

## Daniel 9:24-26 God's Countdown! Daniel's 70th Week - Part 2

Intro: Today we are going to be looking at one of the most **astonishing FULFILLED prophecies** in the entire Bible concerning the first coming of Christ

A)The Prophecy has to do with the Triumphant entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem.

B)Triumphant entry is a good description because what happened that week was an invasion & a victory in every sense of the word!

C)It has tremendous application to our lives personally

1))Consider the prophecy! **RD Dan 9:24-26a**

**Now here is what we established last time!**

A)The Prophecy is determined for the People of Israel. – (YOUR PEOPLE)

B)And the city of Jerusalem: (Your Holy city)

C)So we are given the people group that this is going to center around – and the location

1)Israel and Jerusalem

D)We also determined last time **HOW** the People of Israel came to be a special people to God

E)**It all Started Where?** Genesis 12 – 4 unconditional promises to Abe – that have been radically fulfilled

Now we also established last time that the Prophecy concerns a specific time period.

A)70 weeks – or 70 7 year periods – that make up a total of 490 years

B)There is a period of 490 years that are determined for the nation of Israel & their MESSIAH

1)Specific things are going to take place when HE comes!

D) **SIX SPECIFIC** things that are laid out for us in v.24 –accomplished when the 490 yrs are over!

To finish the transgression,  
To make an end of sins,  
To make reconciliation for iniquity,  
To bring in everlasting righteousness,  
To seal up vision and prophecy,  
And to anoint the Most Holy.

Now today we are not going to break down these six things – later in the series

A)Our goal today is to establish the time line – laid out here – break it down

B)Talk about the importance of the triumphal entry both prophetically and practically – our lives

**V.25 Know therefore and understand...**

A)God is telling us – this is not to be a Mystery!

**B) What does He want us to understand ?**

V.25b That *From the going forth of the command to go & restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah ....comes shall be 7 wks and 62 wks The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.*

C)Notice that the command is about understanding the time frame **for the coming of the Messiah.**

D)The **countdown** starts when the command is given to rebuild the city and the specifically the walls.

E)The walls were torn down – when the Babylonians had invaded. **They sat that way for 70yrs!**

1) The Signal would be go rebuild the city & walls

The reason it is important to make that point is because **in 536BC King Cyrus** of Persia made a decree giving Ezra permission to travel back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Ezra 1:1-4

**And in 458 BC King Artaxerxes** of Persia issued another decree concerning the supplying of provision for worship in the temple in Jerusalem. Ezra 7:11-26

So both of those decrees dealt with the rebuilding of the temple. And Temple worship

Now According to Nehemiah 2:1 Permission for rebuilding the city came from Artaxerxes "in the month Nisan, in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Artaxerxes reign.

A) Artaxerxes's reign started in 465 B. C., so the date referred to in Neh 2:1 would make **the year 445 B.C.**

C) Because a king's reign was dated from the first of the month of his reign,

1) the first of Nisan, 445 B. C. would be March 14, 445 B. C. according to our calendars.

D) Now as soon as that command is given – the **countdown can begin.**

So on March 14, 445 BC – the countdown starts 7 weeks or 7 sevens = 49 yrs

A) 62 weeks or 62 seven year periods = 434 years

B) Put the two together and you get a time period of 483 years!

1) **Why the gap?** Why 7 sevens and 62 sevens

D) The most logical explanation is 49 yrs is singled out because that marks the time it took to rebuild the city, according to Historical record.

1) Neh 6:15 – Wall rebuilt in record time 52 days

E) So from the going forth of the command to go & restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah ...comes would be a Total time period 483 yrs!

Now Sir Robert Andersen of Scotland yard wrote a book published in 1954 – “**The coming Prince**”

A) He was later Knighted for his work!

B) Using a 360 day Lunar calendar you count from March 14 445 BC 483 yrs or 173,880 days and it takes you to April 6<sup>th</sup> AD 32

1) The day of the triumphal entry of Jesus!

C) The day that Jesus road into the city of Jerusalem!

1) So the MESSIAH showed up **right on TIME!**

Notice what the Prophecy said next about that event

V26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Note the 1<sup>st</sup> 49 yrs are already passed so their included in that statement – **After the 69 weeks or the 483 years Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;**

Jesus road into the City of Jerusalem at the beginning of that week – People Cheered Hosanna....

A) By the end of the week – He was nailed to a Cross

B) He was cut off, but not for Himself/ For Humanity

1) He was crucified to pay a price for the sins of the world.

C) To reconcile a lost world for God – To provide a way for those who would believe in Him – to be saved

1) For the Jew first but also for the Gentile.

D) So the **first 483 years of Daniel's vision** were fulfilled in the triumphal entry of Jesus and his crucifixion at the end of that week.

But Gabriel said 70 –sevens are determined – **490 yrs are determined .....**

A) What happened to Daniel's 7<sup>th</sup> week?

Keep reading

**V. 26b And the people of the prince who is to come**

A) {This tells us – that after the Crucifixion of Jesus **another Prince** is going to come.} **Antichrist**

B) His people or the nation that he is a part of is going to **destroy the city and the sanctuary.** {temple}

C) Now this gives us great insight into the nation or the people group he is going to emerge from.

D) So after the Crucifixion of Jesus – we start watching waiting – FOR who is going to come and destroy Jerusalem and tear down it's temple?

E) Well 37 yrs after the REZ in A.D. 70 – Happens Titus & Rome! **Disobeying a direct order**

So THAT FACT tells us that the Antichrist is going to have a connection to the Roman Empire.

A) Now we will see this Wed night in our study in Daniel Ch.7 how the antichrist is going to rise up

out of an aspect of the Roman empire that is going to be REVIVED in the last days.

B) This week 4<sup>th</sup> beast with the 10 horns

C) So the countdown started March 14 445 BC – 483 yrs or 173,880 days – April 6<sup>th</sup> AD 32

1) Triumphant entry and crucifixion

D) Now at that point – the countdown stops –

Looking for clues that will SIGNAL the start of that 70<sup>th</sup> week

A) V.27 tells us when the countdown is going to start again. V27 Then [he] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; { Many = in Israel

B) The idea is Anti Christ is going to make a Covenant with the nation of Israel

1) And many or most are going to buy into it – But not all.

C) Notice the length of the Covenant – One week

1) One seven year period - Here is our 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel – Countdown starts again at that moment.

E) And it is that treaty that also signals the start of the what the Bible calls the tribulation.

1) God's wrath poured out -  
THE TRIBULATION IS:

A) Divided into 2 3 1/2 year periods – the first 3 1/2 years – Anti Christ is at peace with Israel.

B) The 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 1/2 yrs – the Anti Christ is seeking to destroy the nation of Israel.

C) Here is a quick summary of 10 THINGS the Bible says the Anti-Christ will do.

1) He is going to make a covenant with Israel.

2) He will usher in a global economic system. He will create a cashless society.

3) He will create a universal religious system.

4) He will institute a global military force. All nations united under one banner.

5) He will help Israel rebuilt their temple.

6) At the three and half year mark – He will blaspheme God in that temple.

7) He will persecute the people of Israel.

8) He will persecute those who come to faith in Christ during the tribulation time.

9) He will be possessed by Satan himself.

10) He will seek to lead an army of followers against God.

Now we are going to break down those things in our study next week.

A) I personally believe that the Anti-Christ is alive on the earth right now- moving in Power – taking steps

B) And the world is ripe for such a leader to come on the scene! “FIX OUR PROBLEMS”

C) But the Bible I believe makes it very clear that the Church is going to be raptured – before He comes into power – before that treaty is signed.

D) We will talk more about that next time

Take our Closing minutes to look at the events that signaled the end of the 483yrs – Turn to Luke 19

A) See There is a reason for the gap between the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel

B) Gap was for the Church to be born – the Church age to come into being We are living in that age now!

C) Came into being as a result of the invasion of Jesus

At the top of our Study I said that the Triumphant entry of Jesus was an appropriate name for the event

A) Because this was an invasion in every sense of the word – A military victory. RD V.29- 40

B) We have talked in the past about how Jesus set this event up – orchestrated every aspect

1) Only time He ever orchestrated an event where he was approving public displays of affection

C) Not a triumphal entry to the Romans – Joke !

1) **Definitely not to the Religious leaders – Stop!**  
But at this moment Jesus was invading two separate DOMAINS – incredibly different from each other- but both equally lost.

A) On the one hand you had Satan's Domain of Darkness characterized by the decadence of Rome

B) The mind set of Rome was do whatever you want with whoever you want.

- 1) Homosexuality rampant –
- 2) Adultery rampant
- 3) Bestiality – every sexual perversion

C) We blush at the idea of swingers in our day- nothing compared to Rome's massive Orgies

D) Treason and Political corruption plagued Rome  
Imploded from within – It's down fall/

Ravi Zacharias: A world without God  
No meaning – No morals – no absolutes – No hope and No recovery. { That was Rome

**A picture of the final goal of SATAN'S Plan**

A) For 2500 yrs Satan held the human race captive

B) Captive to the Fear and uncertainty of Death

- 1) Bondage to sin { Power / Presence
- 2) Man lost was in darkness.
- 3) Man was hopeless.
- 4) Man was Desperate.
- 5) Man was plagued by guilt.
- 6) **Man was void of purpose.**

**Jesus invaded that Domain - Conquered death**

A) Brought hope to man – Purpose to man

B) A way for man to be right with God – establish a relationship with God

C) **Reason for living** – not to find pleasure in self

- 1) Live to please and honor God

The other Domain that Jesus invaded and turned right side up – was the religiosity of Israel

A) Stood in stark contrast to the decadence of Rome

B) Just as lost – just as ugly – only in a different way

It was a Domain and system marred by Pride and religious elitism and hypocrisy

A) Nothing magnified those things more than the way the temple courts that were set up in Herod's temple

B) **FOUR COURTS** : The Court of the Gentiles – not inside the temple proper.

C) Court of women where they could go to worship – couldn't proceed further.

D) A little closer was the court of Israel where Jewish men would go to worship

**Then there was the court of the Priest – Brazen altar**

A) Temple itself – two compartments – Holy place and the Holy of Holies { Curtain – 150 priest.....

B) The whole system that was set up reflected the elitist mentality of the religious leaders in Israel

C) Instead of being a light to the Gentiles and introducing them to the one true God { God's plan  
1) They alienated them even more by turning the court of the Gentiles into a Jews only marketplace

D) Their **elitist attitude** was also seen in how they treated women – 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens

1) Viewed as property and excluded from most religious activities

Women were considered so untrustworthy that even their testimony carried very little weight in a court of law { **Jesus gave first testimony**

A) It was so bad – many Jewish men would start their day.....–thank you God not Dog/ gentile/ woman

B) Another group that was excluded from the Jewish religious system during the time of Jesus: **the NEEDY**

C) The blind , lame, cripples, the poor!

D) Jewish leaders in Jesus day taught – The Disabled people were getting what they deserved  
1) Poverty was also seen as a sign.. God's displeasure

E) Similar teaching today: Prosperity Churches –  
1) healthy and wealthy ...not problem is a lack of faith/ sin or combo of both!

It was into this system – this Domain that Jesus invaded.

A) It was that system of arrogance, elitism and Hypocrisy – Jesus came to blow up

B) I find it ironic that the first thing Jesus does here in LK 19 enters the city is weep

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

These “religious experts” missed their day their visitation – they missed it completely

A) Which really gives insight to the importance that God places on our being aware of Bible prophecy

B) Being aware of the times and seasons we are living in.

1) Some Churches shy away from BP- We can't Won't be guilty –being caught off guard  
The next thing I find interesting is what Jesus does after that

45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

He goes into that marketplace in the court of the gentiles and start turning over tables – whip – angry

A) Flexing his muscles – righteous anger

B) Saying this is supposed to be a place where Jew and Gentile can come to God – meet with God  
1) Worship God

The final act in the Invasion of this corrupted religious system – happened the cross

A) Final words before – he gave up His Spirit

B) **Te telesti – IT IS FINISHED –**

1) Miracle – Veil was ripped in two { **Leave no doubt**

C) **OPEN ! ACCESS ! WELCOME! – New covenant**

1) Come thru my son

D) Jews/ Gentiles/Roman/Sinners/ Men/ women/ Physically fit and the lame! Rich/ Poor

E) All on the same plain – Welcome to come to God thru His Son Jesus Christ

1) Forgiveness/ freedom/ Hope/ Life

**Jesus invaded that religious system and blew it up**

A) Which makes what Paul says in Phil 3 about his life prior to his conversion even more intriguing

B) Paul was the Poster boy of that system - He was taught in the best schools- trained by the best teacher

1) He was a part of the religious elite

C) Zealous- Permission to persecute & imprison

D) Rd to Damascus – meets Jesus

Phil 3 Paul says I count everything that I believed achieved, took stock in concerning my old life – as **COW MANURE** – nice way to say { stronger

A) Paul is not just saying that his confidence was no longer in that system

B) Paul was saying **I CAN'T BE who I was before** – I don't want to be that guy anymore

1) That guy is not appealing to me any more

C) No now I am going to pursue Jesus with all my heart – Reckless abandonment

That is what the INVANSION of Jesus does – transforms lives!

A)My whole way of thinking has been transformed

B)All my priorities have been transformed – what I considered important has been transformed

C)Now let me seek wrap this up today by saying that what we see in Paul/ the apostles/ early Church is not the Kind of Christianity we see very often in the US

D)It is part of the reason why they turned their world upside down for Jesus – **we have not!**

See today for many professed believers – Jesus is a part of their life

A)He is the one they turn to when their own plan is not working out

B)He is the crutch that they lean upon only when they become so tired of trying to stand on their own two feet

C)Jesus is the one that they honor once a week at Church – maybe pray to in the morning asking Him to bless their day!

D)But in no way does the Jesus who invaded Jerusalem Govern their lives

Reason we have problems in Marriages – Divorce in the Church – Porn Problems – Gossip

A)We hide behind the reality that we are sinners

B)A statement that denies the power of JC to transform

C)The Problem is we have allowed the invasion of Jesus into our lives to be cut short.

D)Some who Profess – Not saved at all – no transformation

1)Changed behavior – habits but not heart

Problem with some { Unlike Paul – they like their lives – reluctant to give up who they are.

A)Early Church – Pursued Jesus – occasionally give into the flesh

C)Today Church pursue – giving into the flesh – Occasionally radically follow Jesus

**Transformation looks like:**

A)Marriage – Can't stay mad hold a grudge Jesus makes me feel miserable

B)I have to make peace – Be right with Him

C)Can't look at Porn – He is grieved – I have to shut him off to do that – Conviction is strong

**You start ignoring conviction – Dangerous – Heart gets hard**

D)Can't indulge in gossip – definitely feel dirty afterwards – Not HIS WAY

**The invasion of Jesus is about a transformation**

A)New way to seek God – New people – new priorities

New way of seeing the world

B)Can't sit back knowing babies are being aborted – have to do something – least pray – stand

C)Can't sit back knowing people I work with are going to hell- need to do something