

FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 18* 5/5-6/2025

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OPENING PRAYER

LUKE – Chapter 18 - The Parable of the Persistent Widow - (vs. 1-8); The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector – (vs. 9-14); Jesus Blesses Little Children – (vs. 15-17); Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler – (vs. 18-23); With God All Things are Possible – (vs. 24-30); Jesus a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection – (vs. 31-34); A Blind Man Receives His Sight – (vs. 35-43).

The Parable of the Persistent Widow/The Unjust Judge - Persistent in Prayer!

Luk 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them (disciples), **that men always** (continuing steadfastly) **ought** (responsibility and privilege) **to pray and not lose heart** (to faint),

- **Luke tells us right up front the meaning of the parable, this is what He is getting at – persistence in prayer!** “*Men ought always to pray, and not lose heart.*” Many times, it seems like we become weary in prayer, losing heart. Sometimes the question is asked, Just what is the purpose of prayer? If God has purposed to do something, will He not do it? Does prayer really influence God? Does prayer really change things? Of course, the whole thrust of prayer is that God does answer prayer. There are many things accomplished as the result of prayer that would not have been accomplished without it.

- **At the same time, prayer is not an attempt to change the mind of God**, or convincing God, selling God, or changing God's mind on an issue. But it is more opening the door for God to work as He desires to work, giving Him that open door opportunity to do so.
- **Prayer is not bending His will, but is bending your will to His will!** E Stanley Jones said it this way. Prayer is surrendering to the will of God and cooperation with that will. He said if I throw out a boat hook from a boat and catch hold of the shore and pull. Do I pull the shore to me or do I pull myself to the shore? **Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to His will. That is what prayer is.**
- **Jesus, in this parable of encouraging people to pray and not to faint**, when you are coming up against a heavy trial, pray about it. Do not just faint. Do not say, Oh no, and faint. He is saying. You ought to pray, do not faint. Pray!

Luk 18:2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

- **That usually goes along, one with the other. If a person does not have a fear of God in his heart, he does not have respect for man.** We see many people today who, lacking the fear of God, also lack respect for other human beings.
- **The fear of God always brings a greater respect for our fellowman.** Because we realize that one day, we are going to stand before God. He has commanded that we respect one another; love one another; respect one another's properties, and another person's rights. But because this judge did not fear God, he did not regard man!

Luk 18:3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

- **She was not asking for revenge. She was asking for justice.** That she might be given judgment against her adversary, asking him over and over!

Luk 18:4-5 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, [5] yet because this widow troubles (continually) me I will avenge (exercise justice) her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

- **Every day she was sitting there in court asking that justice might be done** in her case. Day after day after day. Finally, it got to him. He said, Boy, I do not fear God, I do not regard people. But this woman is driving me nuts. I will go ahead and judge in her case.

Luk 18:6 Then the Lord said, "Hear (Jesus making application – the contrast!) what the unjust judge said.

- **Calling him an unjust judge, which indeed he was.** But then He makes the sharp and vivid contrast. Parables are often used to give complementing kind of truths, parallel truths. But some parables, the thrust is in the contrast. You get this vivid contrast in this case. It is a parable by which the truth is revealed through sharp contrast. Here is an unjust judge. He does not fear God or regard man! But because this woman is there, day after day, nagging, pleading, until he finally gives in!

Luk 18:7 And shall God (who is fair) not avenge His own elect (His children) who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

- **Shall God not avenge man? Our God, who is fair! Who does regard man!** Who is interested in you! Who is interested in justice? His motivation, all out of love, is totally different!
- **God's timing! Jesus is indicating here that God sometimes delays the answer of prayer, Though he bears long with them.** But if God delays in the answer of prayer, there is always a purpose for it. Consider the case in the Old Testament of Hannah, the wife of Elkanah, the mother of Samuel.
- **You remember how that she went with her husband, Elkanah, up to the tabernacle for the Feast. As she was weeping on her way to the tabernacle with her husband.** Elkanah said, What is wrong with you? She said, I want a child, I am going to die if I do not have a child.
- **While she was there praying, she said, God, if you will just give to me a son, I will give him back** to you, all the days of his life. The nation of Israel was in a critical state at that time of their history. **God was needing a godly man to lead the nation toward the Lord.** So, God withheld the prayer of Hannah for a son until He could bring her around to His purposes. When she finally became so desperate, she said, Lord, if you will just give me a son, I will give him back to you. He will be Yours. But I have got to have a son!

- When God brought her around to His purpose, then He God answered, giving her a son, Samuel. God delayed the answer as He was working in her heart to bring her around to His purpose so that He could have a leader for the nation. Sometimes God delays the answers to prayer in order to bring us around to His purpose. Sometimes the delay is that He might give more!
- Jesus is saying, that if this unjust judge gives in over the persistence of this little widow, how much more will God answer His own elect when they cry day and night to Him though He bears long with them.

Luk 18:8 *I tell you that He will avenge them speedily (when it happens, it will happen quickly).*

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find (the) faith on the earth?"

- God will hear and God will answer. Oftentimes speedily, sometimes the answers for prayer are instant. Last week, we looked at the ten lepers, as they went they were healed. Other cases of lepers were healed instantly! Other times there is a delay in the answer as God is working on our hearts, bringing us around to His position and His purposes.
- But then the question. "When the Son of man comes," Jesus is referring to His Second Coming, "will He really find faith on the earth?" (2Ti 3:1, 13) But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: [13] But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Watch out. Evil men and impostors are going to grow worse and worse!
- Will the Lord really find faith on the earth when He comes? That really is a question that each of us have to face ourselves!
- **When He returns, will He really find faith in my heart? What is my answer? Will I be faithful to that which He has called me to? Am I being persistent in prayer? Have I have really thought through and prayed through what that answer will be, considering His will, His timing and what is His best for me?**

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector – Ultimate Contrast of Hearts!

Luk 18:9 *Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:*

- Have you ever met such a person, thinking they were so self-righteous, that they looked down on everyone else, actually despising them? They trusted in themselves, thinking they themselves were so wonderful, so good, they looked down on others.

Luk 18:10 *"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee (thought they were better than everybody else) and the other a tax collector (despised – extortioners, considered a traitor and a crook).*

- The Pharisee was well respected and highly esteemed as a religious leader, while the other, a hated tax collector was looked upon as a crooked traitor. What a contrast! The best and the worst of the society!

Luk 18:11-12 *The Pharisee stood (took his stand, prominent position, prayed out loud for himself) and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. [12] I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'*

- Notice the Pharisee prayed for, in favor of himself! He did not thank God for a single thing! His prayer was to impress himself. How wonderful I am! Notice that he only speaks of God once, in the beginning, and from then on, it is five times; I, I, I, I, I! So self-centered, so impressed with himself. He looks down on the tax collector, and everyone else!

Luk 18:13 *And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful (to atone, make reconciliation for, be propitious, let Your wrath be diverted on a substitute!) to me a (the) sinner! (our overwhelming experience of being in His presence! He is saying, I'm the sinner!)*

- (Psa 40:12) *For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.*
- (1Jn 2:2) *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

Luk 18:14 *I tell you, this man went down to his house justified (one is either completely justified on not justified at all, no in between!) rather than the other (one lost; one saved!); for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

- Again, Jesus is emphasizing that basic principle, which we had it just a few weeks ago (**Luk 14:11**) *For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*" (**Pro 16:18**) *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. (Jas 4:10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*
- **Looking at my prayers to my Father, are they at all like the Pharisee's? How close are they to that of the tax collector? Where would the needle be on that Pharisee--tax collector scale? Do I leave justified after my prayers?**

Let the Children Come to Me

Luk 18:15 *Then they also brought infants (newborn and very young) to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.*

- Today in Israel, there are Rabbis that are revered by the people and there by the Western Wall, you will see the people coming up to these Rabbis for a blessing. They will come up to him. They will bow and he will touch them. The idea is imparting to them a blessing. A touch of blessing upon the children.
- The disciples were acting in good faith, thinking Jesus was too busy to be bothered with little children. They thought that they were protecting Jesus, keeping the people sort of a distance from Him. Do not bother Him with little children. Don't you know He has more important things on His mind? Mark tells us that Jesus was indignant with His disciples. Luke tells us here that that they rebuked them.

Luk 18:16 *But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children (not newborn, but little children) come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.*

- Jesus said, You let the little children come. Children receive the blessing of Jesus without trying to make themselves worthy of it, or pretending they don't need it. We need to receive God's blessings the same way!

Luk 18:17 *Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."*

- The little children in their simple faith, in their simple trust are an example to us of what it takes to enter the kingdom of God! Just that simple, pure trust. Can't you see how the little children would be attracted to Jesus? Coming up to Him, smiling, waiting for His greeting. I love it!

The Rich Young Ruler

Luk 18:18 *Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"*

- (**Mar 10:17**) *Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, kne lt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"*

Luk 18:19 *So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.*

- What is Jesus saying? As you read it, you realize He has got to be saying one of two things. When He said, *Why do you call Me good?* There is only one good, that's God. He is either saying, I am no good; or He is saying, I am God! *Why do you call me good?* What is it that you have seen, what is it that you have recognized that you would call Me good? He is trying to awaken fully this man's consciousness. This man has had a glimpse of truth.
- Perhaps because this story follows in all of the gospels, the case of the little children, the way the children hugged Him and were drawn to Him, not feeling any fear around Him. But just were so comfortable and he thought, My, this man, attraction is even with the little children. They are attracted to Him. There is something about Him. What is it? There is a quality of His life there.

- He comes to Jesus seeking what was missing. "I'm missing something!" There was not this **quality of life**. He realized this man obviously has it. He came to Jesus saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit this quality, this age-abiding life, this quality of life that I see?
- With his conscience partially awakened, Jesus seeks to awaken it further with the question, *Why do you call me good?* Think about it now! Why did you call me good? There is only one good, that's God! He is awakening the consciousness of the man. You call me good because you have recognized something. **A truth, a very important truth. I am God!**

Luk 18:20 You know the commandments: 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,' 'DO NOT MURDER,' 'DO NOT STEAL,' 'DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,' 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.' "

- These are the commandments that were on the second table of stone. The first four of the Ten Commandments were on the first table, having to do with man's relationship with God. The second six on the second tablet had to do with man's relationship with his fellow man. These are the ones that Jesus flashed before his conscience. His relationship with his fellowmen.

Luk 18:21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth (my bar-Mitzvah)."

- I have kept a right relationship with other people. Jesus did not say that he was a hypocrite. There was an honesty, there was a sincerity that Jesus admired. Mark tells us (*Mar 10:21a*) *Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him. He was drawn to him. All of these I have kept from my youth.*

Luk 18:22-23 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, Follow (to come after in the same direction!) Me." [23] But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful (grieved), for he was very rich.

- (*Mar 10:21*) *Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."*
- ***He became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.*** Isn't that interesting? "He was sorrowful: because he was very rich." Most people have the idea that if they were very rich, they would always be happy. That those riches somehow provide happiness. That if you are rich enough, you would never be sorrowful. But this man was sorrowful because he was very rich!
- Notice Jesus said, ***One thing you lack. What did he lack? Poverty? No. He lacked having God at the center of his being.*** What was at the center of his being? His riches. Whatever it is in a person's life that is keeping him from following Jesus Christ, which is the thing that the Lord will lay His finger on!
- ***Whatever it is that is keeping you from following Jesus Christ, that is the thing that the Lord is calling on you to give up.***
- ***Why do you call me good? There is only one good, which is God.*** You have recognized a truth here. One thing you lack. What is it? You lack following Me. So, get rid of that which is keeping you from following Me.
- ***Sell your stuff and come and follow me!*** He is not willing to let go of what he has in order to accept what Jesus is offering! Am I? Are you?
- ***As I carefully look at my life, what thing or things are there that are keeping me from following Jesus completely? May I ask Him to put His finger on it as He did with this rich man? May I listen to His answer! May I be sure to come and follow Him, which is universal for all of us!***

Luk 18:24 And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!

(Mar 10:24) And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!

- Too many people emphasize selling everything, giving to the poor is the main point. That is not it! That is just incidental. The real thing that Jesus is saying, the one thing you lack was having God at the center of your life. That is the main, most important thing! You must follow Me! ***How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!***

Luk 18:25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle (a sewing needle) than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

- Jesus is saying, it is impossible for anyone to enter the kingdom of God by means of their own works, their self-righteousness! Those self-righteous people, who want by their own works to have a righteous standing before God will tell you that the eye of the needle refers to a little gate within the major gate of the city. In other words, work hard enough at it. You can make it!
- But the disciples evidently understood what Jesus was saying that it is utterly impossible for us, apart from God to enter His kingdom!

Who Then Can Be Saved?

Luk 18:26 And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"

- If it is that hard, whoever is going to make it? "Who then can be saved?"

Luk 18:27 But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

- He did not say, With man you just have to squeeze and push and shove and do your best. But He said, With man, it is impossible! Did you know that it is impossible to save yourself? It is an impossibility!
- If you have ever tried to reform yourself, you know the impossibility of it! You know how deeply rooted habits and our conduct is, in our life. It is not until we acknowledge, "Lord, I can't do it, I need help!" that the changes are wrought. With man it is impossible. But with God all things are possible. So tonight, I am saved because God has done the impossible!

Luk 18:28 Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You."

- This guy went away sorrowfully but Peter said, Lord, we left everything to follow You.

Luk 18:29-30 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, [30] who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

- For goodness sake, make sure that it is included! For the kingdom of God's sake!
- Who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.
- God will never be a debtor to you. You cannot outgive God. Jesus said, (Mat 7:2b) With the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. You cannot outgive God! No man has left these things but what he will not in this life receive many times more! This is what the young, rich ruler was asking about. How do I inherit life everlasting in this present time and in the age to come, eternal life!

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

Luk 18:31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by (through) the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

- Back in the ninth chapter, when Jesus was up at Caesarea, Philippi, He went up into the high mountain, Mount Hermon, no doubt; with Peter, James and John and there He was transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah appeared there with Jesus and they talked with Jesus concerning His death that was to be accomplished when He came to Jerusalem. In (Luke 9:51) Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem. He began His six months journey towards Jerusalem.
- Since then, Jesus has been moving, constantly moving, towards Jerusalem. Pausing for a while in the area known as Perea, passing through the borders of Galilee and Samaria, but always moving towards Jerusalem. Now He begins the final ascent on up to Jerusalem. We are entering into the very final phases now of the life of Jesus. For six months, He has been moving towards Jerusalem. Now He is ready to ascend from Jericho on up to Jerusalem.
- Verse thirty-one marks the final movement of Jesus now to Jerusalem. "He took to Him the twelve, and He said unto them, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem in order that all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. In (Isa 53:3-6) He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. [4] Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. [5] But He was

wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

- **Earlier, (Isa 50:6) I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.** Jeremiah said that He would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver. Jesus ever going up to Jerusalem, that the prophecies, might all be fulfilled! All of the things that were written.

Luk 18:32 For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon.

- So, these were all part of the whole prophetic picture.

Luk 18:33 They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise (raise Himself) again."

- **It just went right over their head.** You see, they still had visions of greatness, prominence. They were still arguing over who was going to have the greatest position when He set up the kingdom. He said, I am going to fulfill all that is written in the prophets concerning Me. I am going to be shamefully treated. They are going to spit on Me. I am going to be rejected. I will be turned over to the Gentiles. They are going to scourge Me. They are going to kill Me, but the third day I will rise again. They did not hear any of it.

Luk 18:34 But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

- **It is possible to have our minds so set in a thought or an idea that anything that is contrary to that, we just do not hear.** It does not sink in. So, these are the ones though that Jesus used. You think, you are thick-headed, how can He ever use me? Well, these are the ones that were used mightily.

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

Luk 18:35 Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho (the new Jericho), that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

- **(Mar 10:46) Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.**
- **On His way to Jerusalem to be crucified, Jesus still has time to stop and to help a blind man in distress. Bartimaeus, the blind man.**

Luk 18:36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

- **Knowing that Jesus is passing by, no doubt hearing of Jesus, His reputation, realized that this was his chance. No doubt his only chance to ever see.** When you are in a hopeless kind of condition or situation, and suddenly there is a ray of hope someone holds out to you, you are not going to be easily dissuaded from trying.

Luk 18:37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

Luk 18:38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David (another Messianic title), have mercy on me!"

- **Realizing that his only hope of ever seeing is right now.** He started calling out to Jesus. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. Those who were around him say, You are too noisy, man, shut up. You are disturbing things. But he was desperate. And if you are desperate enough, no one is going to dissuade you.
- **Often when a person is in a hopeless state, their friends** do not always recognize what they know about themselves. You know that you are in a real mess. You know what your condition is. Sometimes, as you move towards the Lord, your friends dissuade you. They try to discourage you. Unfortunately, many times a person who is in very discouraged. They do not call anymore. They are just destroyed.

Luk 18:39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- **This man was not to be dissuaded.** He began to cry all the louder, all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me

Luk 18:40-42 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, [41] saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord,

that I may receive my sight." [42] Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well" (sozo – whole, safe, to save) ."

- Jesus called for him to come, asking him; What would you like Me to do for you? He said, Lord, I want to receive my sight! I want to see! Jesus said, Okay, Receive your sight; your faith has made you well! Your faith has saved, made you well!"

Luk 18:43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

- (Isa 29:18-19) In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. [19] The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.
- Immediately he could see. Can you catch the emotion, the feelings? Can you catch all that is here? Bartimaeus had never seen before! Suddenly he could see! I am sure the first one that he gazed upon was Jesus Himself. He had heard His voice. I imagine the first thing he did was just fix on Jesus. The voice, now the face.
- Immediately he received his sight! He followed Jesus, glorifying God! All the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God!
- **What would be the most important thing that I could ask for, when Jesus says, What do you want Me to do for you? Something from Him or would it be just know Him? Help me to know You! (Php 3:10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.**

SUMMARY

- **When He returns, will He really find faith in my heart? What is my answer? Will I be faithful to that which He has called me to? Am I being persistent in prayer? Have I have really thought through and prayed through what that answer will be, considering His will, His timing and what is His best for me? (Luke 18:8)**
- **Looking at my prayers to my Father, are they at all like the Pharisee's? How close are they to that of the tax collector? Where would the needle be on that Pharisee--tax collector scale? Do I leave justified after my prayers? (Luke 18:14)**
- **As I carefully look at my life, what thing or things are there that are keeping me from following Jesus completely? May I ask Him to put His finger on it as He did with this rich man? May I listen to his answer! May I be sure to come and follow Him, which is universal for all of us! (Luke 18:23)**
- **What would be the most important thing that I could ask for, when Jesus says, What do you want Me to do for you? Something from Him or would it be just know Him? Help me to know You! (Luke 17:43)**

OPEN OUR EYES, LORD - Maranatha Music (4:30/33)

[41b] He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." [42] Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well"

Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him
Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus (2X)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study Luke Chapter 19! Also study The Seventy Weeks in Daniel (Dan 9:23-25) "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.