

Signs of the Times:

Daniel's 70 weeks Daniel 9

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REVIEW: God gave prophetic revelations to Daniel concerning the future Kingdoms of the Earth.

- **The Great Statue in Daniel 2.** This “Vision” revealed the world powers over the course of the next millennium. *Head: Babylon Arms and Chest: Media Persia Belly and thigh: Greece Legs: Rome Feet with toes: Final World-wide Kingdom.* Vs 44 *“in the days of these (final) kings shall God ... set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed... but it shall ... consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”*
- **The four “Beasts” of Daniel 7:1-7 representing the 4 “Superpowers” of the ancient world.** (*Babylon: Media Persia: Greece: Rome*) as well as the final “Kingdom” of the Antichrist (Dan 7:19-28) followed by Christ's eternal Kingdom.

Daniel 9 opens with him studying scripture (see 2 Tim. 2:15) and recognizing God's prophetic plan is being revealed. This revelation led to repentance and prayer. God answers his prayer by sending Gabriel with a special revelation. 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.”* (Jesus Christ!)

1. 70 WEEKS DEFINED

A. 70 "weeks" (שָׁבוּעַ: shābûa') literally “sevens” (specifically of years).

- 1) Israel had a “week” of 7 days. (Ex. 23:12).
- 2) Israel had a “week” of 7 years. (Lev. 25:3,4)
 - a) God commanded a 7th year “sabbath” rest of the land. They disobeyed and so God removed them (as he had promised in Lev. 26:31-35) for 70 years. (based on the 490 years they disobeyed)
 - b) 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.

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, 445 BC by Artaxerxes 1 (Neh. 1).
See <http://xwalk.ca/king.html> for references.

B. It would consist of three distinct periods.

- 1) 7 “weeks” (49 Years) to Rebuild Jerusalem. 445-396 BC Vs 25 (See Nehemiah and Ezra)
- 2) 62 “weeks” (434 years) *“Until the Messiah the Prince”*
 - a) This brings the time table up to April AD 32 (Passover Week) (Luke 19:41-44; 1 Cor 5:7)
 - (1) Ex. 12:1-6 required the “Passover lamb” to be presented to the families on Nisan 10, and sacrificed on Nisan 14. Palm Sunday was the “presentation” of the “Lamb”.

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

- (2) Who was the messiah “cut off” for? (See Isaiah 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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

b) After the “Messiah” is “cut off”: Daniel 9:26

(1) *“and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;”*

- Jesus warned of this in Luke 19:43,44 and Mt. 24:1,2
- Titus accomplished this in AD 70!

(2) The Jewish people would suffer greatly. Dan. 9:26 *“unto the end ... desolations are determined.”*
(See Mt. 27:24,25)

NOTE: There’s a “parenthetical period” between the Messiah’s death and the final week, that God calls “the time (fulness or mystery) of the Gentiles”. (Ro. 11:25; Eph. 3:9)

More on this later!

3) The final “week” or 7 years. (aka: The tribulation period)

vs 27 *“and He* (“the prince that should come” of vs 26) will:

- a) Lead the final Kingdom of Earth (Rev. 5; 13)
- b) Make a peace treaty with Israel. *“shall confirm the covenant for one week,”* (7 years)
- c) Break the treaty by desecrating the temple and declaring himself to be god! Daniel 9:27
“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.” (See also 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 13)

Jesus warned of this in Mt. 24:14-35 and concluded with: *“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors! Verily I say, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* (Vs 33-35)

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!)

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

Application:

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 for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

Daniel’s study of the scriptures led him to prepare himself and partner with God where he was!

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