

DANIEL

The Prophet

Part Five: Seventy Weeks

NKJ 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. (Jer 25:11 NKJ)

NKJ Jeremiah 29:10 For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. (Jer 29:10 NKJ)

Jeremiah is many promises of return:

15:19-21

16:14-21 - The Greater Exodus

23:3-8 - also The Greater Exodus with the “Branch of Righteousness” prophecy.

NKJ Daniel 9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans-- 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

NOTE: In the first year that Darius had been made ruler by Cyrus the Mede.

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DANIEL'S PRAYER

NKJ Daniel 9:4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord,

great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

5 "we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. 6 "Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

7 "O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day-- to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

8 "O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. 9 "To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

10 "We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

11 "Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. 12 "And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

14 "Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

15 "And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day-- we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.

17 "Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

18 "O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city

which is called by Your name;

for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

19 "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name." (Dan 9:4 NKJ)

The angel GABRIEL

V. 20-21 says "Gabriel - the man I had seen in the vision at the beginning - flying swiftly - came and touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice.

So.... angels have recognizable faces. And look like men.

Gabriel flew swiftly.

Arrived about the time of the evening sacrifice - 70 years after the Temple was destroyed and Daniel still keeps time by the morning and evening sacrifice. I am quite sure - he prayed at those times - daily. Did you ever think what it was like - knowing that you needed to bring a sin offering - in order to "get right" with God - and there was no Temple - no place to bring the lamb. How do I "get right" with Yahweh - without His House?

Numbers 28: 3-4 we read of the daily morning and evening sacrifices in the tabernacle.

The morning sacrifice was laid on the altar about about 9 a.m. (Edersheim, 143) and

The rabbis stated that the 'between the two evenings' lamb was slaughtered at 2:30 p.m. and the pieces laid on the altar at 3:00 p.m. (Edersheim, 144).

Daniel claims the promise of Deuteronomy 30:1-10

NKJ Deuteronomy 30:1 "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, 2 "and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 "that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4 "If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. 5 "Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. 6 "And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and

the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. 7 "Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8 "And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today. 9 "The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, 10 "if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deu 30:1 NKJ)

The Seventy Weeks is an explanation of another vision:

Which vision?

Daniel says that he recognizes Gabriel - whom he had seen in the vision of Daniel 8.

Daniel 8:16 "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

This is the vision of the ram and the goat, which Gabriel told Daniel "the vision refers to the time of the end," and "the latter time of the indignation."

Daniel 9:21-22 "yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, (in the first part of this vision) being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

So the 70 weeks - is a continuation - an explanation of the Ram vs Goat vision - which - of course - was about "the time of the end" and "the latter time of the indignation."

ASIDE:

Daniel 9:23 "As soon as you began to pray, the answer came forth which I have come to show you; for you are greatly loved. Therefore understand the message, and carefully consider the vision.

NOTE: The mirror of the book of Daniel is the book of Revelation - visions shown to another disciple whom Jesus loved (John 19:26, 20:2, 21:7, 21:20).

DANIEL is asking whether his people will return to rebuilt Jerusalem. The vision of the ram and goat seemed to indicate that the period of time would be VERY long, with a period of severe persecution involved.

THE SEVENTY WEEKS (SEVENS)

NIV Daniel 9:24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city

to finish transgression, (or “to finish the transgression”)

to put an end to sin, (or “to make an end of sins”)

to atone for wickedness, (or “to make reconciliation for iniquity”)

to bring in everlasting righteousness,

to seal up vision and prophecy

and to anoint the Most Holy Place. (Or simply “to anoint the most holy”).

[This may be a reference to THE Day of Atonement, when Jesus comes before the heavenly court. Everything in the Sanctuary must be “cleansed” with blood. And this took place on the Day of Atonement. These words: “anoint the Most Holy” - may tie with the prophecy of the 2300 evening mornings “then the Sanctuary will be cleansed.” (Dan 8:14).

<p>“Seventy sevens” 70 x 7 years = 490 years</p> <p>When Peter asked how many times he must forgive the brother who had sinned against him, Jesus answered until 70 times 7 times. (Matt 18:22)</p> <p>If the 70-7's end at the second coming, that is judgment day, for Daniel’s people.</p>	<p>07620 שַׁבּוּעַיִם shabuwa` {shaw-boo'-ah} or שַׁבּוּעַיִם shabua` {shaw-boo'-ah} also (fem.) shebu`ah {sheb-oo-aw'}</p> <p>Meaning: 1) seven, period of seven (days or years), heptad, week 1a) period of seven days, a week 1a1) Feast of Weeks 1b) heptad, seven (of years)</p> <p>Origin: properly, pass part of 07650 as a denom. of 07651; TWOT - 2318d; n m</p>
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Daniel 9:25 "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. 26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing.¹ The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. 27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." (NIV)

LET'S LOOK AT VERSE 25-27 IN THE NEW KING JAMES

NKJ Daniel 9:25 "Know therefore and understand, That **from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem** Until Messiah the Prince [OR the King]

NOTE: NKJ Mark 1:14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "**The time is fulfilled**, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mar 1:14 NKJ)

There shall be **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

(Why is the time split into two time periods?)

First 7 sevens and 62 sevens = 69 sevens

69 x 7 = 483 years

26 "And **after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

[the Roman general Titus - destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple. Not one stone was left upon another. Of the Temple - but we still today have the wailing wall which was part of the platform for Solomon's Temple.]

DO YOU SEE A BREAK HERE?????

27 Then he (the prince who destroyed the city) shall confirm a covenant with many for one seven; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

(Take away the daily.)

And on the wing of **abominations** shall be **one who makes desolate**,

This is the "abomination of desolation" spoken of by the prophet Daniel.

(Matt 24:15, Mark 13:14).

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate." (Dan 9:25 NKJ)

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THE ROYAL DECREES - there were several - but most had to do with building the Temple - not the city.

<http://www.neverthirsty.org/pp/bible-studies/daniel/study015/page02-decree-to-rebuild-jerusalem.html>

Nehemiah 2:1, 5, 8 “In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes... I answered the king, ‘If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuilt it...’ And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests.”

EXACTLY WHEN WAS THIS DECREE ISSUED:

The Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England has calculated that this decree was issued on the first day of the Jewish month of Nisan, in 445 BC.

From 445 BC to 33 AD = 476 years (of 365.25 days each) BUT is you count each year as 360 days and count up the days AND adjust for leap years - THEN, you can make it come out right -

<http://endtimepilgrim.org/70wks3.htm>

Until the day of the triumphal entry, Jesus kept saying, “My time has not yet come.” When the day arrived, He said that if the people kept quiet - the stones would cry out.

Another web site with calculations:

<http://cog-ff.com/html/The%20KEY%20To%20The%20Crucifixion%20Date.html>

BUT THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF 69 “sevens” - leaving one more “seven” - or week of years.

Let’s go back and look at the prophecy again.

Could it have another fulfillment - at the end of time?

Could it be that the last “seven” will be fulfilled at the end of time?

OR could the last week be fulfilled at the “end of time.”

The seventy-sevens were given to explain the vision of the ram and goat, which was said to refer to the “time of the end,” and “what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation.”

