

Lesson IV
Part IIa
Daniel's 70th Week

Introduction:

1. We have looked at Matthew 24 and Luke 21 as an introduction to Daniel's 70th week.
2. Tonight we begin with Daniel's prophecies and a study of his 70th week.

II. Daniel's prophecy concerning his 70th week.

A. The Purpose of Daniel's prayers

1. Daniel wanted to know what was going to happen to his people.

a. Daniel 9:1-2

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; 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.

i. Daniel was praying in the first year of Darius or Xerxes, the son of Ahasuerus

- 1) Dake says that this dream occurred one year after the dream in chapter 8.
- 2) Reese Chronological place this 9 years after the dream in chapter 8.
- 3) For the record, Daniel 5 chronologically occurred after chapter 8.
- 4) Daniel 11:1 occurred before Daniel 9:1
- 5) Daniel 6 would have occurred after Daniel 9 and just before Daniel 10.
- 6) Daniel 11:2-45 occurred after Daniel 10:21

ii. Then in Daniel 9:2, we read why Daniel was praying

- 1) Daniel had been studying Jeremiah, and came to understand that the captivity was to last only 70 years.
- 2) It was time for the captivity to be over.
- 3) Daniel was praying concerning this matter

b. Jeremiah 29:1, 10

i. v1 was a word from God that was to those carried away in the first captivity.

1) Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

ii. Verses 2-3 tells us that Jeremiah was still in Jerusalem at the time these words were sent to those who were already in exile.

iii. God's Word to his people in captivity us seen in Jeremiah 29:4-10

1) Do not stop living (5-6)

4) Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; 5) Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; 6) Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

2) Pray for the peace of Babylon (7)

7) And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

3) Do not be deceived by false prophets, diviners, and dreams, for you will be there 70 years.

8) For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. 9) For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. 10) For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

4) Look at Jeremiah 25:11

And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

2. God answers Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9:20-27

a. Verses 3-19 is the prayer Daniel prayed.

- b. In Verses 20-21, Daniel tells us he received the answer to his prayer...
 - i. While I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and
 - ii. While I was...presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
 - iii. While I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
- c. The information that Gabriel gave to Daniel is seen in verses 22-24.
 - i. v22--Gabriel informed Daniel, and talked with Daniel
 - ii. v22--Gabriel came to give Daniel...skill and understanding.
 - iii. v23--When Daniel began praying, the commandment came forth,
 - iv. v23--I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved:
 - v. v23--Therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Note v24 in the Amplified

Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish and put an end to transgression, to seal up and make full the measure of sin, to purge away and make expiation and reconciliation for sin, to bring in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy and prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies.

- d. v24--Seventy weeks are determined

Note: The seventy weeks only apply when the Jews are dwelling in their own land.

- i. Therefore, the 69 weeks took place and ended at the death of Christ, then the Jews were scattered throughout other lands, or dispersed from their homeland.
- ii. The 70th week is yet to be fulfilled, but is now on the horizon since the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled since Jerusalem is no longer dominated by foreign armies.
 - i. Upon thy people and
 - ii. Upon thy holy city,

iii. To finish the transgression, and

iv. To make an end of sins, and

Note: To make an end of sin is “to restrain sin as when a criminal is locked up and the door sealed, which will happen when satan is bound and Jesus rules from Jerusalem for a thousand years. (Larkin page 177)

v. To make reconciliation for iniquity, and

1) This is referencing the Jewish people as a nation accepting Christ when He appears as their Messiah

2) The reference to this can be seen in Revelations 1:7

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

3) Zechariah 13:1

a) Kjv...

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

b) Nlt...

“On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and impurity.

Note: On or in that day is referring to the “Day of the Lord” when Jesus presents Himself as the Messiah to take the throne of David in Jerusalem, and the Jewish Nation will accept and receive cleanliness for sin and uncleanness as they accept and receive Christ as Messiah. (Larkin 178)

vi. To bring in everlasting righteousness, and

1) There will be no everlasting righteousness until the Millennial kingdom of Christ is established.

2) Everlasting righteousness will not exist until the transgressions of Israel have ended and their sins are sealed up.

3) To bring in Everlasting righteousness, the Lord will make a “new Covenant with the “House of Israel.”

4) Look at Jeremiah 31:33-34

a) Kjv...

33) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34) And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

b) Nlt...

33) “But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the Lord. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34) And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the Lord.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already,” says the Lord. “And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

vii. To seal up the vision and prophecy, and

Note: Vision and prophecies in Scriptures have been confined to the Jewish race.

- i. The impact visions and prophecies have had on other nations have been because of their relation to the Jewish race
- ii. When these visions and prophecies are fulfilled, they are sealed for preservation.

viii. To anoint the most Holy.

1) This is a reference to a place not a person.

2) This is possibly a reference to the new “Millennial Temple” as described in Ezekiel 41-42:20

a) God’s Shekinah Glory first appeared at Israel’s exodus from Egypt

b) God’s Shekinah glory took possession of the “Most Holy Place” when the Tabernacle was erected in the wilderness.

c) God’s Shekinah Glory appears again to dedicate Solomon’s temple, and the Glory filled the Holy Place so the priests could not minister

3) In Ezekiel 9:3a, Ezekiel tells us that God’s Shekinah Glory reluctantly left God’s house.

a) Kjv...

And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house.

b) Nlt...

And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house.

4) Then in Ezekiel 11:23, God's Shekinah Glory left Jerusalem to return to heaven

a) Kjv...

And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

b) Nlt...

Then the glory of the Lord went up from the city and stopped above the mountain to the east.

5) In Ezekiel 43, Ezekiel has a vision of the Millennial Temple, and he sees God's Shekinah glory returning from the East to anoint the Most Holy Place of this new Temple.

Note Ezekiel 43:1-6

1) Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: 2) And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. 3) And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. 4) And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. 5) So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house. 6) And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

6) This Shekinah Glory returns again to His rightful place in the Most Holy Place to dwell with His people.

Note: All this will be done during a period of 70 weeks or 490 years, but understand that the space between the 69th and 70th week is called "the time of the Gentiles," which means that the 70th week of Daniel's vision is still future..

e. The 70 weeks are divided as follows

i. v25--Know therefore and understand,

- 1) That from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks:
- 3) The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

ii. v26--And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off,

Note: The 62 weeks began when the 7 weeks ended.

1) The Messiah shall not be cut off...for himself:

- a) Christ died for us
- b) At Jesus' death, 483 years or 69 weeks were completed.
- c) There is a space between week 69 and week 70 called the Church age.
- d) Larkin says that the rest of verse 26 refer to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.
 - i) I tend to disagree but feel that there is just simply a time gap between the 1st and 2nd part of this verse.
 - ii) Notice how the 2nd part of this verse begins
 - 1] And the people of the prince
 - 2] Then look at how v27 begins
 - a] And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week
 - b] v27 is speaking of the 70th week, or the 7 years of tribulation.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) v27--And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:
 - a) And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,

- b) And for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Note verses 25-27 in the Amplified

25) Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Anointed One, a Prince, shall be seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it shall be built again with [city] square and moat, but in troublous times. 26) And after the sixty-two weeks [of years] shall the Anointed One be cut off or killed and shall have nothing [and no one] belonging to [and defending] Him. And the people of the [other] prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood; and even to the end there shall be war, and desolations are decreed. 27) And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.

4) Explain

- a) From the decree to go and rebuild Jerusalem until the walls are rebuilt will be 7 weeks or 49 years.
- b) From the time Jerusalem was restored until the Messiah is cut off will be 62 weeks or 434 years.
- c) The total time from this decree to rebuild Jerusalem until the Messiah is cut off, or killed will be 483 years, or 69 weeks.
 - i) There are three decrees allowing Israel to go back to their homeland
 - ii) The seventy weeks began with the “Edict of Artaxerxes” which was given to Nehemiah in the month of Nisan in 445 B.C..

Note: Dake says that the year was 452 B.C.

1] Cyrus decree was in 538 B.C.

2] The decree in Nehemiah lines up with the time line

a] Daniel 9:25

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

b] Nehemiah 2:1-5

1) 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. 2) 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, 3) 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? 4) Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5) 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.

d) One week or 7 years has not yet been fulfilled, so we see that Revelations chapters 6-19 is the fulfillment of Daniel's 70 week..

Note: We can see the nearness of this 70th week.

- e) The phrase "Thy people" means God will be dealing with the Jewish people.
- f) The church age, which is where we are living, occurs between the 69th and 70th week.
- g) Daniel 9:27 tells us that a covenant shall be confirmed for one week.

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.

- 1) The Jewish leaders will accept the anti-christ
- 2) They rejected the Messiah, and now they accept one who is not the Messiah.
- 3) The anti-christ will turn against the Jews in the middle of the week, or break his covenant with them.