

New Horizons Christian Church

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The Invisible War - Israel and the Church

Outline for Extra Study on Daniel Chapter 9

Introduction: Daniel is having a prayer and Bible study. His Bible study includes 2 specific things that cause him to start thinking, “*How Great Thou Art!*”

I. Daniel’s Bible Study

Scripture: Daniel 9:1-27

- A. His study involves two things:
 - 1. The Law of Moses, and
 - 2. The Scrolls of Jeremiah
- B. What specifically in the Law of Moses? Leviticus 25:2 (A promise and a requirement)
What specifically in Jeremiah? Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10 (A prophecy and an interpretation)
Daniel is so impacted by the prophesies of Jeremiah he says, “*I understood from the scriptures...*”
- C. Two things happen:
 - 1. Daniel begins to fast and pray, and
 - 2. God sends to Daniel an answer to his prayers.

II. 70 weeks of Daniel

Scripture: Daniel 9:24-27

- A. Daniel’s Seventy 7’s (6 designs to accomplish...)
 - 1. It is designed to finish the transgression
 - 2. To make an end of sin
 - 3. It’s also to make an atonement for iniquity
 - 4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
 - 5. To seal up the visions and prophecies
 - 6. To anoint the Most Holy

III. How/When Does This Come to Pass

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:1-8 (The command to build and restore Jerusalem as seen in Daniel 9:25)

- A. *The Jewish Calendar (verse 25)
 - 1. It starts in approx. 444 BC
 - 2. Jewish calendar is based on 30-day months.

- 3. 62 sevens, and 1 seven... (69 weeks) 483 years, or 173,880 days
- 4. Deduct those days and you come up with 33AD, or “*the Anointed One will be cut off...*”

B. The Christian Calendar (The Church Age)

- C. The 7th Seven
 - 1. Daniel 9:27
 - 2. The Middle of the Seven (Revelation 11:2-3; Daniel 9:27)
 - 3. Last part of the Seven (Revelation 13:8)

* Gabriel said the prophetic clock would start at the time that a decree was issued to rebuild Jerusalem. From the date of that decree to the time of the Messiah would be 483 years. We know from history that the command to “restore and rebuild Jerusalem” was given by King Artaxerxes of Persia c. 444 B.C. (see [Nehemiah 2:1-8](#)).

The first unit of 49 years (seven “sevens”) covers the time that it took to rebuild Jerusalem, “the streets and a wall, but in times of trouble” ([Daniel 9:25](#)). This rebuilding is chronicled in the book of Nehemiah.

*If you are doing the math, and it doesn’t seem to work, converting the 360-day year used by the ancient Jews, 483 years becomes 476 years on our solar calendar. Adjusting for the switch from B.C. to A.D., 476 years after 444 B.C. places us at A.D. 33, which would coincide with Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem ([Matthew 21:1–9](#)). The prophecy in [Daniel 9](#) specifies that, after the completion of the 483 years, “the Anointed One will be cut off” (verse 26). This was fulfilled when Jesus was crucified.

IV. What Does This Have to Do with You?

- A. Lesson: God is NEVER late. He’s ALWAYS right on time.
- B. The church was quiet to the Old Testament saints, because they didn’t understand the impact of the Cross, and the resurrection. The impact was found in Colossians 1:27, which is, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
- C. Now the Temple of God would dwell in a heart of flesh, not a place made of stone.
- D. Now, instead of God using one messenger here, or His use of another prophet over there, God would reside in the hearts of all believers, and take the message of love beyond the borders of one people group (Israel), and go to all people, and all tribes (you and I).

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