

Daniel 9

Overflowing with God's Spirit

- One of the Greatest chapters on **Prayer** [vv1-19]
- One of the Greatest chapters on **Prophecy** [vv 20-27]

I. A Righteous Man's Prayer of Repentance

1 In the first year of Darius the son of A-ha-suerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans

- **Timeline:** 539BC
 1. **1st yr. of Darius** the Mede ruling Babylon [Chaldeans]
 2. **Daniel:**
 - 85-90 yrs. old
 - Keeps position in Medo-Persian Empire

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.

- **Understood from reading:** Book of Jeremiah the Prophet
 1. Judgment for sin would fall on Judah
 2. God would use Babylon to judge Judah:
 - Destroy Jerusalem
 - Destroy the Temple in Jerusalem
 - Take Judah captive to Babylon for 70 years
 3. Daniel understood "by the books" 70 Years were almost finished
- **Book of Jeremiah: Message**
 1. Judgment is inevitable
 2. King of Babylon is coming
 3. Submit to Nebuchadnezzar or be destroyed
- Message rejected:

Jeremiah 25:11 ...this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**.¹² Then it will come to pass, when **seventy years are completed**...

- God knew they would not listen: Leaves hope for captives

Jeremiah 29:10 ...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.

- **Daniel:** Seeking, searching, praying and trusting God's Word:
 1. Desire for your Peace
 2. Desire to Perform Good
 3. Desire for a bright future
 4. Promise to bring you back to Jerusalem

- **Isaiah** also prophesied rebuilding of Jerusalem by permission of Cyrus

Isaiah 44:28 Who says of Cyrus [Persian], 'He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built, "And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."

- Cyrus the Persian called by name 100 years before his birth...

Isaiah 45:4 For Jacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you [Cyrus] by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

- **Scripture declared/predicted:**
 1. Jerusalem/Temple would be destroyed
 2. Judah [Southern Kingdom of Israel] would be judged/deported to Babylon
 3. Yet to be: After 70 yrs. of exile Cyrus would allow you to go home and rebuild

70 years from what?

- **3 Possible starting dates:**
 1. 605 B.C. - Jerusalem attacked, Daniel and other captives taken to Babylon
 2. 597 B.C. - Jerusalem attacked, treasure taken from the temple
 3. 587 B.C. - Jerusalem falls and the nation is exiled

- Daniel will ask for the earliest starting date of **605BC** when he was deported
- **If God agrees:** Only 3-4 years until captives freed and Jerusalem/Temple restored

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

- Believing God was about Future/Hope
 1. Daniel does not kick back
 2. Doubles down in prayer/supplication to God
 - **Fasting:** Denying self, flesh. Crucifying the flesh
 - **Sackcloth and Ashes:** Did not seek his own comfort
 - **Set his face toward God.** Like Flint

Great Wrestling Match: Jesus vs. Jacob.

Jacob would not let Jesus go until Jesus blessed him.

Daniel will wrestle with God in prayer until he receives an answer!

"Cold prayers ask God to deny them: only [unrelenting] prayers will be replied to. When the

Church of God cannot take 'No' for an answer, she shall not have 'No' for an answer. When a pleading soul must have it; when the Spirit of God works mightily in him so that he cannot let the angel go without a blessing, the angel shall not go till he has given the blessing to such a pleading one. Brethren, if there be only one among us that can pray as Daniel did, with intensity, **the blessing will come.**" [Spurgeon]

- **Daniel:** Set his face to intercede for his people. Why?

I think he was shaken by that little horn in chapter 8, Antiochus Epiphanies. He would abuse Daniel's people, and would desecrate the temple... [McGee]

- No sin spoken of in Scripture [as Joseph]
 1. Knew **who** he was
 2. Knew **where** he was going

Knowing his own destiny and security in God led Daniel to intercede for others...

John 13:4... [Jesus knew] **that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal...** [And washed the disciples feet]

- Jesus knew heaven awaited Him but focused on others. Loved them to the end...
 1. Are we so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good?
 2. Are we waiting for the rapture and forgetting about our neighbors?

Knowing who we are/where we're going should cause us to intercede for those who don't

Praying for someone in a bad situation while you're in a good one is evidence of a righteous life [NJC]

- Daniel was in a good situation [leader]but his scattered brothers/sisters were not
- **Intercessory Prayer:**

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...

- **Intimacy: Lord my God**
 1. Jacob began "God of my Father"
 2. Finished "the Lord my God"

Intimacy: Our Father who is in Heaven...

- **Praise:**
 1. **Who He is:**
 - Great and Awesome [dreadful; i.e. worthy of reverence]
 2. **What He does:**
 - Keeps His Promises [Covenant]
 - Shows mercy

Praise: Hallowed [Holy] is Your Name...

5 ...we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

- **Confession:**
 1. **We** have sinned? Daniel includes himself!

Romans 3:22 ...the righteousness of God [is] through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe... 23 **for all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Closer we get to God the more sinful we understand ourselves to be...

- **Daniel:** Confesses his personal sin in Daniel 9:20
- **Peter:** After doubting the Lord "Away from me Lord for I am a sinful man"
- **Apostle Paul:**
 1. Least of the Apostles
 2. Chief of Sinners
 3. Less than the least of all saints [lit. "Leaster of all saints"]

Confession: ...forgive us our [sins], as we forgive those who [sin] against us...

- **Confession:** Agreeing with God
 1. We have done wickedly
 2. We have rebelled
 3. We have departed from Your Word [precepts]
 - What You tell us **to do**
 4. We have departed from Your judgments [laws]
 - What You tell us **not to do**

Paraphrase: There is absolute right/wrong, good/evil and You, My God, by Your Word, determine what that means. We as individuals and as a people have denied the absolute truth found in Your Word...and that is why we are in Babylon and Jerusalem is desolate!

That is why our life is a mess! We have sinned. **No excuses.**

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.

- Kings of Judah had both a prophet and a priest:
 1. **Prophet:** Bring the Word from the Lord to the people
 2. **Priest:** Intercede for the people with prayer/sacrifice to the Lord

We neglected the Word of the Lord to repent; i.e. Jeremiah

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.

- God is righteous in His judgment: Completely equitable, fair, impartial
- We are ashamed after God's judgment...

**God said no...we did it anyway...we reaped the consequences...
And we are ashamed!**

- **God's judgment on unfaithfulness:** Scattered/Removed from His presence

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.

- Daniel's supplication: You are not Judgment alone but...
 1. You are **Mercy**
 2. You are **Forgiveness**

Habakkuk 3:2 [After God declared judgment on Judah at the hand of Babylon] O Lord, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; **In wrath remember mercy.**

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.

- Broke the Law of Moses given by God for your our own good
- **Confirmed His Word:** Integrity; i.e. doing what you say you are going to do!

2 Peter 3:1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

- **God will do what He says:** Track record to prove it!

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.

- We did not repent when we were warned

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.

- **Kept this disaster in mind?** Storing up God's wrath:

Romans 2:4 ...do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds": 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil

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!

- **Israel delivered from Egypt:** OT Standard of God's Power
- **Jesus resurrection from Dead:** NT Standard of God's power

You have the power to deliver!

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.

- **Your Righteousness:** You promised 70 years till Jerusalem restored
- **Your City:** Stamped with Your Name
- **Your Holy Mountain**
- **Your People:**
 1. Our Sins
 2. Our Iniquity
 3. Our Reproach

The only thing that we bring to the table with regard to our salvation is our sin!

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.

- **For Your sake...**Restore Your temple and Your people

[Regarding praying for the This [prayer] speaks to purity of motive in Daniel's prayer. Sometimes we pray for God to do a great work so we can be known as great workers for God. We need to pray for the sake of the LORD's cause, both in our words and heart. [Guzic]

- Moses interceded for the people on the basis of God's Promise:

Deuteronomy 9:25[Moses interceding for Israel] "Thus I prostrated myself before the Lord; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the Lord had said He would destroy you. 26 Therefore I prayed to the Lord, and said: 'O Lord God, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27 Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin, 28 lest the land from which You brought us should say, "Because **the Lord was not able** to bring them to the land which He **promised them**, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness." 29 Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm."

- God is the "Promise Keeper"
- **Let Your face shine upon us!**

Numbers 6:24 "The Lord bless you and keep you;25 The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

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.

- **After 70 Years...**Incline Your ear/Open Your eyes
 1. See the destruction of the city called by Your Name
 2. We need mercy not justice...

Our ONLY HOPE is Your Great Mercy! Not giving us what we deserve.
If one party is wrong, God or us, it is not God who is wrong! [NJC]

[Regarding Daniels prayer based on God's grace]] Many religious people spend countless hours in prayer but it achieves nothing because it is not rooted in the goodness and righteousness of God. Self-righteous or self-trusting prayer is of no power before God. "One of Satan's most subtle delusions is that he succeeds in getting hundreds of thousands of men to trust in prayer, apart from faith in the shed blood of Jesus." [Talbot]

- God rescues us because He is good...not because we are:

Deuteronomy 9:4 "Do not think in your heart, after the Lord your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out from before you. 5 It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations

that the Lord your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 6 Therefore understand that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people.

19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act!

- **Last great cry before God intervenes...**
 1. **Hear:** Look this way
 2. **Forgive:** We trust in your mercy alone
 3. **Listen:** After confession intimacy
 4. **Act:** Restore Jerusalem

19b...Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

- Do not delay:
 1. You promised: Your Name is at stake
 2. It is Your city: Jerusalem
 3. Contains Your people called by Your Name

Isaiah 65:24 It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

God will not delay. He will answer before Daniel finishes praying:

- One of greatest chapters on **Prayer**
- **Daniel prays:**
 1. **In remembrance** of God's Promise [Jeremiah 70 Years]
 2. **In reliance** on God's Mercy
 3. **In repentance** of Daniel's personal sin and the sin of his Nation

2 Chronicles 7:14 ...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

- Revival? **If My people** called by My Name...
 1. ...humble themselves
 2. ... pray
 3. ...turn toward Me and away from wickedness

Then...I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

James 4:6b "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble. Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

- **Daniel 9**
 1. One of greatest chapters on **Prayer**
 2. One of greatest chapters on **Prophecy**

II. Prophecy Concerning Israel's Future

Daniel 9:20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord

my God for the holy mountain of my God...

- **Speaking:** Lit. "to converse"

Exodus 33:11 ...the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

- **Praying:** Lit. to intervene/intercede/standing in the Gap between God and man...

Psalm 106:23 [God] was said He would destroy [His people until] Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach [gap], to turn away His wrath...

- **Confessing:** "My sin" and Confessing "sin of my people"

Confess: Idea of throwing, casting, shooting an arrow; i.e. recognizing our sin and casting it away from us and onto the cross of Jesus

- **Presenting:** My supplication; i.e. specific request for...

...God's Holy Mountain, God's City Jerusalem, and God's Temple

...21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

- **While Daniel speaking interrupted...**
 1. Arch Angel shows up quickly and hits the breaks
 2. Daniel recognized him as Gabriel from Daniel 8:15-16
- **Time of Evening offering:** Probably twilight between day and night

22 And [Gabriel] informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

- I have "...come forth from God "... to
 1. Inform you
 2. Talk with you
 3. Give you skill to understand
- **Skill to understand Spiritual matters:** *Sharpen* Gift of Discernment
 1. Know Right from Wrong
 2. Understand what is of God vs. what is of World/Flesh/Devil
 3. Open your eyes to God's Word:

While communing with God the disciple's eyes were opened

Luke 24:30 ...it came to pass, as [Jesus] sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 **Then their eyes were opened** and they knew Him

- **Daniel spent time/communed with God:** God honored that with discernment

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved...

- As soon as Daniel began to pray God sent the Gabriel...
- Set his face toward God to "do business with God"

Daniel 9:3 Then I **set my face toward the Lord God** to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

- Believe *before* you receive...

Mark 11:24 [Jesus] "... whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them"

Daniel called "greatly beloved by God"...as are we

Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:58 ... my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...

- Jesus is our beloved

Song of Solomon 2:10 My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away."

- Daniel had a love relationship with the Jesus
- Gabriel continues...

23b...therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

- Things to keep in mind before description of the vision:
 1. Daniel *read the Word*
 2. Daniel *believed the Word*
 3. Daniel *prayed while meditating on the Word*

Daniel's Prayer: "**Lord...what about the future of *Your* people Israel? What about *Your* city Jerusalem? What about *Your* Temple?**"

Gabriel to Daniel "...consider the matter, and understand the vision"

24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. 25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;

The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.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.²⁷ Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

- **Daniel 9:24-27**
 1. Itinerary of Daniel's people Israel
 2. Prophetic Clock for the Church

Israel and the Church: 2 Distinct Groups and within God's People.

Daniel 9 is 100% Israel as is Matthew 24 and 25

III. Interpretation of Prophecy of Israel's Future

Back to Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city..."

- 70 Weeks determined "for **your people**" and "**your Holy City**"; i.e. Israel

Unless the church has become Israel, it is not in view here. Talbot calls the seventy weeks "God's calendar for Israel" in that it does not focus on the Gentiles or the church. [Guzic]

These prophecy is for Israel...Not the Church. Period.

24b To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

- V 24: **Three Couplets concerning Israel:**
 - 1. To Finish Transgression and Make an End of Sin:**
 - a. **Implied:** Israel is in sin [Daniel's day] and it *will* get worse
 - b. At the end of a *determined time* Israel's sin will be dealt with
 - i. Millennial Reign of Christ in view
 - 2. To make Reconciliation for Iniquity and Bring in Everlasting Righteousness**
 - a. Jesus will return 1st time and be rejected by Jews
 - b. Jesus will return a 2nd time Jews will embrace their Messiah
 - i. After much "trouble" repentance will be granted to Israel

- ii. Cross will be embraced.

3. To Seal up the Vision/Prophecy and To Anoint the Most High

- a. 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ [Propesied here before the 1st]
- b. Jesus enthroned as King in Zion and Israel restored
 - i. Jesus accepted as King!
 - ii. End of prophesy: Not needed after Jesus returns

1 Corinthians 13:8 [At Jesus 2nd coming]...whether there are **prophecies, they will fail;** whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But **when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.**

1st Century Jewish Christians wanted to know when Jesus would be back to reign...

Acts 1:6 ... "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

- The answer is here in Daniel 9
- **All 3 Couplets** from v 24 *contained/explained* in the prophetic words that follow:

25"Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, *There shall be* **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...**

- **Jeremiah:** 70 Years of captivity in Babylon then restoration but...

How long from command to restore Jerusalem until first coming of Messiah?

- 7 weeks and 62 weeks = **69 weeks total**
- **69 weeks of years not days;** i.e. 69 weeks x 7 weeks = **483 Years**
- From command to restore Jerusalem to Messiah [**P**rince] will be 483 Years
 - 1. What command:

Nehemiah 2:1-8: King Artaxerxes made a decree giving Nehemiah permission, safe passage and supplies to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the walls in **445 B.C.**

Anderson, using a 360-day year [which Israel used in Daniel's day], calculates 173,880 days [483 years] from the decree to the triumphal entry, fulfilling the prophecy to the day.

**Jesus Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem to be offered as a sacrifice
Propesied to the very day!**

Total number of days from March 14, 445 B.C. to April 6, 32 A.D. $173,740 + 24 + 116 =$
173,880 days

Taking Anderson's calculations as reliable, we see a remarkable fulfillment of prophecy. A Gentile king [Artaxerxes] made a decree and 483 years later to the day, Jesus presented Himself as Messiah the Prince to Israel [Guzic]

- **Jesus made sure the Triumphal Entry happened on April 6th 32AD**

Mark 11: Jesus supernaturally arranged events on that special day

- Jesus sends 2 boys for a colt he supernaturally prepared for Himself
- **Mark 11:5** But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, losing the colt?" 6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.

Luke 19: Jesus finally accepts vivacious praise. Up until that day... He quieted praise.

- **Luke 19:37** ... as [Jesus] was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'" 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."
- **Luke 19:41** ...as [Jesus] drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

The Triumphal Entry fulfilled Daniels prophesy of Israel's Coming Prince/Messiah

25b...The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

- Why seven weeks and sixty-two weeks?
 1. During first 7 weeks of years [49 years] Streets/Walls of Jerusalem are rebuilt
 2. After the next 62 weeks [434 years] Messiah would be revealed as King
 3. From command to restore Jerusalem to Messiah: 69 weeks of years [483 yrs]

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

- After 7 + 62 weeks of years...[69 total]
- Daniel told both **what will happen** and **why it will happen**:
 1. **What: Messiah will be "cut off"**. Jewish thought "execution"

"Born in another man's stable, cradled in another man's manger with nowhere to lay his head during his life on earth, and buried in another man's tomb after dying on a cursed cross, the Christ of God and the Friend of the friendless was indeed cut off and had nothing." [Heslop]

2. **Why: Not for Himself.** On behalf of our sin
- During the 69th week Jesus death, resurrection

- Ascension of Jesus ends Daniel's 69th Week
- Ascension of Jesus Begins the Church Age
 1. Birth of Church
 2. Bride of Christ
 3. Age of Grace

**69 Weeks were fulfilled for Daniel's people. [Pause]
70th Week will begin for Daniel's People.
You can add this to the Jewish calendar. It will happen!**

- **Church:** Pause/Parentheses between 69th and 70th Week of Daniel.
- After Jews reject Jesus in Matthew 12 ...

John 10:16 [Jesus to Jews]... other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

- Parentheses from Jews rejection of Jesus to beginning of Tribulation
- **Church Age:** 2000 years and counting... End at the Rapture

We can think of it in this way: God has appointed 490 years of special focus on Israel in His redemptive plan. The years were "paused" by Israel's rejection of Jesus. Now, there is no special focus on Israel in God's redemptive plan because this is the time of the church. God's focus will return to Israel when the church is taken away (at the rapture) and the last seven years of man's rule on this earth begin. [Guzic]

Romans 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

"The 70th week will begin when the Jewish people are restored in unbelief to their land and city; and among them will be found a faithful remnant, owning their sin, and seeking Jehovah's face." [Henry Ironside writing in 1911]

Daniel's 70th Week for "Daniel's People" the Jews. Not the Church!

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For **your people** and for your holy city

- **Church gone during the 70th Week:**

1 Thessalonians 4:16 ...the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. **And thus we shall always be with the Lord.** 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

- After the Church is taken away the Tribulation begins...

2 Thessalonians 2:7 ...the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And **then the lawless one** will be

revealed.

- Purpose of Tribulation is twofold:
 1. Restoration of Israel as they accept Jesus
 2. God's wrath to Christ rejecting world
- Church will not go through the Tribulation because it is a time of God's wrath
- Jesus took our wrath on the cross!

2 Corinthians 5:21 For [God the Father] made Him who knew no sin [Jesus] to **be sin** for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 [To the Church/Bride]...God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Revelation 3:10 [To the faithful remnant] Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

- Jesus the groom does not "beat the Bride" before the wedding
- After 69 weeks a pause then 70th week: **Tribulation**

26b ...And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...

- **People of the "prince to come":** Antichrist
 1. Followers of Anti-Christ will destroy Jerusalem and Temple
 2. Christ rejecting world will follow AC: Marvel and Worship him

Revelation 13:3 ...I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And **all the world marveled and followed the beast**. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

- **Antichrist**
 1. Possessed by Satan
 2. Commander of demons
 3. Send out a call to the world to destroy Israel and God's people:

Revelation 16:12 ...the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

- **Jerusalem/Temple destroyed 2x**
 1. **First in 70AD by Titus**
 2. Next Mid-Tribulation by Antichrist
 3. Later rebuilt by Jesus and at 2nd Coming

Acts 15:16 'After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.' [Millennial Kingdom in view]

26c The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

- The end will be "with a flood" ; i.e. Armies of the AC [Rev. 12:13-15]
- Holocaust against Jews until the end of "the war desolations" are determined
 1. In God's hands
 2. Time of trouble for Jews like never before:
- 2nd Half of Tribulation is called "**Time of Jacob's** [Israel's]**Trouble**

Jeremiah 30:5 "...thus says the LORD: 'We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale? 7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the **time of Jacob's trouble**, But he shall be saved out of it.'

- Dual prophesy of destruction of Jerusalem
 1. Titus in 70AD
 2. Antichrist mid-trib

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week

- "**Then he shall confirm**" should be "**and he shall confirm**" a covenant
 1. Happens before Jerusalem destroyed
 2. Covenant is an event leading to Jerusalem's destruction
- **AC will make an agreement with "many"**; heb. *Covenant with the many*

Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel and they will accept him as a leader

John 5:43: [Jesus to Jews] I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

27b...But in the middle of the week He [God allowing] shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

- **Israel will embrace AC**
 1. Believe the Millennium began
 2. Only to realize it is the Tribulation
- **3.5 years into the Tribulation AC will reveal his true colors**
 1. AC Possessed by Satan Rev. 12
 2. Break covenant made with Israel allowing Jewish worship

3. Put an end to Jewish sacrifice
4. Set himself up as God in rebuilt Jewish Temple
5. Until the determined time
 - Exactly 3.5 years after the Abomination of Desolation
 - 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ
 - Jews finally recognize and embrace their Messiah

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the **tribes of the earth** will mourn because of Him.

Zechariah 12:10 "...I will pour on the **house of David** and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. [Personal and National repentance]

▪ **Jews Rejection:**

Mark 11:12 ... when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, **"Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."**

▪ **Jews Acceptance:**

1. Israel withered away for 2000 year
2. Ezekiel's dry bones come to life...
3. Began to bear leaves again in 1948

Matthew 24:32 [Speaking of His 2nd Coming Jesus said...] "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Israel will be sifted like wheat during the Tribulation. They will accept the Anti-Christ and he will turn on them. God will draft 144,000 Jewish evangelists who will begin spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their Jewish brethren and many will embrace Jesus as their Messiah.

*This remnant of believing Jews will flee from the Antichrist to the wilderness for 3.5 years to wait for Jesus 2nd Coming. They are instructed to ignore cries from false-prophets that Messiah is come and told that when He comes they will "see Him coming on the clouds" as "lightning flashes" from the east to the west. They are encouraged to "look up" for their "redemption draws near". While in the wilderness Jerusalem and Temple will be destroyed along with 2/3^{rds} of Jews who did not believe. At the end of this 3.5 years of Jacob's Trouble Jesus returns. The Jews who trust in Jesus as Messiah will live with Him as He reigns in literal/physical Israel for 1000 years. The raptured Church returns and joins the redeemed Jews and together they worship and serve **Jesus the King of Israel.** [NJC]*

At that time the prophetic Word given by God to Daniel and for his people Israel will be completely fulfilled...

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