

Daniel 9 -“Understanding the Vision”

Let us start with Daniel chapter 9, verse 1:

Daniel 9:1, “In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;”

And so:

Daniel 9:2, “In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

To confirm this, we find in:

Jeremiah 25:11-12, “And this whole land shall be a desolation, [and] an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, [that] I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.”

Daniel understood what Jeremiah the prophet was saying and that their captivity with Babylon would be for 70 years. It ended that night when king Darius of Medo and his nephew king Cyrus of Persia had sacked Babylonian king Belshazzar for his rebellious act towards God. And so, Daniel did what next as he learned of their freedom to be:

Daniel 9:3, “And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: “

Even the prayer of Daniel was prophesied by Jeremiah and the Lord heard Daniel:

Jeremiah 29:10-11, “For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

And Daniel continues to say in:

Daniel 9:4, “And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; “

Take a look at this too dear family in what Jeremiah prophesied:

Jeremiah 29:12-13, “Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

Daniel goes on to say in his prayer to God:

Daniel 9:5, “We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:”

Daniel 9:6, “Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.”

Daniel 9:7, “O Lord, righteousness [belongeth] unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, [that are] near, and [that are] far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.”

Remember brothers and sisters what the Word of God says would happen if we rebel against HIM, and what the Word of God says would also happen if we obey Him?

Take a look at what Nehemiah the prophet of the Lord said in...

Nehemiah 1:8-9, “Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, [If] ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: But [if] ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, [yet] will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.”

With all of the captivity time that the Israelites went through, and how they were scattered abroad for their rebellion, they had time to think of their sins and iniquities against God, and with Daniel the prophet praying, the Lord said to Jeremiah that He (Jesus) would be found of Daniel through His praying and would answer Him in:

Jeremiah 29:14, “And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.”

Daniel goes on to say in:

Daniel 9:8, “O Lord, to us [belongeth] confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.”

Daniel 9:9, “To the Lord our God [belong] mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;”

Daniel 9:10, “Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.”

Daniel 9:11, “Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that [is] written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.”

Deuteronomy 11:26-28, “Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.”

And so Daniel goes on to say in:

Daniel 9:12, “And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.”

Daniel 9:13, “As [it is] written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. “

Daniel 9:14, “Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God [is] righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.”

Brethren, does it not say in His law:

Exodus 20:5-6, “...for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”

Daniel 9:15, “And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.”

Daniel 9:16, “O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people [are become] a reproach to all [that are] about us.”

Daniel 9:17, “Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. “

Daniel 9:18, “O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.”

Daniel 9:19, “O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.”

Daniel 9:20, “And whiles I [was] speaking, and 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;”

Daniel 9:21, “Yea, whiles I [was] speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.”

Daniel 9:22, “And he informed [me], and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. “

Do you see the power of prayer? When someone truly prays to God and means what he/she is saying with all their heart. The Word of God is clear to those who do not understand the power of prayer:

Matthew 7:7-8, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

And why do so many people prayers don't get answered?

James 4:3, “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume [it] upon your lusts.”

So, Daniel's prayers are going to be answered because he asks of a good thing and confesses his sins. He goes to God with his entire heart on God. Then angel Gabriel comes unto Daniel to make him understand because of Daniel's prayers. It says in:

Daniel 9:23, “At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show [thee]; for thou [art] greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.”

Amen...And now for the whole big prophetic picture, we see a large amount of history taking place here from...

Daniel 9:24-27, “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. Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the

prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary, and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and 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, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

The angel Gabriel had been sent to Daniel for the sole purpose of explaining what was going on in the visions starting with the 8th chapter and what have you about the “two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”

After the angel Gabriel had said to Daniel “understand the matter, and consider the vision,” the angel Gabriel goes on to say, “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city.” The word "determined" comes from the Hebrew word, chathak {khaw-thak'} (See Strongs 02852). So, chathak literally means to "cut off" or to be "marked out." And we will shortly see how the 70 weeks had been cut off or marked out for the people of God, Israel.

So, in the prophetic sense of things, Seventy weeks is actually representing 490 years, which are declared by the Gabriel to be cut off, as specially pertaining to the Jews of old, not by the New Testament Jews who are by heart and not by the letter or birth if you will. Now the question here is, from what were they cut off? Looking into the 2300 days was the only period of time mentioned in chapter eight in the book of Daniel if you remember, so it must be the period from which the seventy weeks were cut off, right? So, the seventy weeks must therefore be a part of the 2300 days, and the two periods must begin together. The seventy weeks were declared by the angel to the date from when the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem was made and set in a decree. If the date of this commandment could be found, then the starting point for that great period of the 2300 days prophecy would be figured out and understood.

We can find the decree in the book of:

Ezra 7:12-26, “Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect [peace], and at such a time. I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and [of] his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which [is] in thine hand; And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation [is] in Jerusalem, And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which [is] in Jerusalem: That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which [is] in Jerusalem. And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God. The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the

house of thy God, [those] deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow [it] out of the king's treasure house. And I, [even] I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which [are] beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily, Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing [how much]. Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that [is] in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that [are] beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know [them] not. And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether [it be] unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.”

In its completeness, it was issued by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, 457 BC. But in Ezra 6:14, the house of the Lord at Jerusalem is said to have been built “according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.” These three kings, re-affirm, and completing the decree that was sent forth, brought it to the perfection required by the prophecy to mark the beginning of the 2300 days/years prophecy. So, taking 457 BC, the time when the decree was accomplished by the commandment given, every ounce of the prophecy regarding the seventy weeks was fulfilled. And there are many learned scholars that are out there that will do nothing but fight with you on this matter so to confuse the masses. We have the truth, don't turn it aside for smooth preaching and lies from hell. Learned men from these schools and universities have proven to be a snare to literal billions. And so:

“From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks, ”So, sixty-nine weeks, or 483 years if you will.

The prophecy declares that there will be 69 weeks (7 + 60 + 2) until the Messiah arrives. So, again, when numbers, times or what have you are being used in Bible prophecy, we have to apply what each day is actually equaled. Take a look at...

Numbers 14:34, "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."

Ezekiel 4:5-6, "For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year."

So, to make things a little clearer, we have the decree of Artaxerxes that went forth and into effect in the autumn of 457 BC. It is from this date that 483 years extend to the autumn of 27 AD. At that time, this prophecy was fulfilled. And so, as we see that the sealing up of the vision and this prophecy, we have the “Anointed One (Jesus), or better yet, the “Messiah”, which better signifies “the Anointed One” fulfilling the prophecies. And when we look into the year 27 AD, we find the Christ being baptized by John and received the anointing of the Spirit.

Matthew 3:3-6; 11-13; 16-17, “For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and [with] fire: Whose fan [is] in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

The apostle Peter testifies of this in:

Acts 10:38, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

And the apostle and Prophet John the beloved has record of the following:

John 4:25-26, "The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he."

And the Saviour Himself proclaimed in:

Luke 4:18-19, “The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

And lastly, something that needs clarification here regarding an age-old misunderstanding that Satan loves to poke people with to deceive. If you take a look at the time frame of 27 AD, we find the Word of God confirming the age Jesus at that time being 30 years old.

Luke 3:21, 23, "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,"

This deserves special attention here so that no one is thrown off by the cunning and craftiness of Satan and the times and laws thing of the world and such.

The calendar during this time period was first calculated, there was a mistake of 4 years that was made as many of us today are now aware. It's obvious that Christ could not have been born in 1AD because that would NOT make Him to be "about 30 years of age" now, would it? Furthermore, looking into the life of king Herod, he was still alive when Christ was born because he tried to have the baby Jesus killed, remember? He did all he could to kill Jesus at that time. But then after this, Herod died for what he did.

Matthew 2:16-19, "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping [for] her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,"

And History records confirm the death of Herod in 4BC.

So, after the error was realized, the historical fact became even clearer. Jesus was truly born in 4BC at the time of Herod and then baptized in 27AD at the age of 30 just as the Scriptures proclaim. Seeing that there is no zero to be added, the formula goes like this...

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In concluding this subject of 27AD, the Christ even proved this fulfillment when He declared that the time was "fulfilled" after He was baptized in:

Mark 1:9, 14-15, "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Now, where it says, "... he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week." The "week" mentioned here that is brought to view is the last one of the seventy; it is the last seven years of the period given especially to the Jews. During this time, which was extended from the year 27AD to 34AD, Christ first gave the invitation of the gospel and taught His disciples to continue the work as we are called to do today as that extension, which comes to us in clear site with the 3 angels' messages, but this message started with the Jews of Israel at that time because we know probation was on the horizon for them as even Daniel prophesied that it would close on them and is the reason why they reject Daniel as a prophet.

And so, as the apostles went forth with the good tidings, the gospel of the kingdom of God, the Saviour's instructions are found in:

Matthew 10:5-6, “Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

You know, this is scary stuff right here. This is them marching forward with the truth. This is a gospel order coming to a conclusion for the Jewish nation then. God came and rebuked and called to repentance, but they rejected the Son of God.

Which now leads us to understand the, “... midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.” When we look into the 3.5 years ministry of our Lord, we come to 31 AD. This is three and a half years after his baptism, our Lord was crucified. So with this incredible and great sacrifice offered upon Calvary by our King of kings to save us and to reunite us with our blessed Father in Heaven and the Holy Spirit and the angels of the Lord and the rest of the universal family that is found in this great universe of the Creator, the system of offerings ended, which for four thousand years had pointed forward to the Lamb of God, who would take away the sins of the world. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were ceased, put an end to, finished, over with because Christ fulfilled it and completed it just as prophesied.

Matthew 27:50-53, “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. “

The seventy weeks, or 490 years, especially given to the Jews, had ended as we have seen in 34 AD with the rejection of the gospel and the stoning of Stephen and the persecution of Christians. The Jewish nation never repented.

Acts 13:46, “Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.”

Acts 7:59-60, “And they stoned Stephen, calling upon [God], and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

And so, this message of salvation was no longer restricted to the chosen people, but it has been given to the rest of the world till this day as we are called to proclaim it in the truest form.

And in looking into all this, we see that every point in this prophecy was fulfilled, and the beginning of the seventy weeks is fixed without a doubt on 457 BC, and the expiration in 34AD. It is from this information that there is no difficulty in finding the termination of the 2300 days. And there is no supposed Bible scholar from these worldly institutions of the world that can

disprove that with anything. Truth is truth and the seventy weeks, 490 days, having been cut off from the 2300, there were exactly 1810 days remaining. After the end of 490 days, the 1810 days were still to be fulfilled. So, from 34AD, 1810 years extend to what? 1844. Consequently, the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14 were terminated in 1844 when Christ did not come to earth but was moving into the Most Holy place to start the investigative judgment that we already went over which you can find in our sermon on that if you would like to know more about that. And so, at the expiration of this great prophetic time, upon the testimony of the angel of God, “the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”

Amen. How beautiful and wonderful is the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy. Oh, how the times are at hand for this world’s probation to close as we see the signs of His coming. I pray that we will press forward as ever before and get this great controversy over with by taking the hand of the Lord and His angels and press forward with the Holy Ghost so that we can be with our Father in Heaven who loves us all dearly. Brethren, I pray and hope that you have been blessed by what you have heard this day. Peace.