

Daniel's 70th Week Prophecy

A 4 Part Comprehensive Study Lesson On Understanding Tribulation Judgements

(*verses based on Daniel 9*)

I. The Vision of the Sevens (*verses 13-27*).

1. First year of Darius the Mede-539 B.C.
2. Daniel realizes that the 70 year captivity predicted by Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 25:11**) was almost over (605 B.C.-539 B.C.=66 years).
3. Prayer of Daniel (*verses 13-14*).
 - a. Confession, petition (supplication) and fasting (*verses 15-17*).
 - b. Prayed for the restoration of Israel (**Deuteronomy 30:1-3**).
 - c. Blessing depends on obedience to God. God always keeps His covenants, therefore God still has a place for the Jews (i.e. Tribulation then Millennium).
 - d. Daniel petitions God to restore Israel based upon God's mercy and not by anything that Israel deserved or merits (*verses 18-19*)

II. The Response of the Lord (*verses 20-27*).

1. Gabriel pays Daniel a compliment, "highly esteemed" (verse 23)
2. The 70 "Sevens", $70 \times 7 = 490$ years. After 490 years God will have completed 6 things for Israel (verse 24).
 - a. *The first 3 have to do with sin and were taken care of on the cross.*
 - b. *The second 3 have to do with the Kingdom (Millennium).*
 - c. *All six will be realized by Israel at the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 1. At the end of 490 years God will finish the transgression (*apostasy*) of Israel.
- 2. God will put an end to sin, in the sense of judging it finally.
- 3. God will atone for wickedness (iniquity). Propitiation= God is satisfied-propitiated (paid for) by Christ's blood, means that God can atone or expiate sin.
- 4. God will bring in everlasting righteousness (*Millennial Kingdom*).
- 5. God will seal up vision and prophecy. His covenant with Israel will be fulfilled.
- 6. God will anoint the most Holy Place (*Holy of Holies in the millennial Temple*).

*The above six accomplishments summarize God's whole program to bring the nation Israel the blessings He promised through His covenants (**Genesis 15:18-21**, **2 Samuel 7:16**, **Jeremiah 31:31-34**).

III. The 70 Sevens (verse 24).

- a. $70 \times 7 = 490$ years to complete the 6 things God promised
- b. The starting point (verse 25).
 1. The issue of the 4 decrees to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.
 2. 1st decree -Cyrus-(538 B.C., 2 Chronicles 36:22-23, Ezra 1:1-4).
 3. 2nd decree-Darius I (522 -486 B.C.) in 512 B.C. (Ezra 6:1, 6-12).
Confirmation of the 1st decree, 2nd decree confirms the 1st decree.
 4. 3rd decree-Artaxerxes (465-423 B.C.) in 457 B.C.
 5. The first 2 decrees were the rebuilding of the Temple
 6. The 3rd decree was to finance animal sacrifices in the Temple.
 7. These 3 say nothing of rebuilding the city itself, therefore an unwallled city in that time was no threat to military powers.
 8. The 4th decree was the one that formed the beginning of the 70 "Sevens".
- c. Artaxerxes issued the 4th decree in March 445 B.C.
- d. Nehemiah was the cup bearer to Artaxerxes-the cupbearer certified that the wine the King drank was not poisoned, therefore, Nehemiah was a trusted servant and had an influential rule.
- e. Granted the Jews permission to build Jerusalem's city walls.
- f. Nehemiah received permission from Artaxerxes to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls (Nehemiah) 1:1-5).
- g. This is the decree referred to in Daniel 9:25-"it will be built with plaza and moat."
 1. Plaza or street: large open space inside the gates where business was conducted.
 2. Moat: deep trench outside the wall to protect the city.
- h. The end goal of the prophecy is the appearance of the Anointed one (Lord Jesus Christ, verse 24).
 1. The anointing in Daniel 9:24 refers to the anointing of Christ as the ruler of His Kingdom (Millennium).
 2. Daniel 9:24 anointing prophecy does not end with the 1st advent but with the 2nd advent and the establishing of the Millennial Kingdom.
- i. Until the Messiah, the Prince, there will be 7 weeks and 62 weeks (v.25).

IV. The Seventy Weeks of Daniel as Understood by Sir Robert Anderson (1841-1918) who wrote The Coming Prince in 1895. He was a lay preacher and Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department in Scotland Yard in 1888. Authored 17 Christian Books.

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About This Week's LESSON:

This week's **Part 1** lesson of a 4 part series was an excerpt out of Dr. Aurelio Cecchini's Comprehensive Study Outline entitled: **Daniel's 70th Week Prophecy**

The Purpose of this study is to reveal just how precisely detailed Daniel's old testament prophecy was and is, as it pertains to Israel and the last days or "end of the age" as the 4 disciples referred to it.

That while 69 of the 70 weeks given to Daniel for Israel have been fulfilled, the 70th week has clearly been reserved to be completed with the yet to come, great tribulation judgment that God will use to reveal Jesus as Israel's Messiah.

It is our prayer that you will find this study, either in these weekly lesson formats *posted by the following dates taught in our weekly lesson archives*"

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