

Part 2 of Daniel's 70 Sevens.

Why do I labor with these articles? Because the Bible is the most exciting Book in the world. Friend, Christian please read it, study it, meditate over it, and pray over it, and you will agree with me.

One of the most unique aspects of the Bible, God's Holy Word, is "Predictive Prophecy." We should be astonished at this but not surprised. God is the Creator of the Universe, He is All Powerful (Omnipotent), He is All Knowing (Omniscient), and He is Sovereign over all events and affairs within His created order.

In my previous article on the Subject of the Prophet Daniel's 70 Sevens, I covered the first two segments of this amazing prophetic utterance. The first segment covered 49 years, and the second segment covered 434 years. Both of these time periods ran consecutively. They started when the Persian King Artaxerxes gave the command to rebuild the city Jerusalem in March 5th, 444 B.C, and ended on March 30th, A.D. 33 on the very day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, which fulfilled the prophecy by Zechariah in Chapter 9:9.

Our God ordained it, foretold it, and brought it to perfect fulfillment.

(Do you think, men ought to believe Him when He tells us "You must be born again?" John 3:3, 7)

The previous discussion dealt with a total of 69 weeks of sevens, or 483 years. Now we need to consider the last one week, or the remaining 7 years, which will bring the total 70 Sevens that the Angel Gabriel told to Daniel to 490 years.

We previously considered verse 25 when we looked at the first two segments, the 7 Weeks, and the 62 weeks.

Now we find that there is an undeterminable time gap in this prophecy.

When we examine verse 26, we read that "after" the 62 weeks Messiah shall be cut off. This is a reference to Christ's death on the cross - His crucifixion. Notice that it does not say in the 70th week, but only "after" the 62 weeks. Again, it gives credence to the fact that there is a gap between the end of the 62 weeks and the beginning of the 70th week.

This should not be surprising to us. Often, in prophetic passages we see "time gaps." Consider the well known verse from Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6 KJV

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The

everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Even in this one sentence Messianic prophecy we find a gap. The first part tells us about the Incarnation of the Son of God, and then the prophecy jumps over at least 2,000 years to Christ's Reign during the Millennium. Gaps in prophetic Scripture is nothing to shock the ardent Bible student.

Back to verse 26 in Daniel's prophecy - following the mention of Christ's death (Messiah be cut off), we read about a "Prince of the People who will destroy the city and the sanctuary - Jerusalem and the Temple. This took place in A.D. 70 when the Romans under the leadership of Titus destroyed Jerusalem, the Temple, and drove all Jews out of the land. That began the long period called the Diaspora - the dispersion of the Jewish Nation into approx 165 Nations around the globe.

(BTW, isn't it a Providential sign of God's power and faithfulness that on May 14, 1948 Israel was re-established as a Sovereign Nation once again? What do you think about that, you Reformed Theologians?)

Jesus prophesied about the destruction of the Temple to the Apostles in Matthew 24:2, Mark 13:2, and Luke 21:24.

Purpose of the Time Gap.

What, then, is the purpose of this "Time Gap" between the end of the first two segments of Daniel's prophecy, which ended with Jesus' triumphant entry on a donkey into Jerusalem?

First, it is a judgment upon God's chosen people because of their rebellious rejection of their Messiah. Secondly, the Lord Jesus Christ foretold of a new program, which is part of His overall plan of redemption. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said that He will build His church, which began on the day of Pentecost, according to Acts 2. The church is comprised of all true "Called Out Saints" - born again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. The church is described as the Body of Christ and the Bride of Christ. The purpose of the church is three fold: 1. To exalt the Savior, 2. Edify the saints (believers), and 3. Evangelize the lost.

When the Jews were dispersed because of their rejection of their Messiah in Matthew 12, God set them aside for a while and started a "mystery" program, namely the church. The term mystery means that it is a New Testament Revelation, which was not an object of Old Testament prophecy. This church program has now been in progress for slightly over 2000 years. When the church program ends after God saves the last person, He will Rapture the church (I Thessalonians 4:16-18, true believers will be caught up into heaven. I will cover the Rapture in a future article). Shortly after the Rapture God will start the last 7 years of Daniel's 70 Sevens and His focus will be again on the Nation Israel.

Without a doubt, we are nearing the end of the church age. Consider the fact that Israel is

celebrating her 76th year anniversary of her Independence today, May 14th, 2024. On May 14th, 1948 she became an established Sovereign Nation in her land that God gave to her.

There are over 9 million people in her land today. She has become a fruitful, industrious, productive Nation by God's blessing upon her. Most of the Jews living in the land are still apostate, and atheistic. But, even today more and more Jews are leaving the lands where they are currently living due to the ever increasing Satanic Antisemitism and they returning to THEIR LAND, which GOD has given to them. This return is in fulfillment of Ezekiel 37. But, this is only the "physical" return, their "spiritual" return will take place during the last 7 Seven, the final 7 years of Daniel's 490 years prophecy.

Purpose of the last 7 years.

So, what is the purpose of the last 7 years after the "Time Gap" has been completed and after the Church has been Raptured and is no longer on earth?

This period is described as the Great Tribulation, which is described in Revelation Chapters 6 to 19. It is the time when the Antichrist will rise to power, Israel will engage in a seven year covenant with him (Daniel 9:27), and half way through this seven year covenant he will become the manifestation of Satan Himself and will begin a time of persecution of the Jews, and all Christian believers.

There are two specific purposes for this last 7 years.

1. To draw Israel back to God, so that they will finally recognize and acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as their long awaited Messiah. (Romans 11:26 - so shall all Israel be saved)

And,

2. God will judge and pour out His Righteous indignation upon an ungodly, rebellious and unbelieving world which has created false gods in their own minds and have trusted in their self-righteousness and self-sufficiency.

However, there will be missionary work done during this terrible time, and millions of Jews and Gentiles will get saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ.

Regarding the Jews:

In spite of their rebellion, God promised, through the prophets, that He will bring them into a New Covenant and sprinkle clean water (The Holy Spirit) upon them. This will happen during and toward the end of this last 7 years of Daniel's 490 years.

Jeremiah 31:31 KJV

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of

Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Ezekiel 36:24-26 KJV

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. [25] Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. [26] A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

(I don't know how Reformed Theologians get around these many Scriptures except by twisting truth into a lie.)

After the conclusion of the Great Tribulation, the Lord Jesus Christ will set up His Millennial Reign on earth.

When He descends from heaven to defeat His enemies (Revelation 19), He will bring with Him, the previously raptured church, and all those believers will rule and reign with Him.

AMEN and AMEN!!!

Dear Friend!

You do not want to go through this Tribulation Period. It will be worse than you could ever imagine. Please, Repent and Trust in Jesus Christ for the salvation of your eternal soul.

Now, today is the day of salvation. Do not delay.

Luke 19:10 KJV

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.