

## Daniel 9:24-27

### The Israel Connection

### Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week - Part 1

Today we are beginning a six week series-Titled the visions of Daniel.

A) Starting text each week will be Daniel 9:24-27

B) Amazing Prophecy given [2500 yrs ago] to a Jewish Prophet living in Babylon – Modern day Iraq

C) Daniel had been taken captive as a 17 year old young man- When Neb invaded Jerusalem

D) God's hand was on Daniel – he was given special ability to interpret dreams and visions with incredible 100% accuracy.

Example: Daniel Ch. 2 Neb's dreams Statue with 4 parts – Head gold-Chest silver Waist of bronze Legs and feet of iron mixed with Clay

A) Daniel interpreted the dream-statue represented 4 Kingdoms – that would have [world Dominance!]

B) Starting with Babylon represented by the head of Gold.

1) History tells us that came true – He identified 1) After Babylonian/Medo-Persia/Greece/Rome

C) Only time ever happened!

Daniel's influence in Babylon grew and carried through the reign of the Babylonians on into the Persian Empire!

A) At the time of the writing of Daniel 9 Dan is now 90 years old the Persians are now in Power

B) Daniel was still playing an important role of influencing leaders

C) Daniel Ch. 9 has been called the centerpiece of Bible Prophecy-

1) Amazing Prophecy that deals with a time period of 490 years that is divided into 2 sections

D) 483 years that deals with the first coming of Jesus-that has been fulfilled perfectly

1) A final 7yr period that sets the stage for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ to planet earth {yet to be fulfilled

Let me pause here for a minute to explain what will be the difference between our Sun am/Wed night studies

A) Wed nights we have been going thru the Book of Daniel Ch. By Ch. Verse by verse –thru Ch. 6

B) Up to this point-aside for the dream in ch.2 most of the book has dealt with [Daniel the man] 1) Incredible man of faith, convictions, prayer

C) Great example of how to live for God in a pagan world!

As we come to Ch. 7 things get extremely prophetic.

A) On wed nights we are going to continue to work our way thru-Ch. 7-12-Prophetic visions

B) Wed night is about the nuts and bolts of the passage.

C) For instance this week – Begin Ch. 7 –see another vision-this time of 4 beast coming out of the sea

Now many Bible teachers think that this is a repeat of the dream in ch.2

A) The Beast represent the same nations-just given in a new way to a new King w/more detail

B) But there are those who believe that this is speaking about something different

1) That has a lot more relevance to NATIONS in power today.

Now for the Bottom line – Some of you might already be thinking: What importance does any of this have for me RIGHT NOW – JAN 2009

C) On Wed night we will break down the scenarios the opinions-show the pluses and minuses of both

1) So you can HAVE and **educated opinion** about these things

D) Now We just don't have the time to do that here on Sunday am

On Sunday our focus will be Daniel 9:24-27 it will be our bridge to Dan. 7,8 & 10-12/Revelations etc.

But the passage shows us that we are going to look at in this series – **SHOW US** – that God is in control.

A) Draw connections and correlations – connect dots.

**B) Now if you can be here on Wed nights or get at CD-DVD-Watch on Wed**

1) It will help you see **how** we are connecting the dots

C) If you can only be here on Sun am – you will just have to trust in the way we are connecting the dots.

D) **Like an operation**: Doc says some people-this is what I am going to do & this will be the results

1) Some people are cool with that – bottom line result **That is Sunday am**

A) Others want to know the details – open me up here – be out for 3 hrs – taken out this – attaching...

1) That is **Sunday am/Wed.**

A) When tomorrow I might not have a Job?

B) I am wondering if there is going to be any retirement left? My 401 K – SS? Stocks?

C) Well I can stand up here say: Don't worry – God is in control – He has a plan – ALL TRUE

A) These passages reveal to us in great detail – WHAT **His plan is!**

B) The passages that we are going to be looking at over the next six weeks highlight the Sovereignty of God

1) His Genius!/His brilliance!/ Why He can be trusted!

Luke 21:34 Speaking of time prior to His coming  
“**But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.**”

God gives us these things to study because He doesn't want us to be caught off guard. **OR Weighed down when life gets hard!**

**1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”**

God gives us these **things to study** – so that we have a greater understanding of what our hope is!

Romans 10:17

“**So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**”

God gives us these things to **study to strengthen** and **deepen** our faith.

So that is our introduction – lets **[get busy]** let's get to work. **One goal today**: Who is **the Focus** of this prophecy and Why? **RD V. 20-24** Visions ch.7-8

God's game plan:

Time Period: 70 weeks

“**Weeks** translates the Hebrew word **shabuwa**, which literally means “sevens”.

A) A week can refer to a period of seven days but it can also refer to a period of seven years.

B) Genesis 29:27 Laban to Jacob work for 7yrs and you can have Rachel – **fulfill her week** = 7 years

C) Daniel also knew that God had spoken thru the prophet Jeremiah – Israel would be held captive in Babylon for 70yrs-

D) So God was already working in that time frame of 70's with his people.

1) So what God was telling Daniel is there are actually **Seven 70 year periods** laid out for my people. **490 YEARS**

**So this is about what God is going to be doing in Israel.**

A) What relevance does that Have to us.

#1 We need to love what God loves!

**There is this incredible Parallel** – that we can see in how God Chose Israel, deals with Israel, cares for Israel, provides for Israel – **APP FOR US**

B) Why is Israel special to God! Genesis 12

All started here: **Genesis 12:1-3**

Now the Lord had said Abram:

“Get out of your country, From your family  
And from your father’s house, To a land that I will  
show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will  
bless you, And make your name great; And you  
shall be a blessing;

3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will  
curse him who curses you; And in you all the  
families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Notice that God’s Covenant with Abraham  
consisted of four unconditional Promises.**

A) 1<sup>st</sup> God Promised to bless Abraham.

B) That promise has **been Lavishly Kept!** –  
Abraham has been blessed in many ways

1) Abraham has been revered by Jews, Muslims  
and Christians alike

C) Abraham has also been blessed through the  
gifts that God has given to his descendants.

Mark Twain once wrote:

“The Jews **constitute less** than one percent of the  
human race. It suggests a nebulous, dim puff of  
star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way.  
Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but  
he is heard of, has always been heard of. **He is as  
prominent on the planet as any other people,** and  
his commercial importance is extravagantly out of  
proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

His contributions to the world’s great names in  
literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine  
and abstruse learning are also way out of  
proportion to the smallness of his numbers. He  
has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the  
ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind  
him.

Mark Twain Source: Concerning the Jews Harper  
Magazine 1899

**One astounding fact that dramatically illustrates  
Twain’s point is the Un-balanced number of  
Nobel Prize winners that have been Jewish.**

**Between 1901 and 2008,** more than 750 Nobel  
Prizes were handed out to individuals in  
recognition of significant contributions to  
mankind.

Of that total **163 have been awarded to a Jewish  
person.**

Now of the **6 billion inhabitants of the world,** only  
slightly more than 13 million are Jewish – less  
than 1%

That **miniscule percentage** of the population has  
won 22.6 percent of all the Nobel Prizes awarded.  
Source: “Jewish Nobel Prize Winners” Jewish  
Virtual Library

**Abraham has been blessed  
thru...gifts...descendants**

2<sup>nd</sup> God Promised to bring out of Abraham a great  
nation. **Today 13 million Jews world wide!**

A) There are approx 5.4 Million Jews living in  
Israel.

B) Its land mass is one-nineteenth the size of  
California – it is roughly the size of our third  
smallest state – New Jersey. **Far left – isolate for  
you**

**Despite its size:**

A) Israel is the largest **exporter of Fruit** in the  
world today. Fulfillment of Isaiah’s Prophecy  
Isaiah 27:6

“Those who come He shall cause to take root in  
Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the  
face of the world with fruit.”

## TECHNOLOGY

B) Israel is also the Silicon Valley of the Middle East.

C) In 2007, venture capitalist invested 1.76 billion dollars in startup companies developing advanced telecom equipment.

1) Making Israel 2<sup>nd</sup> only to the U.S. in startup companies.

Source: "The land of milk and Startups"

Economist magazine

March 19, 2008

D) According to one prosperity index, Israel exported goods and services of more than \$70 billion last year, including \$34 billion from the technology sector alone.

Making Israel the highest ranking Middle Eastern country in the index.

Source: CIA World fact book June 2008

Despite a population of slightly over 7 million people Israel is now home to 7,200 millionaires, ...of the 500 wealthiest people in the world, six are now Israeli.

And all told the rich of Israel had assets in 2007 of more than 35 billion dollars. Israel's GDP (Gross domestic product) is almost double that of any other Middle East Country.

Source: Jerusalem Post June 28, 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> God Promised to bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse her.

A) God has kept that promise faithfully.

B) No nation has blessed Israel like the United states

1) In our short-history as a country we have risen to incredible heights – THE SUPER POWER

C) A part of that is due to this promise - The U.S. has always been on Israel's side-

1) And the US has been a place where Jewish people have been able to flourish

D) The US has become as homeland for the Jewish people

1) Here the Jews can retain their religion

2) Here they have economic, social, and educational opportunities.

E) Safe Haven against Anti-Semitism that is still rampant in various parts of the world.

And Throughout History, the Judgments of God have fallen heavily upon Israel's oppressors- Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Rome, and in modern times Spain, Germany, and Russia.

But America Dangerously close to being added to the list of nations cursed because of their stand against Israel? Many Prophecy experts think so!

A) Read the writings of men like Hal Lindsey, John McTernan

B) They draw an interesting time line that shows that every time the US puts pressure on Israel to give up land in exchange for peace w/her Arab neighbors

C) Every time that has happened-even most recent OSLO Agreement – there has been corresponding Calamity that has befallen the US

Now we know that is where things are headed the Bible makes it clear in the last days - Israel will stand alone.

Today Israel a nation with a population of 7 million people is surrounded by enemies who's population numbers around 300 million

Nine days from now our President will be sworn in a President who seems to be very sympathetic to the cause of Israel's enemies!-

Up to now the Promise to Abe has been kept the US has been blessed for our friendship to Israel

4<sup>th</sup> in Abraham all the nations of the world would be blessed. That promise has been incredibly Kept!

A) The Jews have given us the Bible the Ten Commandments, Christianity, Most of all Jesus!

Aa) This promise has its **greatest fulfillment** in the fact that Salvation has come to the world thru one of Abe's descendants

B) **Jesus was Jewish**; a descendant of Abraham

C) You are saved today because of God's promise to Abraham – that out of this tiny obscure group of people

1) God would send his son to be born.

D) Jesus was not **an American** – Surfer Jesus with blonde hair

1) Jesus was not European/African

E) **Jesus was Jewish** – God chose to send His son – to be a part of this tiny people group

**It all started with Abraham**: Old man with no kids – so how did God create a nation from that.

A) Miracle Child Isaac-Jacob 12 sons/Joseph/Egypt

B) Rises to power – great famine – Egypt becomes a refuge for the people of Israel

C) Genesis 46:26 – **Jacob arrived in Egypt** a family of 66 people.

**D) God caused Israel to grow in Egypt**  
Exodus 1:7

**“But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.”**

**Now Pharaoh felt threatened** – made them slaves – pop grew- 400 years in slavery

**Deliverance**: 3 million people in totality – 40 yrs in the wilderness – 1<sup>st</sup> Generation died off because of their unbelief!

**During that 40 yrs God established their laws – their worship system**

Joshua they **entered the land** – established in it

Judges God brought leaders to bring needed guidance

**1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles – King period** {they grew in power and prominence – became real force especially under David and Solomon.

**Revelation**: The nation would be blessed when they followed a leader who led them in seeking God

But also how they would **suffer greatly** when they followed a King who followed the world and foreign gods

By the end of **2 Chronicles** they had one too many wicked Kings and Israel was carried off into Captivity in Babylon for 70 years

But during that time there was **a Remnant left** in Jerusalem – Because God is a God who keeps His promises there would always be a remnant left in Israel – **The place was in Shambles!**

At the end of the 70 yrs in captivity – most were content to just stay in Babylon life was good under the Persians

But **Ezra and Nehemiah** led teams back to with the heart to rebuild and restore

A) A small group was **re-established** in the land again but nothing significant

B) **Like parents** prepare a room for the coming of a new born baby

1) God was preparing a land and a people for the coming of His Son

C) Now Persia at the time was in Power (time of Dan 9) and under the reign of Cyrus and Artaxerxes showed grace to the people of Israel

D) **Greece came next** – under Alexander – they sort of tolerated the people of Israel

E) Romans – Oppressed them.

**Life under Rome was agonizing – it was during that time that God Chose to bring His Son into the world to be its' SAVIOR – Die**

The **greatest fulfillment** of the Promise to Abe would be that Salvation would be made available to all people groups in every nation – thru faith in Jesus Christ

Started with the **Jews** and stretched to the Gentiles – in 30 short yrs (ACTS) the gospel had spread all over the known world

“Turned the world upside down”

A) Leviticus 26:33, 41-42/**Deuteronomy 28:25**

**But God had also prophesied that the nation would be scattered amongst the nations of the world.**

“The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.”

Bb) 37 yrs after the **Resurrection of Jesus** it happened –

B) Rome came in to crush Israel – (TITUS) [AD 70] destroyed their temple – nation was dispersed  
1) Fled all over the world – Troublesome people

**From that point the nation of Israel no longer existed**

A) Was the Prophecy of Abraham over? – What about **Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week**?

After Jesus death and Resurrection – [Church was born!]

Aa) Miracle of Miracles 1878 yrs later – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948 – the nation of Israel was reborn

B) Isaiah 66:8 Shall a nation be born in one day?

C) The **absurdity of it** – but it happened!

Think about this:

A) You cannot find the ancient neighbors of Israel anywhere. Have you ever met a **Moabite**?

B) Do you know any **Hittites**? Are there any tours to visit the **Ammonities**?

1) Can you find the postal code of a single **Edomite**? No!

C) These ancient people **disappeared** from history and from the face of the earth.

1) But the Jews just as God promised returned to their land.”

D) Regathering: Isaiah 11:12 Messianic

12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

No matter how bad things might get you can rest assured in this you will never be forsaken.

When Israel was reborn the PROPHETIC stop watch started again

A) **70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel** – the land of Israel and city of Jerusalem is being prepared for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ!

B) God's game plan for this **unique group** of people!

**Great history lesson definitely well informed better understanding of the bigger picture.**

A) But what does any of this have to do with me this week in life

B) Parenting-looking for work-trying to survive  
**Good Question – Honest Question**

1) FOUR APPLICATIONS

**#1 God's dealings with Israel remind** us that He is a covenant keeping God – Keeps Promises

A) Promised to never forsake Israel

B) Same promise to you

**Hebrew 13:5-6**

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we may boldly say:

The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear.

What can man do to me”

A) Even in countries experiencing – Martyrdom  
Sufficient grace – brought into glory/Special  
reward

B) Never abandoned! Foxes book...

#2 Israel was chosen by God – for no special  
reason. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 tells us of God's  
choice of the people of Israel  
"For you are a holy people to the LORD your  
God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a  
people for Himself, a special treasure above all the  
peoples on the face of the earth. 7 The LORD did  
not set His love on you nor choose you because  
you were more in number than any other people,  
for you were the least of all peoples; 8 but because  
the LORD loves you, and because He would keep  
the oath which He swore to your fathers, the  
LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand,  
and redeemed you from the house of bondage,  
from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

God just sovereignly chose to LOVE this people.

A) Nothing Desirable – no benefit to Him at all.

B) Listen to what God says about us – His  
Church!

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many  
wise according to the flesh, wise according to the  
flesh, **wise in the way the world judges wisdom**  
Not the smartest!

Not many mighty, **had great influence** not many  
noble, from important families are called.  
27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the  
world to put to shame the wise, and God has  
chosen the weak things of the world to put to  
shame the things which **are mighty**; 28 and the  
base things of the world and the things which are  
despised God has chosen, and the things which are  
not, He chose what the world thinks is  
unimportant and what the world looks down on  
and thinks is **nothing** to bring to nothing the things  
that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His  
presence.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who  
became for us wisdom from God — and  
righteousness and sanctification and redemption

— 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let  
him glory in the LORD."

That is us - nothing special!

A) But this sheds **incredible light** on why we are  
here

B) Why we have been given gifts. Talents,  
Opportunities

C) The purpose is not to **make millions live**  
comfortably-have all the luxuries of life

D) **We are here to bring God glory!**

1) Shine for Him – Victories/defeats/times of  
abundance and times of suffering

**We are here to make an impact in our sphere of  
influence – Why you exist**

A) YOU ARE ENTERING THE MISSION  
FIELD  
**LEAVE THIS PLACE**

B) Your job – your neighborhood

C) Not suggesting –pass out tracks – stand on your  
desk and yell REPENT

D) **Salt** – infiltrate – friends

1) Light being up front about your faith – So  
people will start to watch

**#3 I see a warning in this** – Israel was never  
forsaken but they did squander their blessing –  
they went through a lot of hardships because of  
their disobedience

We have been blessed – individually – as well as a  
country – Careful not to squander

#4 We need to love Israel – because God loves  
Israel Pray for Israel