

Daniel 9:24-27

The Coming World Leader, Part 2

Daniel's 70th Week - Part 4

We are in week four in our Series the Visions of Daniel or VOD for short

A) Established that there are 70 seven year periods – or a period of 490yrs that are determined for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

B) We have also established that 483yrs of that time period has been fulfilled

1) In the first coming of Christ – his triumphal entry death and REZ

C) We have noted that there is one 7 year period left and Daniel 9:27 tells us when it starts

D) It happens when this one known as the Anti-Christ makes a 7 year covenant with the nation of Israel

1) V.27 says he confirms a covenant with Israel for one week – 1 seven year period.

E) That event marks the beginning of the final seven year period that Daniel spoke of –

1) The period known as Daniel's 70th week

Last week we began looking at this person the Bible refers to as the Anti-Christ {100 pages about him

A) Popular character – lots of controversy and speculation center around this figure.

B) Google – Who is the Anti-Christ and you will get 1.5 million hits – lots of speculation

C) There has always been lots of speculation concerning who this person will be.

1) Since the Bible attaches the number 666 to his name – some people have tried to work with sequences of numbers using names – come up with ideas

D) Some of the names, Several of the Popes – Julius Caesar, Hitler, Henry Kissinger, U2's Bono – and Now Barak Obama

E) Although the most interesting in an out of left field kind of way is David Hasselhoff

1) Web site dedicated to this idea - David Hasselhoff is the Anti-Christ

Here is how the logic went: *He has even less musical talent than John Tesh... His television shows are unwatchable... and yet He's one of the world's most popular stars... how has He done it?*
I submit David Hasselhoff is the Anti-Christ

Well our concern this morning is not in who the AC is – but in what he does.

A) In our last study we talked about what we might call the upside to the Anti-Christ

B) He is going to do some things that at first blush will seem to really help the world

C) He is a Charismatic likeable guy on the surface.

1) He brings the nations together under one banner – there is a pseudo unity developed.

2) Answers for the global collapsing economy.

D) His economic plan cuts down crime, identity theft, drug dealing.

3) Peace in the middle east.

4) Helps Israel rebuild temple.

It might even be these last two things mentioned that actually brings him to prominence and power

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A) He does what no other world leader has been able to accomplish in the last 61yrs Peace in the middle east

B) That might be the first thing he does – sort of launches him into the public eye

1) Gains him recognition and leadership in the EU

So the event that kicks off this final seven year period is this covenant with Israel.

A) Which no doubt will involve finding a way for the Jews to rebuild their temple on the temple MT.

B) Which at this current moment in history would mean coming up with a way for both the Jews and the Muslims co-existing at the sight.

C) Is that Possible!

Dr. Asher Kaufman – Archeologist has done extensive research

A) Many Jewish Historians and Archeologist agree with Kaufman that the traditional site of Solomon's temple is not where the Dome of the Rock Mosque Sits

B) But rather it is located a little over a 100 yards to the North of the Mosque where a Gazebo sits – called the Dome of the Tablets {Diagram}

Bb) Which is where that Kaufman's research says the Holy of Holies sits – why it is called the Dome of the Tablets –

1) Ten Commandments in the Holy of Holies

C) Now if Kaufman is right – and most think – it is very likely that he is

1) That is interesting in light of a couple of end times scriptures

You see in Rev 11 John sees the rebuilt temple is told to measure the temple, but He is told to leave out the court – which is outside the temple

A) Reason : Because it has been given to the Gentiles

Bb) If the Jews built their temple where that Gazebo is the Dome of Rock – outer court

B) Then In Ezekiel 42 – Ezekiel sees a vision of the New Temple – But what he sees is a wall surrounding the temple – not normal

C) Separating the temple from the outer court – separating the Holy place from the Profane place

D) Why the Profane – Well written a top of the Dome of the rock is this inscription – God is not Begotten nor does he Beget

1) It is a direct slam and Blasphemy really – contradicting – John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son*

D) There are other inscriptions that contradict what the Bible says about Jesus

E) So Ezekiel sees that there is this Wall of Separation between the Holy place and the Profane place

See it begins to make sense – The Jews are ready to build their temple and most agree with Kaufman that the proper place is where Gazebo

A) This Antichrist Character is going to bring it to pass – Going to make it happen –

B) They will Share the temple Mt – the same way they are trying to find a way to share Jerusalem right now

C) SO the Stage is being set !

D) So On the surface it really will seem like under his leadership the world becomes a better place to live

But that is not the end of the story! – See there is what we will call THE OTHER SIDE.

A) There is another side to this man – it is why he is given this name in the Bible THE BEAST! Revelation 13:1

Aa) His arrival is announced in Revelation 6:1 He comes Conquering and to conquer.

1) Ruthless tyrant – gets rid of those who oppose him

B) Because there is a vicious side to him – the Bible also gives him these names:

Daniel 8:23 A fierce King

Daniel 8:23 A master of intrigue NIV

Daniel 11:23 a despicable man NLT

2 Thessalonians 2:3 The one who brings destruction NLT

2 Thessalonians 2:8 The lawless one

2 Thessalonians 2:9 The evil man NLT

Today we are going to talk about this “other side” of the Anti-Christ and the time the Bible refers to as the great tribulation.

There are 2 objectives to the Tribulation time:

A) #1 A Time where God is pouring out his wrath on a world that has rejected his Son JC

B) The Tribulation time is described for us in Rev 6-19 in 3 sets of consecutive Judgments – 7 seals – 7 trumpets – 7 bowls

7 because 7 is the # of completion/

C) We know that these Judgments are not congruent or 3 looks at the same thing.

1) they are consecutive – they follow after each other

D) Because the 7th seal judgment introduces us to the trumpet judgments and the 7th trumpet to the bowl judgments

The thing that is important to note about all of these judgments – they originate from the throne of God.

A) The central figure of the tribulation time is not the Anti-Christ, it is God - It is Jesus

B) And most of the events taking place on the earth – emanate from God's throne – and not the hand of the Anti-Christ. {Big misconception}

C) So often the thing that is portrayed in books at movies {Anti-Christ is wreaking havoc

1) In reality most of the Havoc is emanating from God's Throne

D) In fact there is a heavy moment that happens in Revelation Ch.6 – God's wrath is described
15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Think about that – Most of us have driven up to Twin Peaks or Green Valley – seen those giant boulders – sticking out of the hill side

A) Imagine screaming at those rocks – fall on me crush me – that is better than – God's wrath/ Lamb

B) Wrath of the LAMBO – often forget this: Jesus Rose – Ascended – He is on the throne – He is in Glory - He is Coming again –

C) There is a day coming when the world is going to feel His wrath - Read Rev1 today –

1) Description of Jesus now - Must not forget

So first the tribulation is about God pouring out his wrath on a world that rejected his son

A) What is encouraging – is all the way thru the tribulation God is giving men the opportunity to repent and turn to him – Angels – plus 144,000

Important for us to note is this: God said in 1 Thessalonians 1:10 – that Jesus was sent to deliver us from the wrath that is to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 The Church is not appointed unto wrath – one of the reasons We know that God is going to take out his Church before this happens –

Aa) God is not into Double punishment – he punished Jesus for our sins – not going to punish us

B) Would you do that ? Sick parent – one of your kids does something wrong – you spank them – 1) but hopefully you don't spank the rest of your kids just because – one messed up

God punished Jesus in our place – Jesus stepped in and took the punishment for us!

A) God sent His son into the world – His son is rejected by man – man deserves wrath – but instead God shows grace

B) Jesus dies in our place – Grace is dispensed and an age of Grace is launched

C) But the day is coming when God is going to Judge when wrath is going to be poured out

1) Wrath so great the Bible says in Matthew 24:22 that unless those days were shortened no flesh would survive

D) So far God has waited 2,000yrs – still waiting – the world is getting more hostile towards God

E) But we live in the age of grace – God desires that none should perish – Grace is extended

1) But God is not going to wait forever!

So the first main objective of the Tribulation is: it is A Time where God is pouring out his wrath on a world that has rejected his Son JC

2nd main objective of the Tribulation is for God to get Israel's attention: The tribulation is known as the time of Jacob's trouble or Israel's trouble.

A) While God is judging the world – Satan and the Anti-Christ are going to be trying to destroy Israel

B) And those who come to Christ during the Tribulation

God is going to allow this in order to get Israel's attention

A) See there are mainly two types of people living in Israel today.

B) Minority who are orthodox Jews who still follow the teachings of the OT

1) Still waiting for the Messiah – He will be the man who helps us to rebuild the temple –

C) Which is one of the reasons they will embrace the Anti Christ

So there is a minority in Israel that is orthodox – however the majority of the nation is very secular and virtually non religious

A) The most populated city is Tel Aviv which is like the Las Vegas of the middle east – Parties, clubs prostitution are rampant

B) In fact Israel ranks up there among the nations that frequents – human trafficking –

1) Prostitution

Now when the Anti-Christ makes this covenant with Israel and helps them rebuild their temple –

A) I believe there is going to be a resurgence back toward Judaism in the secular group

B) See the orthodox Jews have been talking for 2000yrs about the temple being rebuilt – to many in Israel – it is a pipe dream – grown weary of waiting

C) Our building – 3 1/2 yrs try – 2000

D) So when it happens many who are secular are going to be like WOW – maybe this is real

1) Sacrifices again – resurgence of the Old system

E) But then all hell breaks loose –

Turn to Revelation 13 John's Vision of the Anti-Christ

Rev 13:1-10

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. [From the start – idea he is against God] 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.

He has Characteristics of the 3 beasts Daniel saw in his vision in Daniel 7 –

A) Leopard – Greece, Bear- Medo-Persia, Lion Babylon

B) He will move quickly into power like Alexander the great and Greece

1) With the fierceness and Power of Medo-Persia

C) And he will carry the Royal respect of Neb and Babylon

V.2b The dragon[SATAN] gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. So he will get his power from Satan himself

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.

A) He is going to be wounded – and people will think he died – miraculous recovery

B) A Pseudo death and Resurrection – Result?

And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Satan gets exactly what he has always craved and desired – Worship – Direct worship – not just indirect

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 3 1/2 year mark something happens

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

A) This is describing that event known as the abomination of desolation.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 describes the same event "the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

When he does this the people of Israel are going to revolt

Jesus described this event in this way:

Matthew 24:15-21

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

When this happens – God is going to give the anti-Christ authority to persecute Israel

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

In other words - his hatred of Israel is only going to make him more popular. Gain - World wide acceptance:

Rev 13:11-18

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the

earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

2nd Beast is the false prophet – He is the Antichrist PR – guy – Religious leader – given power to perform miracles.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

So allegiance is going to be DEMANDED – it is going to be forced -

And as a sign of their allegiance – those living on the earth are going to have to take his mark -

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

So this is that cashless system that we were talking about last week – Laser Tattoo – Bio chip

So listen if you are here today and you don't know Jesus – not right with God- this is what you have to look forward to.

Now is the time for Grace – Escape – You repent of your sins and look forward to the rapture the rapture of the Church. CAUGHT UP

See the Bible tells us that the Anti-Christ cannot be revealed – until the Church is taken out!

2 Thessalonians 2:5-8

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed,

Now some have tried to say that the He mentioned here is speaking of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit is removed from the earth during the time of the tribulation.

That is not accurate: HS is OMNI Present – never leaves. And the Bible tells us that no one can come to God unless the Holy Spirit draws him –
A) Holy Spirit convicts of sin – draws people to Christ

B) And there will be a lot of people coming to Christ during the tribulation –

1) So the HS is still going to be working

C) What is going to be missing is the HS working thru the Church – like he does today

1) Salt of the earth

A spirit of Anti-Christ in the world

1 John 4:2-3

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Against all that is of Christ – the Bible

Watch – stand fast – be salt

Yes great we will miss this

We all know people who right now will not

Share gospel – write a letter – send DVD

Pray hard! – Remain steadfast

1 Corinthians 15:58

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”