

Daniel Chap 9 - The Continuing Story of Daniel's 70 Weeks

SLIDE 2 He read Jeremiah, and was moved to **confession rather than celebration**

- Dan 9:2 ... I Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to ***the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet***, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, **seventy years**. (3) Then I turned my face to the Lord God, **seeking him by prayer** and **pleas for mercy** with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. (4) I prayed to the LORD my God and **made confession**

(59% chap 9 → confession and pleading for mercy) V 5-15 He used many words to describe their sin

- we have sinned.....done wrong.....acted wickedly.....rebelled.....turned aside.....have not obeyed the voice of the LORD.....committed treachery against God.....transgressed his law

SLIDE 3 70 years about to expire - Daniel pleads for mercy - problem of sin persists

- (13) **all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD** our God, **turning from our iniquities** and **gaining insight** by your truth.....
- (18b) For we do not present our pleas before you because of our **righteousness**, but because of your great **mercy**.

Gabriel arrives -- w/ a timeline & a solution

SLIDE 4 Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks are decreed..."

- Hebrew word "weeks" means "groups of seven" It does not necessarily refer to seven-day weeks but to **units of seven**. In this context, the unit years is inferred.— **Daniel's 70 "weeks" is 70x7 = 490 years**
- **A similar expression - Lev 25:8** You shall count seven **weeks** of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years.

SLIDE 5 Solution for sin centers on the work of Jesus' (Isa 53)

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| 1. to finish the transgression | He was pierced for transgressions (Isa. 53:5) |
| 2. to put an end to sin | He bore the sin of many (Isa. 53:12) |
| 3. to atone for iniquity | He was crushed for iniquities (Isa. 53:5) |

Transgression (willful rebellion) **Sin** (miss the mark intentional or not) **Iniquity** (inner corruption of sin)

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| 4. to bring everlasting righteousness | He makes many righteous (Isa. 53:11) |
| 5. to seal both vision and prophet | Jesus fulfills the Law and Prophets (Luke 24:44) |
| 6. to anoint a most holy place | Jesus was anointed, also His people as a temple (Eph. 2:22) |

From the beginning, this was God's plan — **the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world**

More Details from Gabriel's Message on a 70 Weeks Timeline Diagram

SLIDE 7 Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand that from **the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one**, a prince, there shall be *seven weeks*. Then for *sixty-two weeks* it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.

- **From the word to restore and build Jerusalem** = took place in 457 BC
 - **To the coming of an anointed one** = (at 483 years or 69 weeks) → baptism of Jesus anointed by HS
- Coming of Messiah** (one aspect of the prophecy) **has taken up 69 of the 70 weeks** (483 of the 490 years)

There is ONE WEEK LEFT - A LOT TAKES PLACE IN THIS PERIOD

- **SLIDE 8** Dan 9:26 And **AFTER** the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one [Jesus] shall be cut off and shall have nothing.
 - **Prophesied about Jesus - Isa 53:8** who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the *transgression* of my people?.....
- **SLIDE 9** (26) And the people of the prince who is to come [Titus AD 70] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...
 - **Jesus prophesied that this would happen** Mat 24:1-2 ... his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple...(Jesus said) "Truly, I say to you, there will **not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.**"

Get the right "he"

- **SLIDE 10** Dan 9:27 **HE (Jesus) shall make a strong covenant with many for one week**
 - **This is Jesus' ministry to Israel = 3 ½ years** → God is the one who made covenant (not antichrist)
 - Romans 15:8 "Christ became a **servant to the circumcised to confirm the promises** made to the patriarchs"
 - Mat 15:24 Jesus answered, "I was **sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**"
- **SLIDE 11** (in the middle of the week) **HE (Jesus) shall put an end to sacrifice and offering**
 - Heb 10:10-12we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all...Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins...**

[THEN A 40 YEAR GAP]

- **SLIDE 12** on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate (TITUS AD 70)
 - Abominations - sewed the veil - **continued to offer blood of animals** after the death of Jesus
 - **Jesus prophesied about this** - Mat 24:15-46 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

SLIDE 13 So what about the remaining 3½ years?

It seems to me last week involves God confirming the covenant to Israel for 7 years

- 3 ½ years of Jesus' earthly ministry
- The final 3½ years may correspond to the two witnesses' prophetic ministry (Rev. 11)
- **There's a huge gap**, now spanning more than 2000 years - If I am right we are still living in that gap

SLIDE 14 Prophetic Gaps are not unusual when they serve God's purpose

- **JESUS READ** Luk 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me....to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
JESUS STOPPED READING -- But Isaiah continued "and the day of vengeance of our God."
- **BECAUSE THERE IS A GAP** between the year of the **Lord's favor** and the **day of God's vengeance**
- **We are living in that gap now**

SLIDE 15 The idea of a gap within the seventieth week—and a future fulfillment of the final 3½ years of covenant confirmation—fits well with what Paul describes in Romans 11

- Rom 11:25-27 I want you to understand this mystery, brothers: **a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.** 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob"; 27 "and **this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.**"

Paul describes the gap as "until the fullness of Gentiles has come in" - Jesus confirmed covenant to Israel for 3 ½ years - It was not until **after resurrection** he tells us to take the gospel to all nations

SLIDE 16 This GAP in the 70th week is in place to extend mercy to all nations

If God is going to give up his son -- Jacob and Israel is too small a prize

- **Isa 49:6** "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, **that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.**"

SLIDE 17 There is a day of vengeance coming - We are still in the acceptable year of the LORD

- 2Pe 3:9-10 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief

SLIDE 18 And getting back to the visions of Daniel - even though these were godless empires exercising great power -- God used them to prepare the world for the rapid spread of the gospel

- **Persia** - kicked off the timeline (the 490 years began here)
- **Greece** - gave the world a **common language** so the NT could spread quickly
- **Rome** - gave **roads for travel**, relative **peace for easy movement** throughout the empire and **ironically the cross** - the instrument that brought the greatest victory over sin

Empires rise and fall and may be evil and look powerful, but ultimately they serve God's plan

SLIDE 19 So where does that leave us?

- **We are living in the gap of mercy**
- We are not just waiting for world events to happen -- in one sense WE ARE THE EVENT
- We are the anointed temple to which God is constantly adding people from every tongue tribe and nation
- We are engaged in the great commission still preaching the acceptable year of the LORD
- **The gap will not last forever.**
- **Let us work while it is yet day...night comes when no one will work.**