

Daniel's 70th Week

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SETTING OF THIS PROPHECY

(Dan 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;

(Dan 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**.

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

(Jer 25:11) And **this whole land shall be a desolation**, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**.

(Jer 29:10) 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**.

REASON FOR THE DESOLATION

(Dan 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.

The curse mentioned here is the curse of the Law as mentioned in Deuteronomy 28.

Daniel knows that the seventy years are about up for his people in Babylon, and it is time for them to be returned to their land. Because of this he is seeking God for direction. God reveals to him that there are seventy more sevens determined upon his people in which they will commit an even greater sin. This will be their cutting off the Messiah, and that will bring about the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and its sanctuary.

(Dan 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**.

(Dan 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.

This salutation is very similar to the one the same angel Gabriel gave to Mary when he announced she would be the vessel through which God would bring forth the Messiah.

(Luke 1:28) And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, **thou that art highly favoured**, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Daniel had prophecy revealed to him, (including the exact number of years), and Mary would be used by God to help bring it to pass, because the cutting off of the Messiah is the key prophecy, that would bring all six predictions of verse 24 to pass. That is why it was separated from the other 69 weeks.

DANIEL 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon the holy city.

WEEKS - 7620. shabuwa', shaw-boo'-ah; or shabua', shaw-boo'-ah; also (fem.) shebu'ah, sheb-oo-aw'; prop. pass. part. of H7650 as a denom. of H7651; lit. **sevened**, i.e. **a week (spec. of years):--seven, week**.

A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE OF THIS IS FOUND IN GENESIS 29

(Gen 29:18) And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, **I will serve thee seven years** for Rachel thy younger daughter.

(Gen 29:27) **Fulfil her week**, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet **seven other years**.

(Gen 29:28) And Jacob did so, and **fulfilled her week**: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

CONCLUSION OF VERSE 24 – Bracketed statements were added for clarity.

(Dan 9:24) Seventy weeks [490 years] are determined upon thy people [Jews] and upon thy holy city [Jerusalem], [to accomplish six things] [1] to finish the transgression, [2] and to make an end of sins, [3] and to make reconciliation for iniquity, [4] and to bring in everlasting righteousness, [5] and to seal up the vision and prophecy, [6] and to anoint the most Holy.

Not one of these six things was fulfilled during the first 69 weeks, and yet they were all to be fulfilled during the 70th week, and that is why it is set aside as a separate week, because that is the week Messiah would come and fulfill all 6 of them by being cut off in the midst of the week and this would bring about the abomination of desolation which would end in the destruction of the city and the sanctuary (temple). It all took place within the generation after the death of Jesus just as he predicted in Matthew 23 & 24.

Some in an effort to deceive the church and create seven more years of law keeping created the theory of a 2000-year gap theory (which the bible teaches nothing about) and said all these things are yet future and are to be fulfilled when the Lord comes the second time. This teaching is known as Dispensational Theology, which began to teach this gap theory in 1830, and gained popularity in the 1900's by the printing of the Scofield Bible with it's Dispensational footnotes and the writings of Clarence Larkin. There is never any mention of this so called gap in the Bible, nor to my knowledge is there any reference to it in history before that time. They had to place a rapture in front of this week to give their teaching some type of substance, and then make the seven years a future tribulation period dealing with a covenant of antichrist instead of Jesus Christ. I read from their teachings in my last lesson on the True Israel of God, and proved they teach this week to be a return to law keeping for salvation. The scriptures of the New Testament deny that salvation according to the law covenant can ever happen again after Christ came and made one sacrifice for the sins of mankind forever. Now we have all kinds of theories that have come from this teaching (pre, mid, and post tribulation, and pre-wrath), and **all these are based on the false teaching that the 70th week is a future tribulation**, where God will turn back to the natural Jew. **Where you put this week is the most important teaching of bible prophecy.**

KEY POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE STUDY THIS SUBJECT

- (1) The Bible says nothing about an Anti-Christ in this passage of scripture. Men have added this idea.
- (2) The Bible does not say anything about a gap between the 69th and 70th week. This thinking contradicts the consistency of the scriptures that is also dealing with Israel's 70 years of captivity in Babylon, and that is why Daniel knew it was time for them to leave. What if someone tried to insert a gap in that 70-year period? The Bible teaches in Gal. 3:19 the Law was given because of transgressions till the seed (Christ) could come to whom the promise was made. The Law would then be the parenthesis and not the New Covenant.
- (3) There is not one scripture in the Bible for a pre-tribulation rapture of the church. I proved in my first lesson in this series that the Bible teaches a last day resurrection. My question is, if there is not one scripture for it, why are we teaching it? They needed this teaching to get men to accept the idea of a change of covenants.
- (4) There is not one scripture in the Bible for a future seven-year tribulation period, yet it is the basis for most of the manmade teachings of prophecy today. They create this idea by putting a gap between the 69th and 70th weeks of Daniels prophecy and claiming it is yet future and a time of Law keeping.
- (5) The key point in the difference between the historical and futurist viewpoints is; "Is the covenant spoken of in Daniel 9:27 confirmed by Jesus Christ (Messiah the Prince), or is it to be confirmed by a future anti-Christ, and which of these teachings is proven correct by other scriptures."
- (6) The scriptures do not teach that this covenant is a 7-year covenant. The scriptures say that the prince will confirm the covenant to the Jews for one week, which is showing this will happen during the final week of the 70-week prophecy. The covenant itself could be an everlasting covenant, which is exactly what the scriptures declare it to be. If the scriptures bear this out, then we know the prince in this scripture would be Messiah the Prince, which was cut off in the midst of the week causing the sacrifice and the oblation (animal sacrifices to no longer be accepted by God) to cease.

I will come back to the six points of verse 24 a little later, and take them one at time, and prove that they were all fulfilled by Jesus during the 70th week without a gap or break in the number of years that God spoke to Daniel. Let's glean through the next three verses first.

(Dan 9:25) 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. [483 years]

490 YEARS DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS

- (1) 7 WEEKS - REBUILDING THE WALL AND THE TEMPLE
- (2) 62 WEEKS - FROM THEN TO MESSIAH - EXPLAINED DANIEL CHAP. 11. There is not 400 years of silence as some men teach, because these years are explained in Daniel chapter 11 (which I will briefly cover later in this lesson), and in 1st and 2nd Machabees (which is at least a historical account of this time).
- (3) 1 WEEK - SET ASIDE FOR THE MESSIAH - CUT OFF IN THE MIDST - STOPPING THE SACRIFICE - FULFILLING ALL OF VERSE 24 - CAUSING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE AND THE CITY BEFORE THAT GENERATION PASSED AWAY. (40 YRS. - 70 AD)

Who gave the command is certain, because it was prophesied approximately 200 years before he was born and he was called by name in the prophesy and told what he was supposed to do.

(Isa 44:24) Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;
(Isa 44:25) That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

(Isa 44:26) That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that **saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited**; and to the cities of Judah, **Ye shall be built**, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

(Isa 44:27) That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will **dry up thy rivers**:

This is exactly how Babylon fell to Cyrus. He diverted the waters of the river Euphrates, which allowed his army an access to enter under the walls of Babylon.

(Isa 44:28) That saith of **Cyrus**, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even **saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built**; and **to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid**.

(Isa 45:1) Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, **to Cyrus**, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will **loose the loins of kings**, to **open before him the two leaved gates**; and the gates shall not be shut;

The fulfillment of this prophecy is found in Daniel 5:6, 28.

(Dan 5:6) Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that **the joints of his loins were loosed**, and his knees smote one against another.

(Dan 5:28) PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

(Isa 45:2) I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will **break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron**:

This is again describing the method Cyrus used to enter Babylon.

(Isa 45:3) And I will give thee the **treasures of darkness** [treasures of Babylon], and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, **which call thee by thy name**, am the God of Israel.

(Isa 45:13) **I have raised him up** in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: **he shall build my city**, and **he shall let go my captives**, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

Fulfillment [200 years later] of this is recorded in II Chronicles 36:21-23 & Ezra 1:1-4.

(2 Chr 36:21) **To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah**, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, **to fulfil threescore and ten years**.

(2 Chr 36:22) Now in the first year of **Cyrus** king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, **the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation** throughout all his kingdom, and **put it also in writing**, saying,

(2 Chr 36:23) Thus **saith Cyrus king of Persia**, All the kingdoms of the earth hath **the LORD God of heaven** given me; and he **hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem**, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

(Ezra 1:1) Now in the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

(Ezra 1:2) Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The **LORD God of heaven** hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and **he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah**.

(Ezra 1:3) Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and **let him go up to Jerusalem**, which is in Judah, **and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem**.

(Ezra 1:4) And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

From the time that Cyrus gave the command to rebuild, until Messiah the Prince was revealed to Israel and began to confirm the New Covenant with them during the final week, would be 483 years. He would cause

the sacrifice and the oblation (animal sacrifices) to cease in the midst of the week, because his blood being shed for the sins of Israel would replace animal sacrifices forever and officially bring in the new covenant, though the actual offering of these did not stop till 70 AD . This Covenant was prophesied in the Old Testament in various scriptures, especially in Jer. 31:31-34 and quoted by the writer of Hebrews in Heb. 8:8-13 as being the New Covenant that has replaced the Old Covenant. Clarence Larkin claims in his book *Dispensational Truth* that this Covenant has nothing to do with the church, but applies only to Israel in the Millennium and the New Heaven and the New Earth. This statement is in direct contradiction to the Book of Hebrews and the rest of the New Testament writers, yet men still hold to Dispensationalism as being true.

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"AFTER" - NOT "AT" What is after 69? 70 - Then he will be cut off in the 70th week, and scriptures and history agree that it was in the midst, after 31/2 years of ministry.*

"THE PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME SHALL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY"

Most all prophecy teachers agree that the last part of this verse is prophecy of Titus and the Roman army coming to destroy Jerusalem from 67 AD to 70 AD, because they had "finished the transgression" in killing the Messiah. This is the great tribulation spoken of in Matthew 24, which is paralleled in Luke 21. This is also the abomination of desolation mentioned in those chapters, and in the next verse here in Daniel 9:27.

"UNTO THE END OF THE WAR DESOLATIONS ARE DETERMINED"

Daniel is saying here that there is going to be a war that will not end until there is the destruction of the city and the temple. It happened just as he prophesied, and just as Jesus confirmed it would in Mat. 23 & 24. He also confirmed in these chapters of Matthew and the parallel chapter of Luke that this would all be fulfilled before that generation ended. He gave them one generation 30 A. D. to 70 A.D. to decide if they were going to accept or reject his new covenant. The ones that accepted it fled Jerusalem before it's destruction. The rest were either killed or took captive when the city and the temple were destroyed in the 3 ½ year seize on Jerusalem.

THE BIG DIFFERENCE IS IN WHO IS THE PRINCE OF VERSE 26 AND IN VERSE 27

Is the prince spoken of in verse 26 and 27 still speaking of Messiah the Prince (which was cut off in the midst of the week), or is it speaking of Titus, or some future anti-Christ? Some even try to claim this verse is dealing with a future anti-Christ and a future destruction of a rebuilt temple in our day, rather than the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which followed the cutting off of the Messiah in the first part of this verse. All this was subtly done in order to make the people of the church and the world believe that the rebuilding of a third temple is prophesied in the Bible. The favor and focus of the church and the world is then turned to Natural Israel once again instead of being on God's true people, which is Spiritual Israel (Jew and Gentile in one body of Christ).

Remember that none of this is mentioned in this particular portion of scripture that we are dealing with in Daniel 9:24-27. The scriptures that men usually quote as proof of their theory are Matthew 24:15 (the abomination of desolation), 2 Thessalonians 2:3-9 (the man of sin sitting in the temple of God), Revelation 13:3-15 (the beast that persecutes the church for 3 ½ years), and Daniel 11:9-39 (the vile person that arises to oppose the covenant and the people), and the parallel of the same event found in Daniel 8:9-14 (the little horn that arises to take away the daily sacrifice, fights against the people of God, and brings about the transgression of desolation, by treading the people of God under foot). Time limitations will not allow me to spend a great deal of time on these, and I have and will deal with most of these in my other lessons in this series of teachings, let me touch on each of them briefly. In order to avoid repeating myself, I will save the

explanations of Mat. 24:15, and Dan. Chapters 11 and 8 until I began my explanations of the next verse in Daniel 9:27.

II THESSALONIANS 2:3-9—THE MAN OF SIN SITTING IN THE TEMPLE AS GOD

Because of the preconceived ideas of Dispensationalism, most teach this to be the future anti-Christ that was supposedly spoken of in Daniel. The word anti-Christ is not found in this scripture. As previously stated in my other teachings, the word anti-Christ is not found anywhere in the Bible except in the Epistle of John and he said it was then the last days because many anti-Christ had already come. He said they went out from us because they were not of us, so he was clearly referring to the Christians of the early Church who were leaving Christianity to go back into the Law and Judaism, which is exactly what Dispensationalism teaches will happen. It makes one wonder what spirit is behind this deceptive unscriptural teaching. Paul said in reference to the Christians wanting to return to the works of the Law, "If I build again the things that I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor," and this is exactly what the original teachings of Dispensationalism teaches will take place during this supposed future seven year period.

Paul wrote in the chapter before this in II Thessalonians 1:6 that "it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you." He said this as though he was soon coming to pour out his wrath on the people that were persecuting the church at that time, not some 2000 years in the future. He went on to say that it wasn't at hand because there had to be an apostasy first and the man of sin be revealed, who would sit in the temple of God showing himself that he is God. The phrase "at hand" here does not mean "soon to come," but it is the Greek word "enistemi" which means already "present." There was a perfect historical fulfillment of this writing which took place during the 3 ½ year seize of Jerusalem.

JOHN LEVI OF GISCHALA

Josephus wrote extensively about an apostate Jew by the name of John Levi of Gischala, who fled to Jerusalem when his city was destroyed. He presented himself to the Jewish people as being sent of God as a savior to the Jewish people against the Roman Armies. He was a wicked man who burnt the storehouses of food, hired the Idumaeans to help him. They killed all the original High Priest of the temple, who resisted Johns control over the temple, which is possibly the resistant force spoken of by Paul in the second chapter. John took over the control of the temple, set himself up in the temple as the man sent of God for their deliverance, destroyed the vessels of the temple for the Gold, and caused the daily sacrifices to cease. His refusal to leave the temple at the request of Titus was the very reason that the temple was destroyed along with the city. This scripture in II Thes. about a man of sin sitting in the temple cannot be used to make the prince in Daniel 9:26 & 27 a future anti-Christ in our day.

REVELATION 13:3-13—THE BEAST THAT PERSECUTES THE CHURCH

I proved in my book on *The Coming of the Lord...*, which came the first lesson of this series, that this had a perfect historical fulfillment in Nero who persecuted the church for 3 ½ years. I even showed how his name numerically met the requirements of the numbers 666 and 616 as recorded in different versions of the Bible according to the various languages. This therefore cannot be used to prove an anti-Christ in Daniel chapter 9.

The original 1611 edition of the KJV version of the Bible has the letter "P" on the word "Prince" in this verse as a capital letter, which would make it be in reference to the same Prince as the "Messiah the Prince" of verse 25, which was Jesus.

(Dan 9:26) 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.

In order for this to be speaking of Jesus the Prince, then God would have to be looking prophetically at the Roman Army as being God's Army, just as he saw Cyrus as his anointed one in Isa. Let's see if there is any

scripture to confirm this. In the parables given in Matthew 21 and 22 when Jesus was describing how he was going to bring judgment on the Jews who had rejected his New Covenant message, he gave the following two verses as a description of the Roman Army he would send to destroy them and their city.

(Mat 21:40) When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

(Mat 21:41) They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

(Mat 22:7) But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth "his" armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Jesus here does refer to the Roman Armies as his armies since they were doing what he had prophesied would come to pass. This would make Jesus the only Prince spoken of in Daniel 9:25-27, and he would be the Prince which confirms the New Covenant in verse 27, which was already spoken of by the prophets. Even if the prince in verse 26 was speaking of Titus, it would be being used as an insert scripture about a future prince sent specifically to destroy the city and temple

(Dan 9:27) 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.

"HE" - Jesus, not Titus. Either way it would be history to us. Verse 26 is used as an insert about the future destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, but verse 27 goes right back to talking about the Messiah from verse 25, the first part of verse 26, and telling of what would happen during the 70th week after the 69th.

"**CONFIRM THE COVENANT WITH MANY FOR ONE WEEK**"—This does not mean that the covenant was just seven years long, but it is dealing with the one week that is left of the 70 weeks in which the Messiah will confirm the covenant with many. This week had to begin with Messiah the prince, and it began with his anointing at his baptism in fulfillment to verse 24 "anoint the most holy" which is one of the 6 requirements of the 70th week since it was never fulfilled in the first 69. Let's look at some scriptures to confirm this.

(Isa 53:11) He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

This is Jesus being "cut off, but not for himself!"

(Luke 1:16) And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

(Luke 2:34) And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

(Mat 20:28) Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

(Mal 3:1) Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me [John the Baptist]: and the Lord [Jesus], whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi declares Jesus to be the messenger of the Covenant.

THE ANOINTING OF JESUS TO START HIS MINISTRY WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE 70TH WEEK AND THE CONFIRMING OF THE COVENANT

(Luke 4:14) And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

(Luke 4:17) And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

(Luke 4:18) 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,

(Luke 4:19) To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

(Luke 4:20) And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

(Luke 4:21) And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

READ WHAT HE WAS QUOTING FROM AND NOTICE WHAT IT SAYS

(Isa 61:1) The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath **anointed me** to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

(Isa 61:2) To proclaim the **acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;**

(Isa 61:3) To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

(Isa 61:4) And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

(Isa 61:5) And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. [Gentiles]

(Isa 61:6) But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

(Isa 61:7) For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

(Isa 61:8) For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

(Isa 61:9) And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that **they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.**

This was the covenant that the Lord began confirming to the people, but **he was cut off in the midst of the week** and that **caused the sacrifice and the oblation** (old covenant animal sacrifices) **to cease** to be accepted by God even though they continued to be offered until he destroyed the temple with the Roman army in 70 AD bringing an end to the Jewish age and pouring out his **vengeance** on those Jews that had refused his New Covenant.

Let's now look at the latter part of Daniel 9:27 and the abomination of desolation that many try to use to prove an anti-Christ is in some future temple taking away animal sacrifices.

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MATTHEW 24:15—THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

I covered this in much detail in my first lesson on the coming of the Lord, and in my book that I wrote on that lesson entitled *The Coming of the Lord, the Last Days, and the End of the World—As Taught by Jesus and His Apostles*, so you can read it for a detailed explanation of this event. The easy way to understand this is when

Luke quoted the exact same statement Jesus made about the abomination of desolation in his parallel account in the book of Luke, he inserted the exact explanation of the event by saying "And when you shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh." Luke interpreted this as being the Roman armies coming to destroy Jerusalem and not a future anti-Christ taking away animal sacrifices in a future Jewish Temple. The 1611 edition of the King James Bible has in the margin of Daniel 9:27, "or with the abominable armies," which means even the scholars which translated the original King James Version of the Bible believed this to be referring to an army that would make Jerusalem desolate. Most all scholars taught this for nearly 1800 years until the theory of Dispensationalism came along. I received some documentation by e-mail where Darby said when he first introduced Dispensationalism that, "This teaching will bring the church back to Judaism," and it has been very successful in it's plan. I will deal with this deception in a later teaching, reveal who is behind this satanic plot, then it will all start making a lot of sense as to how this teaching got into the churches and the damage it has done.

SEPTUAGINT says "And on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations." Jesus quoting from this in Matthew 24 said:

(Mat 24:15) When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

(Mat 24:16) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

This proves this is not referring to an Antichrist in the temple, because the people in the country areas of Judaea would not be able to see what was happening inside the Temple. They could however see a Roman Army surrounding Jerusalem, which is what Luke 21 said.

(Mat 24:17) Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

(Mat 24:18) Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

(Mat 24:19) And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

(Mat 24:20) But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

(Mat 24:21) For **then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

LUKE REVEALED THAT THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION WAS THE ROMAN ARMY SENT TO DESTROY JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE

(Luke 21:20) And when ye shall see **Jerusalem compassed with armies**, then **know that the desolation thereof is nigh**.

(Luke 21:21) Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it **depart out**; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

The Lord warned the Christians of this, and when they saw it they obeyed Him and fled

(Luke 21:22) For **these be the days of vengeance**, that **all things which are written may be fulfilled**.

(Luke 21:32) Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled**.

From the death of Jesus in 30 AD until the destruction of the temple in 70 AD is a generation of 40 years. This generation in Luke 21:32, is the one in which Christ and the apostles lived, and were alive during the 70th week of Daniel.

(Dan 9:27) 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**, (*end*) and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

GLEAN DANIEL 8, 11 & 12

(Dan 8:9) And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

(Dan 8:8) Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

(Dan 11:2) And now will I show thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.

(Dan 11:3) And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

(Dan 11:4) And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

(Dan 11:6) And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begot her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

(Dan 11:7) But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

(Dan 11:17) He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.

(Dan 11:18) After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.

(Dan 11:19) Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

(Dan 11:21) And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

(Dan 11:23) And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

(Dan 11:30) For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

(Dan 11:32) And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

(Dan 11:40) And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

(Dan 11:41) He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

(Dan 11:44) But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

(Mat 2:2) Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

(Mat 2:3) When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

(Mat 2:4) And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

(Mat 2:16) 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.

(Mat 2:17) Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

(Mat 2:18) In Ramah 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.

(Dan 11:44) But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

(Dan 11:45) And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

(Mat 2:19) But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

(Dan 12:6) And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, **How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?**

(Dan 12:7) And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a **time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

(Isa 6:11) Then said I, Lord, **how long?** And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

THE FULFILLMENT OF THE SIX POINTS MENTIONED IN VERSE 24 WERE FULFILLED BY JESUS DURING THE 70TH WEEK, AND ARE NOT FOR A FUTURE 70TH WEEK.

(Dan 9:24) Seventy weeks are determined upon **thy people** [the Jews] and upon thy holy city [Jerusalem], (1) to finish the transgression, (2) and to make an end of sins, (3) and to make reconciliation for iniquity, (4) and to bring in everlasting righteousness, (5) and to seal up the vision and prophecy, (6) and to anoint the most Holy.

(1) TO FINISH THE TRANSGRESSION

Israel was constantly transgressing the law of God and this is what Daniel was praying about when the angel revealed to him that there would be 70 sevens more for the people of Israel and they would commit the greatest transgression of all during this time. That was the killing of the Messiah, which would finish the transgressions of Israel and bring the city and the temple to desolation. Jesus confirmed this in Matthew 23, as He spoke to the Jews.

(Mat 23:29) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

(Mat 23:30) And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

(Mat 23:31) Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that **ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.**

(Mat 23:32) **Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.**

This is the same as finish the transgression, which will be carried out by those who kill Jesus and His messengers.

(Mat 23:33) Ye serpents, ye **generation of vipers**, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

(Mat 23:34) Wherefore, behold, **I send unto you prophets, and wise men**, and scribes: and **some of them ye shall kill and crucify**; and **some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city**:

(Mat 23:35) That **upon you may come all the righteous blood** shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

(Mat 23:36) Verily I say unto you, **All these things shall come upon this generation**.

(Mat 23:37) O **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee**, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

(Mat 23:38) Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate**.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO CONFIRMED THIS

(1 Th 2:14) For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: **for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen**, even as they have of the **Jews**:

(1 Th 2:15) **Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us**; and they **please not God**, and are contrary to all men:

(1 Th 2:16) Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: **for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost**.

They finished the transgression and it resulted in their desolation to those who refused his New Covenant in his blood.

(2) TO MAKE AN END OF SIN

The same act that brought the judgments of God on Jerusalem, also brought the remedy to mans sins forever.

(Heb 9:26) For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now **once in the end of the world** hath he **appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself**.

(Heb 9:11) But **Christ being come an high priest of good things** to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

(Heb 9:12) **Neither by the blood of goats and calves**, but **by his own blood** he **entered in once** into the holy place, having **obtained eternal redemption** for us.

(Heb 9:13) For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and **the ashes of an heifer sprinkling** the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

(Heb 9:14) How much more shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

(Heb 10:9) Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second**.

(Heb 10:10) By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.

(Heb 10:11) And **every priest standeth daily ministering and offering** oftentimes the same sacrifices, **which can never take away sins**:

(Heb 10:12) But this man, after he had **offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;

(Heb 10:13) From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

(Heb 10:14) For by **one offering** he hath **perfected for ever them that are sanctified**.

(3) TO MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR INIQUITY

Some scholars feel this word should have been atonement instead of reconciliation, but the same blood of Jesus brought both. Mankind being sinners and the enemy of God by nature has to have an atonement to be reconciled to him.

(Rom 5:8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

(Rom 5:9) Much more then, **being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

(Rom 5:10) For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,** much more, **being reconciled,** we **shall be saved** by his life.

(Rom 5:11) And not only so, but we also joy in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**

(Col 1:20) And, having made peace **through the blood of his cross,** by him **to reconcile all things unto himself;** by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

(Col 1:21) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, **yet now hath he reconciled.**

(2 Cor 5:17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

(2 Cor 5:18) And all things are of God, **who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,** and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

(2 Cor 5:19) To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself,** not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath **committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**

(2 Cor 5:20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**

It is easy to see this is an accomplished event that had to happen before the 490 years were finished, so the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus Christ and is not a future 7-year tribulation that deals with some covenant of an antichrist stopping animal sacrifices in the middle of the week. It was Jesus Christ stopping animal sacrifices by the sacrifice of himself in the midst of the 70th week.

(4) TO BRING IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Rom 3:21) But **now the righteousness of God** without the law **is manifested,** being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

(Rom 3:22) Even the **righteousness of God** which is by faith of Jesus Christ **unto all** and **upon all them that believe:** for there is no difference:

(Rom 3:24) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

(Rom 3:25) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, **to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God;

(Rom 3:26) **To declare,** I say, **at this time his righteousness:** that he might be just, and **the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.

(Rom 4:13) For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, **was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.**

(Rom 5:17) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)**

(Rom 5:18) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

(Rom 9:30) What shall we say then? That **the Gentiles,** which followed not after righteousness, **have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.**

(Rom 9:31) **But Israel**, which **followed after the law** of righteousness, hath **not attained to the law of righteousness**.

This proves that this could not be referring to a future time under law, because you cannot obtain righteousness by the law.

(Mat 6:33) But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and **his righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(Rom 14:17) For the **kingdom of God is** not meat and drink; but **righteousness**, and peace, and joy **in the Holy Ghost**.

(5) TO SEAL UP THE VISION AND THE PROPHECY

This prophecy seems to carry a two-fold meaning that ends with the same event, which is the judgment of God on Israel because of her refusal of the New Covenant.

- (1) One interpretation of this is that it fulfills and completes the prophecy, during the time of the 490 years, which would not be total until the 70th week.
- (2) The other interpretation is that the word for seal here is the same word that deals with the blindness that is put on Israel more than just a fulfillment of prophecy.

(Isa 6:10) Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and **shut their eyes**; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

(Isa 6:11) Then said I, Lord, **how long?** And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and **the land be utterly desolate**,

(Isa 6:12) And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

Verse 10 is quoted in the New Testament as to its fulfillment being Israel's blindness during the ministry of Christ.

(Mat 13:14) And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

(Mat 13:15) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

(John 12:39) Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

(John 12:40) **He hath blinded their eyes**, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

(John 12:41) These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

This sealing of the vision seems to be a part of God's judgment on Jerusalem and Israel because of their rejection of the chief corner stone in Isaiah 28 & 29.

Isaiah 28:9-12 prophesies the revealing of the New Covenant and the Spirit to Israel.

(Isa 28:9) Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

(Isa 28:10) For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

(Isa 28:11) For **with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people**.

(Isa 28:12) To whom he **said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear**.

He then reveals how they would trust in the law and reject the corner stone.

(Isa 28:15) Because ye have said, **We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us:** for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

(Isa 28:16) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a **foundation a stone**, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

(Isa 28:17) Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

(Isa 28:18) And **your covenant with death shall be disannulled**, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

He then goes into the destruction of Jerusalem and his reason for it in chapter 29.

(Isa 29:1) Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

(Isa 29:2) Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

(Isa 29:3) And **I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount**, and I will raise forts against thee.

(Isa 29:6) Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

This is the same language as the 7th seal, trumpet, and vial of Revelation.

(Isa 29:10) For the LORD hath poured out upon you **the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes:** the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

(Isa 29:11) And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is **sealed**, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; **for it is sealed:**

(Isa 29:12) And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

(Isa 29:13) Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

(Isa 29:14) Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and **the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.**

The conclusion is that either of the interpretations ends with the same results which is the fulfillment of this prophecy was during the 70th week, during the ministry of Jesus, and it resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem.

(6) TO ANOINT THE MOST HOLY

I have already proved that this was the anointing that came on Jesus at his baptism that began His ministry (in fulfillment of Isaiah 61), and started the 70th week because it was his revealing to Israel that He was the Messiah. John did not even know Him except God had told him it would be the one on whom the Spirit descends.

(John 1:29) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb of God**, which **taketh away the sin of the world.** [Make an end of sin]

(John 1:30) This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

(John 1:31) And **I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel**, therefore am I come baptizing with water. [Unto Messiah the prince]

This starts the final 70th week as Jesus begins His ministry of the New Covenant.

(John 1:32) And John bare record, saying, I **saw the Spirit descending** from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. [Anoint the Most Holy]

(John 1:33) And **I knew him not**: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, **Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him**, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

(John 1:34) And I saw, and **bare record** that **this is the Son of God**.

Peter confirmed He had been anointed with the Holy Ghost in Acts 2:32-33.

(Acts 2:32) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

(Acts 2:33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Jesus was the anointed temple of God while He was here on earth, because God was introducing a New Covenant where He would dwell in the hearts of men and His church would become the temple of God in the earth.

The conclusion of this whole matter is: the 490 years all were completed in order without a gap, and all six points that Daniel said had to happen within the 490 years were all fulfilled by Jesus during the 70th week. Daniel's 70th week is history, so all this teaching about a future seven year tribulation period is false. Their may be tribulation ahead for the Church, because Jesus said in this world we would have tribulation, and hell has put together a plan to try to destroy the Church, but God will never let him succeed, though He may allow some persecution, just as He did in the early Church. God will eventually avenge His elect and pour out His wrath on the wicked every time His church comes under extreme attack by the enemy. So all this teaching about a pre, mid, and post tribulation, and pre-wrath are all based on a false teaching of a future 7 year tribulation that was created by saying the 70th week of Daniel is future instead of history. This was done by satan to make the Church believe there was seven years of Law keeping still left, and try to make them believe that God's plan was to the Natural Jew instead of the Church. **The truth of the matter is no one, Jew or Gentile, will ever be saved outside of the New Covenant plan of salvation, so let's get unified as the body of Christ and get busy reaching our world for Jesus.**