

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 5/29-30/2023 Daniel 9:20-27

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OPENING PRAYER

Daniel - The Sovereignty of God – He Rules Over All; He Overrules All!

Chapter 9 The Seventy -Weeks Prophecy – vs. 20-27!

v. 24: 70 weeks (490 yrs) to complete 6 things.

v. 25: 7 weeks (49 yrs) to build streets/walls * accomplished!

vs. 25-26: 62 weeks (434 yrs) at the end is His triumphal entry as the Messiah * accomplished!

v. 27 - 1 week (7 yrs) Final week – Great Tribulation Not yet accomplished!

Total (490 yrs)

- **TEXT: (Dan 9:4, 16-19)** *In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— [2] in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. [3] Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.*
- *[4] And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,*
- *[16] "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. [17] Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. [18] O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. [19] O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."*
- **(Dan 9:20-23) Gabriel Brings an Answer**
- *[20] Now while I was speaking, 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] yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. [22] And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. [23] At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:*
- **(Dan 9:24-27) The Seventy Weeks (490 years)**
- *[24] "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. [25] "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. [26] "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. [27] Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."*

Daniel comes to the end of his prayer beseeching God to hear, to respond, to do and forgive.

It is always interesting to consider prayers that produce results, so this is a good model for prayer. It produced results!

Gabriel Brings an Answer

Dan 9:20 *Now while I was speaking, 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,*
Dan 9:21 *yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.*

- **This angel Gabriel who appears twice to Daniel (*Dan 8:16; 9:21*) and then** some five hundred and thirty years later, appears two more times, (*Luk 1:19,26*), once to Zacharias the priest, as he stood before the altar of the Lord, and again unto Mary, that young virgin in Nazareth.
- **Gabriel....reached me about the time of the evening offering.** Notice the strength of spiritual memories! It is amazing that Daniel, even after nearly 70 years of captivity in Babylon, far away from any temple or Jewish sacrifices, still refers to the time around 3pm, as being *the time of the evening offering!* The sacrifices, as part of his spiritual heritage, were indeed important to him!

Dan 9:22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

- **The Lord wants you to understand the things of the future.** Three times here, as Gabriel is talking to Daniel, he is talking about giving him understanding. It is tragic that so many ministers do not get into the realm of prophecy. You hear some say that Revelation is a sealed book. No one really understands it. It is all figurative speech. So they never get into the book of Revelation. But it is not a sealed book! In fact, the name of it implies just the opposite. The word *apocalypse* means the unveiling, not the covering or hiding of truth. It is the revealing, the unveiling of truth. God intends you to understand it, promising a special blessing if you will read it and keep the words of that prophecy! Now, as the angel begins to talk to Daniel about the future, he says, ***I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.***

Dan 9:23 At the beginning of your supplications (when you started to pray) the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

- **Now, where is heaven? The Bible speaks of the third heaven.** Paul said, (*2Co 12:2b*) *such a one was caught up to the third heaven.* The first heaven is the atmosphere around our earth. The second heaven is the celestial heaven, the stars, and the galaxies. The third heaven is the dwelling place of God, wherever that may be. We usually look up toward heaven, lift our hands towards heaven, but just where the throne of God is, we just do not know. Is it within our universe, or is it outside our universe?
- **We have begun to better understand how vast our universe is,** with the help of space telescopes, such as the Hubble, Spitzer, James Webb and others. There are some stars and galaxies that are so far out in the universe that it takes billions of years for their light to get here. That is traveling at one hundred and eighty-six thousand miles per second! Now is God outside of that? Then how long does it take for an angel to get from there to here? They have to travel faster than the speed of light or else we are in trouble. You pray and fifteen billion years later the angel arrives. Traveling at the speed of thought. That is how fast angels can travel. Think it and you are there.

The Seventy Weeks

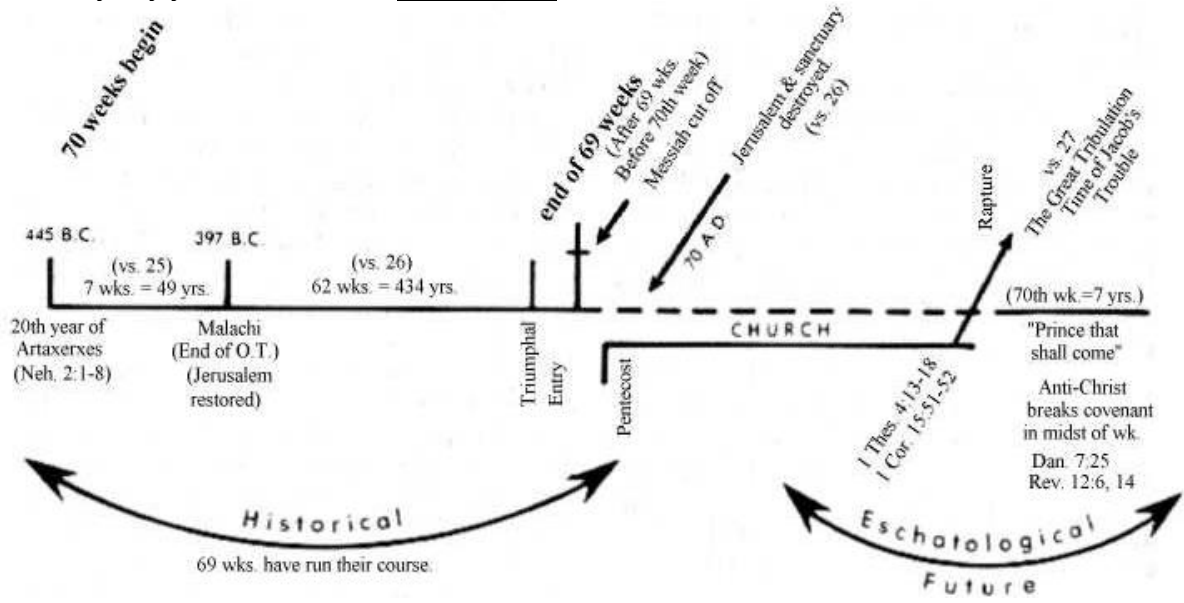
Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks (sevens) are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

- **Seventy weeks – sevens.** Translated weeks here, but should be translated years, not weeks, from the context of the seventy years of captivity relative to Daniel's prayer, which resulted from (*2Ch 36:21*) *to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.* God told Israel that for 490 years they had not kept the seventh year Sabbath for the land, that the land was owed 70 years of rest, hence the removal and captivity of Israel by Babylon for a period of seventy years..
- **Now he begins to tell Daniel about the future.** ***Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city*** (Jerusalem). These are the things that are going to transpire within these seventy sevens. First of all:

1. **To finish the transgression** (*deliberate disobedience*). Man has been transgressing against God from the garden of Eden. There will come the finishing of man's transgressions, of restraining sin and Israel's in particular during its long trend of apostasy,
 2. **To make an end of sin.** To judge sin with finality, not only the end of the guilt of sin, but an end of sin itself. To seal up or to restrain sins. The sins of God's people will end within *the seventy weeks*, then the rebellion of God's people will end.
 3. **To make reconciliation for iniquity.** Paul tells us that we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son. Man's iniquity (twistedness) must be reconciled to God's justice and holiness. This work was clearly accomplished at the cross, signifying the actual basis of covering sin by full atonement, the blood of the crucified Messiah who is "cut off."
 4. **To bring in everlasting righteousness.** There is coming a future kingdom of God, a kingdom of eternal righteousness. The kingdom of God is not meat or drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy.
 5. **To seal up vision and prophecy.** That is to complete the whole prophetic picture. No more revelation is needed. God will bring these anticipations to completion by their fulfillment in Israel's blessing as a nation;
 6. **And to anoint the Most Holy, consecrating** the Holy Place in a future temple that will be the center of worship in the millennial kingdom.
- **In summary, Gabriel made a remarkable announcement to Daniel**, telling him that each of these amazing things would happen within the period of seventy weeks, (four hundred ninety years - not including the gap between the 69 sevens and the final, seventieth seven.)
 - **Seventy weeks (sevens -years), are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.**

Dan 9:25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

- **First of all, Gabriel is giving him a marker, a benchmark, from which to begin** to date the coming of the Messiah. The benchmark will be the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem. When that commandment goes forth until the coming of the Messiah will be seven sevens (49 years) and sixty-two sevens (434 years), totaling 483 years, on the Babylonian calendar of three hundred and sixty-day years, which totals 173,880 days.



- **Daniel is introduced to two periods of time which are immediately consecutive, first a period of seven sevens, or forty-nine years, and then a period of sixty-two sevens, or four hundred and thirty-four years.** There is no indication clearly given as to the reason for distinguishing between the two periods except that he adds, **(Dan 9:25)** *The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.* (distressing, not easy, not quickly - of fierce opposition).
- **Now we see the starting point of the seventy weeks in (Neh 2:1, 8,15,17) And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. [8] and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me. [15] So I went up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. [17] Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."**
- **We are told from historical records that Artaxerxes began to reign in 465 B.C.** The twentieth year of his reign would be 445 B.C. The month of Nisan in 445 B.C. was March 14, in the Julian Calendar. Interestingly, the Lord provides from history, the very day that the commandment went forth from Artaxerxes Longimanus to Nehemiah to rebuild the city, which was March 14, 445 B.C.
- **According to the prophecy, four hundred and eighty-three years later, the Messiah the prince will come.** Taking the 483 Babylonian years of 360 days, equals 173,880 days, which on the Julian calendar is April 6th, 32 A.D., 483 years later. We are told that Jesus began His public ministry in the fifteenth year of Tiberias Caesar. The fifteenth year of Tiberias Caesar was the year 28 A.D. The public ministry of Jesus lasted through four Passovers, beginning at a Passover time, and lasted through four Passovers, or three years of public ministry, which means that Jesus was crucified on Passover in the year 32 A.D. Passover is always on the 14th of Nisan, but in the Julian calendar that year, Passover was on the 10th of April, on a Thursday. Counting backward four days, you come to the 6th of April, **483 years to the day from the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem! Amazing, amazing prophecy!**
- **Up to this point Jesus had not allowed any public acclamation of Him as the Messiah.** When they sought to make Him king, He disappeared. He passed through them. Many times He would say, "Go your way and tell no man." He had deliberately refused to allow the people to acclaim Him or to put Him in the position of the Messiah. He had revealed it to a few people. To His disciples, He said, "Who do people say that I am?" They said, "Well, some think that you are John the Baptist, some think that you are Elijah." "Well, who do you say that I am?" Peter said, "You are the Messiah! The Son of the living God." Jesus said, "Blessed are you Simon, flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father which is in heaven."
- **To the lady in Samaria, the woman at the well, (Joh 4:25-26) The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." [26] Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He.** But, He had not allowed public acknowledgment or recognition, until April 6th, 32 A.D.
- **He took special pains to prepare for this day, (Mat 21:2) saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.** When they had brought the donkey to Jesus, He sat upon it. They laid their clothes in the path, beginning to wave palm branches and acclaiming Him as the Messiah, probably singing the Hallel Psalm of the Messiah, 118. "Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; save now, save now!
- **When the Pharisees said, "Lord, rebuke them. That is blasphemy.** Jesus said, **(Luk 19:40) But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.** As He came within the view of Jerusalem, **(Luk 19:41-44) Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, [42] saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. [43] For days will come upon you when**

*your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, [44] and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**"*

- **He is riding down on a donkey as Zechariah the prophet said, (Zec 9:9)** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.
- **(Psa 118:24) This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.** 173,880 days from when the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem was given. **Jesus presented Himself right on time!** He is riding in on a donkey just as the scripture said. **(2Pe 1:19)** *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.* We see through this supernatural prophecy from God, how easy it is for an unbeliever to recognize in Jesus, the He is the Messiah. We can see how if Jesus is not the Messiah, there is no Messiah at all! And when you believe, we cry out, Hallelujah!
- **As Peter said, we have a sure word of prophecy.** Only God could describe with such detail what is going to happen! We can look back and we see so much has already happened, all of the things of the first coming. It has already happened two thousand years ago! Therefore, Lord, we can look forward to what remains to happen in the Second Coming with total assurance!
- **We can also look forward to that, understanding we need to watch and be ready for that Second Coming!** Failing to do that, we will not have a part in it, because we will not be saved unless we are believing in our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, our Messiah, as is prophesied in His word!

Dan 9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

- ***And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off,*** He is not going to set up His kingdom now. He is going to be cut off. Before the week is over He will be hanging on the cross, cut off. Just as Isaiah predicted, cut off from the land of the living.
- ***But not for Himself;*** Who was He cut off for? He was cut off and crucified for you and for me! He did not die for His own sin. God made sure that the innocence of Christ was attested to. Pilate said, "I find no fault in Him." Judas said, "I have betrayed innocent blood.!" The thief on the cross even said, "This man has done nothing wrong!" God established in the mouth of three witnesses the innocence of Jesus Christ. He was cut off but not for Himself.
- ***And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.*** This is the destruction of Jerusalem again by the Roman troops under Titus in 70 A.D..
- ***The end of it shall be with a flood!*** The Jews will be dispersed throughout the world. So the Messiah will come, but He will be cut off, the city of Jerusalem will be destroyed, and the Jews will be dispersed. It is interesting that Nero who began to put down the insurrection of the Jews, sending Titus and the Roman troops to Israel to put down this rebellion. Before it was put down completely, Nero died, and Titus became the next Emperor.
- ***And till the end of the war desolations are determined.*** Our world is racked with war. There have been two hundred years of war for every one year of peace since Jesus was crucified! Even right now there is warfare going on in parts of the world, of course, especially in Ukraine, right now. Such has been the case. The world has never really been at peace, when men were not in conflict with other men fighting and battling in war. In the last hundred years, we have seen wars escalating into world wars, in which millions of people have lost their lives! Wars are becoming more expensive, both in the number of lives that have been lost and the cost of waging war, wars of desolation to the end. People talk about a glorious new age and new world. That is not going to be. **(Mat 24:6)** *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*

Dan 9:27 Then he (the AntiChrist, jumping to the time of the Great Tribulation) **shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."**

- **Then he** Now the "he" here is the prince of the people that shall come, but we jump now a span of time and the "he" is the AntiChrist.
- **Shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;** The sixty-nine sevens brought you to the coming of the Messiah. But now, the Messiah was cut off. With the Jews being dispersed, because these prophecies relate to the Jews, seventy-sevens are determined upon the Jews, your people, and the Holy city. There was a stop of the prophetic calendar, the clock. There has been ushered in the time these Gentiles, where God has poured out now upon the Gentile nations the knowledge of His love and His grace for about 2,000 years.
- **As Paul the apostle said to the Jews, "Since you judge yourselves unworthy** of eternal life, I am going to the Gentiles." And the Gospel has been brought to the Gentile nations. The basic outreach of the Spirit is among the Gentile people. But the Lord again is going to deal with the Jews. There is a seven-year period in which God is going to deal with them once more. I am firmly convinced that before He does, He is going to take His Gentile bride out of this world. When He removes His Gentile bride, the church, out of this world, that will then open the door for God to begin to work with the nation of Israel once again.
- **That will mark the working of God with Israel**, which coincides with this invasion of Israel by the Arab nations or Islamic nations, as is described in Ezekiel chapter 38. God's destruction of that overwhelming army that will come against Israel, marking the beginning of God's Spirit again upon the nation of Israel. We know that this Holy war of the Islamic nations against Israel could break out at any time. When Hussein began to shoot Scud missiles toward Israel in 1991, some thought then that this could be it. It was just a foreshadowing of what is coming. It is going to happen.
- **He** (the AntiChrist) **shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; For one seven-year period he will make this covenant with Israel.** It would appear that the basis of the covenant will allow the Jews to rebuild the temple. An interesting thing is going on in Israel today. Their main belief now is that Jesus is not the Messiah, because He claimed to be the Son of God. They do not believe that the Messiah is the Son of God. That is their basic claim today, why they reject the claim of Jesus as being the Messiah.
- **It should be noted that in the days that Jesus was here, the Jews and the rabbis did believe** that the Messiah would be the Son of God. When the High Priest said to Jesus, (*Mat 26:63b-64a*) *I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God! [64a] Jesus said to him, "It is as you said.* Because then they believed that the Messiah would be the Son of God. Again Jesus responded, "You have said it." Because the prophecy said to us, "a child is born unto to us, a son is given." God said, "You are My beloved Son, this day have I begotten You." But now today they say, "Well, we do not believe that He is going to be the Son of God, and thus He is going to be a man like Moses, because Moses prophesied, (*Deu 18:15*) *"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.* They say that will be the Messiah. He will be a man."
- **The obvious question then is, how will you know he is the Messiah?** Their answer, "He will lead us into the building of our temple." So they are looking now for a man to come and to make a covenant whereby he will lead them in the rebuilding of their temple, and they will acknowledge him and acclaim him as their Messiah, becoming primed for the coming AntiChrist? Wow!
- **Jesus said, (Joh 5:43) I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.** Interesting, isn't it? In other words, I came claiming to be the Son of God, in My Father's name, and you did not receive Me. Another will come in his own name and him you will receive.
- **Israel, as well as the whole world, is absolutely ripe to accept the AntiChrist as soon as he makes** the covenant allowing them the rights to rebuild the temple. Now, we do know that during the Great

Tribulation period there will be a temple in Jerusalem. For John in the book of Revelation, chapter 11, in the middle of the Great Tribulation, was given this reed and told to measure the new temple and the courts. He said to John, “Do not measure the outer court because it has been given to the Gentiles.

- **We do know that the Jews today are desiring to rebuild the temple.** There is a lot of talk and activity going on towards the rebuilding of the temple. In Jerusalem there is the Temple Institute where you can see beautiful silver vessels to carry the blood of the sacrifices. The silver trumpets that they were making to call the people to assembly. You can see the copper pots for the priests to wash before administering their priestly duties. They are making all of the furnishings for the temple now, and they claim that they have found the Ark of the Covenant. Some of the rabbis claim that they have seen it, saying we know exactly where it is.” They are just waiting for the Messiah to come to lead them in the rebuilding of the temple.
- ***But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.” This man that is coming, shall confirm the covenant*** for this seven-year period, but in the midst of that seven-year period, or after three and a half years, *He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.*
- **In (2Th 2:4) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Paul is talking about the AntiChrist,** saying he comes to the temple of God and shows that he is God and demands to be worshipped as God. Revelation 13 tells us that they are going to set an image of the AntiChrist, demanding that all should worship it! **(Rev 13:15) He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**
- **Jesus in talking about His coming said, (Mar 13:14) "So when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.** Immediately after those days there will be a great tribulation such as the world has never seen before or will ever see again!
- **This profaning of the rebuilt temple by the AntiChrist will be man’s final act of blasphemy** against God, and will bring upon the earth the great judgment and wrath of God. The cup of His indignation will overflow, and the world will go through a blood bath such as it has never seen before, as Jesus said, or will ever see again. Daniel tells us **(Dan 12:1) "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book.**
- **Now, some of the Jewish scholars,** have concluded that the Dome of the Rock Mosque does not stand over the site of the temple of Solomon or the temple of Herod, but it actually lies three hundred and twenty-two feet south of where the temple of Solomon stood. There is a little cupola over a flat bedrock that is called, “the Dome of the Tablets.” It is believed the reason it is called the Dome of the Tablets or Dome of the Spirit is that within the Ark of the Covenant, the Tablets of the Law actually were placed on this spot. That this is the spot of the Holy of Holies. It is directly in from the east gate. From the Mishnah, we know that when they had released the goat in the wilderness that would be a priest on the top of the Mount of Olives overlooking the top of the east gate to the High priest who would come out of the Holy place and wait for him to give the signal that the scapegoat had disappeared. Then he would announce to the people on Yon Kippur that their sins are gone. The scapegoat has gone into the wilderness and your sins are gone! The people would rejoice! This is exactly in from the East gate, out eastward towards the Mount of Olives.
- **It is directly in from the east gate, eastward towards the Mount of Olives,** which is in line with the sight from the temple.
- **If that is right, the Jews could rebuild their temple without ever touching** the Dome of the Rock Mosque. In other words, it could remain there. All they would have to do is put a wall alongside the

Dome of the Rock and they would have a large area, several acres, for their temple and for their court. The only thing that they would leave out would be the outer court, and that is where the Dome of the Rock stands. It is on what would have been the outer court, if indeed this is the place of the Holy of Holies. Of course, it would be significant as the Lord said to John, “do not measure the outer court. It has been given to the Gentiles.”

- **The stage is set. The actors are all in place. The props have all been set up.** We are just waiting for the Father to say, “draw the curtain for the final act.” We are there! The beginning of the seventieth week, which will be divided into two segments. The first segment will be the acclaiming of the AntiChrist, his making the covenant with Israel. But then in the middle of that seven-year period, breaking the covenant and setting up the abomination which will bring the desolation upon the world, the judgment of God and the wrath of God. The whole scene is being set before us today and at any time God could give the signal and open the curtain for the final act.
- **Paul said, (Rom 13:11) *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. In (2Pe 3:11-12) Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, [12] looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? We need to be living holy, Godly lives, walking, and living after the Spirit.***
- **Jesus said, (Mat 6:19-20) *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; [20] but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. This material world is just about over. It is about to be dissolved in the wrath and the judgment of God! What kind of people ought we to be? If you are a materialist, you will lose everything. If you are walking after the Spirit, you will not lose anything!***
- **Jesus said (Luk 21:28) *Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.*** The outlook for the world today is very bleak, troubled all around with insoluble problems in our nation and around the world. The outlook is awfully bleak but the darker the outlook, the brighter the up look! Look up! Lift up your head, your redemption is very close! May we open our heart like Daniel’s, to the working of God’s spirit. May we experience the hand of God upon our life the power of His Spirit as we commit ourselves to live for Jesus Christ in these last days!

CLOSING SONG:

THE LORD’S PRAYER- *Andrea Bocelli (3:31/3:34)*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER:

- **Father we thank You for Your word and Lord we just are amazed** at the accuracy of the scriptures and Lord how You have revealed that You are in control, even in a world that seems to be out of control. Lord, minister now by Your Holy Spirit unto our hearts in Jesus’ name Amen!

Read Chapter Ten!

Reference: THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL - SIR ROBERT ANDERSON IN "THE COMING PRINCE"

Daniel 9:24-25 says that from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah there will be 483 years. 7 + 62 "weeks" = 69 groups of seven years. 7 x 69 = 483 years. Anderson understood a prophetic year as 360 days. This is based both on ancient history and on *Rev 11:2, 13:5, 11:3, and 12:6* which indicate that 42 months – 3 ½ years – are equal to 1,260 days. Therefore, 483 years x 360 days = 173,880 days

Artaxerxes started his reign in 465 B.C. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given on the first day of Nisan, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. In our calendar system (the Julian calendar) that date is March 14, 445 B.C. (Nehemiah 2:1) Jesus started His ministry in the 15th year of Tiberius (see Luke 3:1). Tiberius started his reign in A.D. 14, so Jesus' ministry started in A.D. 29. Anderson believed that Jesus celebrated four Passovers during His ministry, one each in A.D. 29, 30, 31, and His final Passover in A.D. 32. With the help of lunar charts, we can calculate the exact date of ancient Passovers, so it is possible to calculate the exact day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as April 6, A.D. 32. From 445 B.C. to A.D. 32, there are 476 years on the Julian calendar (not 477 years, because there is no year zero). 476 years x 365 days = 173,740 days.

Adjusting for the difference between March 14 and April 6 adds 24 days. Adjusting for leap years over a period of 476 years adds 116 days. The total number of days from March 14, 445 B.C. to April 6, A.D. 32. 173,740 + 24 + 116 = 173,880 days. According to his calendar, Daniel told us there would be 173,880 days between the decree and the arrival of Messiah the Prince.

Jesus said to the Jews of this day: *If you had known, even you, especially IN THIS YOUR DAY, the things that make for your peace!* (Luke 19:42). David said of this day in Psalm 118:24: THIS IS THE DAY which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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