

Daniel 70 weeks Daniel 9

Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Sunday Sept. 8th

Amos 3:8 *"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants"*

In response to prayer God revealed the future kingdoms to Daniel (Ch 2,7,8,10)

And through him, to US!

Daniel 9 opens with him studying scripture. Vs 2 *"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."* This was in 539 BC! (67 years after he was captured)

This revelation led to repentance and prayer. Vs 3-19 *"I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes..."* His prayer closed with this plea: Vs 19 *"O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, for thy city and thy people..."*

God answers his prayer by sending Gabriel to reveal His plan for Israel. Vs 21-27

Daniel 9:24 *"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."*

1. 70 WEEKS DEFINED

A. 70 "weeks" (שָׁבֻעַ: shābûa') literally "sevens" (specifically of years).

1) Israel had a week consisting of 7 days (Ex. 23:12) as well as 7 years. (Lev. 25:3,4,8-10)

B. Understanding Cause and Effect. Dt 30:19,20

1) Israel was commanded to allow its land to remain idle every seventh year (Lev. 25:1-4).

2) Israel disobeyed (Lev. 26:33-35; Jer. 34:12-22; 2 Chr. 36:21).

3) Over a period of 490 years, the nation had built up a land rest debt of seventy years. Lev 26:33-35
God warned them about the consequences of this 1000 years earlier! (Lev. 26)

4) God told Jeremiah Israel would remain in Babylon for 70 years to "let the land rest." Jer 25:11-12

5) Daniel recognized that the seventy years of captivity represented seventy sevens of years in which those violations had transpired.

6) Gabriel now tells him that another period, similar in length (490 years) to that which had made the exile necessary, was coming to the people of Israel. Daniel 9:24

The future history of the Israel will be consummated in a period of seventy sevens (or 490 years.)

2. SEVENTY WEEKS DESCRIBED. Daniel 9:25

A. Begins with the command to rebuild Jerusalem.

1) This would be some 90 years after this prophecy. March 14, 434 BC by Artaxerxes 1 (Neh. 1).

B. It would consist of three distinct periods.

1) 7 "weeks" (49 Years) to Rebuild Jerusalem. 445-396 BC Vs 25 *"in troublesome times"*

2) 62 "weeks" (434 years) *"Until the Messiah the Prince"*

vs 26 *"after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself"*

This brings the time table up to April AD 32 (Passion week when Jesus was Rejected!)

a) Sir Robert Anderson in his book “The Coming Prince” 1909 Pg 121,122 calculated the exact date was April 6th, AD 32 or Palm Sunday.

(1) This was the 10th day of Nisan when the Passover lamb was to be selected and then observed for 4 days before sacrificing him! (Ex. 12:1-6) 1 Cor 5:7 *“Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:”*

(2) Notice what Jesus said on that day in Lk 19:41-42 *“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.”*

b) Who was the messiah “cut off” for? Is. 53:5-6 *“he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*

c) After the Messiah’s death: Dan 9:26 *“and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;”*

(1) Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed.

➤ Jesus warned of this. Mt 24:2; Luke 19:43,44 and it happened in AD 70.

➤ The Colosseum was built to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem, and was funded by the plunder from the Temple. <https://aish.com/the-colosseums-jewish-connection>

(2) The Jews would suffer greatly after this. Daniel 9:26 *“and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”*

Remember Pilate’s proclamation in Mt 27:24,25 *“I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.”*

3) The Final 1 “week” *“He (the “prince that shall come” vs 26) shall confirm the covenant for one week.”* 27

This is the final 7 year period described in Rev. 6-19

Since this prophecy was specific to Israel, There’s a parenthetical period between Messiah’s death and this final “week” that God calls “The time (fulness or mystery) of the Gentiles”

(Ro. 11:25; Eph. 3:9; Mt 24:14) *“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”*

Conclusion:

Daniel’s study of scripture led to an awareness of God’s plan which led Daniel to:

Persistent Prayer (21 days in Daniel 10:2); Personal Repentance (Dan. 9:2-19)

Powerful Revelation. (Understanding) (9:20-27); Practical Partnership. (He got involved!)

Application:

What effect will our awareness of God’s plan Have on us?

2 Tim. 3 opens with *“in the last days perilous times shall come”* and closes with:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable ... That the man of God may be perfect, (ar’tios: complete, ready) thoroughly furnished (exartiz’o: prepared/equipped) unto all good works.”

What are you doing to get ready to partner with God?

2 Cor 5:20 *“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”*

