

Daniel Chapter 9 – 31 Mar 2013 (Resurrection Sunday)

Does anyone here like a good treasure hunt?

Today, God will convince us that He's given us prophecies and analogies in the Bible to mine out that will excite us into a growing relationship with Himself by using these three examples.

1. Intro

a. Repeat the line above.

b. Lev 14 is a great OT analogy of the resurrection!

c. Prophecy that the Messiah wouldn't come thru Jehoiachin from Jer 22:30

d. From Numbers 1-3; the 12 tribes around the tabernacle form a cross.

i. I was studying this one out one time and I thought that I had discovered something that knowing knew of.

ii. I was so excited I was telling everyone!

e. Audience sample

i. How many of you already knew about Lev 14 being a type of resurrection?

ii. How many of you already knew about Jehoiachin's lineage being cut off from being the Messiah?

iii. How many of you already knew about the cross around the Tabernacle?

iv. How many of you figured out one of these by yourself?

2. Vs 1-2

a. **The 1st example of a prophecy that was mined out that excited someone into a growing relationship with the Lord is when Daniel discovered Jeremiah's 70 years prophecy.**

(Read Jer 25:11-12, 29:10-11)

- i. Daniel would have had to study and read the whole book of Jeremiah to find this prophecy.
- ii. Daniel had to believe what Jeremiah had written was true!
- iii. Maybe Daniel grown up this whole time in Babylon knowing about Jeremiah's prophecy.
 1. Why would he hold on to this hope of returning to Jerusalem?
 2. He knew it was God inspired words.
 - a. Read verse 6
 - b. Read II Tim 3:14-16

b. Jeremiah's 70 years prophecy lasted from 606BC – 536BC

3. Vs 3

a. **God gave Daniel this prophecy to excite him into a growing relationship with Himself.**

b. Verse 3-19 is now Daniel's great prayer to the Lord.

- i. Watch for Daniel's use of the word 'we'.
- ii. Watch for Daniel to appeal to God's goodness and not b/c of any goodness that is in him or the nation of Israel.

4. Vs 4-6

- a. Daniel wasn't trying to live on the outskirts of Christianity.
- b. Some people petition God when they think that they're getting into trouble. Daniel is petitioning God when he knows that they're getting out of trouble.
- c. Notice Daniel's humility with the use of the word we.

5. Vs 7-9

- a. Daniel acknowledges that God is righteous, but requests God's mercy to be poured out.
 - i. God's justice would send us all to hell...we deserve it.
 - ii. We can't appeal for God help b/c of our righteousness or b/c we deserve to be helped, notice verse 18.
 - iii. What we want from God
 - 1. Justice – Getting what we deserve.
 - 2. Mercy – Not getting what we deserve.
 - 3. Grace – Getting good things that we don't deserve.

6. Vs 10-13

- a. God was faithful and did everything that He said that He was going to do, yet we turned from Him and did not serve Him.
- b. We will come back to these few verses later.

7. Vs 14-19

- a. Finally after confessing sin and praising the Lord for His righteousness and faithfulness, Daniel now requests that the Lord fulfill His promise to restore Jerusalem.

- b. Remember verse 2, Jeremiah's prophecy was about turning away the desolation of Jerusalem by returning Jews to it.

8. Vs 20-23

- a. Daniel is praying to God b/c Jeremiah's prophecy is about to be fulfilled, but he's going to get so much more from the Lord. God is going to tell him about the next big events also!
- b. Sometimes sweeping change has to happen
 - i. When it seems right – like here in Daniel 9 with the captivity ending.
 - ii. When it seems wrong – like in II Kings 22-23
 - 1. Josiah got rid of all the idol worship from the land including the High Places that Solomon had set up for multiple different false gods.
 - 2. "You can't get rid of that, the great Solomon set that up."
 - 3. "You can't get rid of abortion or gay marriage in America, that was set up by the will of the people."

9. Vs 24-27

- a. **The 2nd example of a prophecy that was mined out that excited someone into a growing relationship with the Lord is when Sir Robert Anderson in 1909 discovered Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy.**
 - i. Remember the study we did about the word weeks.
 - ii. Again the word weeks here means a period of 7 years.

1. Notice that it can't be days or months b/c the Lord refers to this prophecy as still yet future in Matt 24:15.
- iii. Vs 24 – what would be happening during this 490 years?
 1. God's specific work with His people Israel.
 2. The work that would:
 - a. End sin, transgression and iniquity (Ps 32)
 - b. End the need for prophecy (Heb 1:1)
 - c. Bring the Messiah!
- iv. Vs 25 – This answers the question, when would this happen?
 1. Artaxerxes gave the commandment in Neh 2:5 in the year 445BC.
 2. The rebuilding was completed 49 years (or 7 weeks) later.
 3. Another 434 years after that (for a total of 483 years) Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an untamed donkey, April 6th, 32AD!
- v. Vs 26 – This is a time gap between the 69 weeks and the 70th week.
 1. The people of the prince that shall come
 - a. These people are the Romans destroying the Temple in 70AD.
 - b. This prince is the Anti-Christ himself.

2. This verse makes it clear that there must be a gap in time between the 69th and 70th weeks b/c of these events.

vi. Vs 27

1. The Anti-Christ's 7 year reign during the Tribulation in which he breaks the covenant in the middle.

vii. Sir Robert Anderson was the first to do the math discovering such greatness that God put in the Bible.

1. It was just sitting here waiting for someone to be interested enough to mine it out.

2. This is the model by which so much of prophecy so easily comes into the light now.

10. Let's go back now and catch the 3rd and final prophecy that you may have missed!

a. The 3rd example of a prophecy that was mined out that excited someone into a growing relationship with the Lord is when many people in the 1990s discovered the Ezekiel 7x prophecy.

i. Let us get some background info, let's read Ezek 4:1-8

1. Ezekiel predicts here a 430 years punishment for Israel.

2. Purpose: This time is to "lay the iniquity upon Israel".

3. Remember that Ezekiel is writing at the same time as Daniel.

4. This 430 year punishment began at the beginning of the Babylonian captivity.
- ii. Let's go back to Daniel 9:4-6, 10-14. Did anyone spot the prophecy that we're going to talk about in Daniel?
 1. What is this curse that was written in the law of Moses that is now falling upon them?
 2. Does anyone here have a really old Bible with a cross-reference on verse 11 about this "curse"?
- iii. Let read about this curse in Leviticus 26
 1. There's no question that this chapter is referring to the Babylonian captivity time period.
 2. 4 different verse say that if they STILL refuse to turn back to God that the punishment will then be 7x.
 3. Vs 33-35
 - a. Refers to being scattered among the heathen, this is the Babylonian Captivity.
 - b. It even mentions the specific reason for 70 years of the Babylonian Captivity which is so that the land of Israel may have its Sabbaths (supposed to have been once every seven years)
 4. Notice what would happen during this punishment
 - a. Vs 17, 38, 39, 41
 - b. They would be being ruled over in other lands while the land of Israel lie desolate.

5. Vs 41-42

- a. If/then – This chapter is a conditional chapter.
 - i. If they turned back to God, good.
 - ii. If they didn't turn back to God, then it would be 7x the punishment.

6. How do we know that this 7x punishment comes into effect?

- a. Remember Daniel 9:11 says “the curse that is written in the law of Moses is poured upon us”.
- b. Also let's read Ezra 9:1-3, 13-14
- c. Additionally Neh 13 shows this continued rebellion as well.
- d. Let's look at Mal 2:2 – This refers to the same Lev 26 curse.
- e. This word curse isn't used willy-nilly, it's very specific.
 - i. God only curses the earth in the days of Adam and Eve.
 - ii. God doesn't curse anyone except in Deut 11.
 - 1. He says you choose blessing or cursing.
 - 2. The curse would be for their disobedience.
- iv. Ok, here's the confirmation of it in the math

1. The first 70 years of Ezekiel's 430 years of punishment ended after the Babylonian Captivity in 536BC.
2. We've shown that at this time Israel was still rebellion so the 7x punishment applies for the remaining 360 years. Times 7 this is 2520 years.
3. Convert this to 365 day years instead of 360 day years = 2483 years, 284 days and add 1 year b/c there is no year 0.
4. The grand total brings you to May 14, 1948!

Listen, God wants us to mine out the prophecies and analogies in the Bible. Let this excite us into a growing relationship with Himself. Today we've seen this in these ways.

- 1. Daniel's excitement about Jeremiah's prophecy.**
- 2. Sir Robert Anderson's excitement about Daniel's 70 weeks.**
- 3. Our excitement about the Ezekiel 7x prophecy.**

There's more to discover, time doesn't allow for us to tell of the riches to be discovered in Ezekiel 38-39...and more!