two) - Verse 25
 3. One Week – Verse 27

Daniel 9:25

- The Seventy Weeks of Years began: “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem”

Nisan 445 B.C., (the 1st by Jewish Tradition)

Nehemiah 2:1-8 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I

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come into Judah; And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

- The Sixty-nine Weeks of Years ends: “**unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks:**
Zechariah 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
Luke 19:28-41 - And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called *the mount* of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against *you*; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring *him hither*. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose *him*? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
- **the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.**” Completed the first Seven Years if you read what Nehemiah went through to build the walls of Jerusalem.
Nehemiah 4: 6-8 - So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. But it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, And conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.
Nehemiah 4: 21 - So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.
- **69 X 7 X 360 = 173880 days**
- Days between the decree and the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem is **173880 days**

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Daniel 9: 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 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.

- **Key Word: AFTER** –
 - **After the sixty-two Week years** the Messiah shall be cut off: After Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem, He was crucified (Cut off). **Within seven days**.
 - **After the sixty-two Week years** Jerusalem and the temple is destroyed by the “**people of the prince**”. 70 A.D. The Roman army destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple. **Thirty-eight Years after the crucifixion of Christ**.
 - **Who is this prince?** Just because the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, does the Anti-christ have to be Roman?
 - John 12: 31** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
 - John 14:30** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.
 - John 16:11** Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
 - Ephesians 2:2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
 - Ephesians 6:11-12** - Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Daniel 9:27 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.

- “he” is the prince spoken of in versus 26.
- The Seventieth Week of Years (Also called the Tribulation Period) is when the Antichrist make a covenant with many including Israel for the entire seven years.
- At the middle of the last seven years, the Antichrist breaks his covenant by ending sacrifices at the Jewish Temple.
 - This implicates that the Jewish Temple must be built and sacrifices are being conducted prior to the midpoint of the Tribulation Period.

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- An gap of unknown duration between the 69th and the 70th Week Years
 - The gap is suggested in other scripture.
 1. **Isaiah 9:6** - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: **GAP** and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
 2. **Zechariah 9:9-10** - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: **GAP** and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.
 3. **Isaiah 61:1-2** The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, **GAP** and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
Luke 4: 16-20 - And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
 4. **Joel 2: 28-31 and Acts 2:17-20** - And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. **GAP** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.
 - If there is no **GAP**, then the Tribulation Period was from 32-39 AD. Then if the Book of Revelation is taken literally, we should already be on the New Earth and the six items listed in verse 24 would be place.
 - If there is no **GAP**, then the Temple and Jerusalem would have been destroyed during the Millennium Reign of Christ.
 - When does the **GAP** end,?
Acts 1:6-7 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, **which the Father hath put in his own power.**