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Daniel / Daniel 9:24–25

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## Introduction

Why is studying prophesy important for the believer.

1. It gives you hope as you know what the end of history holds in.
2. It provides you with the knowledge that God controls history
3. It reveals to you that there is meaning to history., All of life is not just a series of random events.

And in our lives, so filled with the chaos of a sin stained world, you need to know God is in control.

God is faithful to His word.

You can take Him at His word.

## Historical Background

Last week we completed the 6 goals God had for the 70 weeks God had determined for Israel.

We also discovered that the beginning marker for the 70 weeks related to the decree Artaxerxes made with Nehemiah in the 1 Nissan 444BC (5 March)( to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

We did the Maths and worked out that the first 7 weeks, (49 years) related to the rebuilding of the city and its defenses .

We also worked out how the next 62 weeks (434 years) ends with the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem.

We worked out how from the issuing of the decree until the first coming of the Messiah was 1773880 days.

We saw the precision and faithfulness of God in fulfillment of His word which gives you the confidence:

- that God will fulfill the words concerning Christ return.
- that God controls all of History

- that God the Son is the center of History
- that God's history culminates with Christ as His king, ruling His eternal kingdom with his children in it for His glory.

This morning we continue in the passage which is heralded as one of the most important prophetic passages in Scripture that serves as the backbone of Biblical prophecy.

## Passage

### **Daniel 9:20–27** ESV

<sup>20</sup> While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God,

<sup>21</sup> while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.

<sup>22</sup> He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.

<sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.

<sup>24</sup> "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

<sup>25</sup> Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.

<sup>26</sup> And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

<sup>27</sup> And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

# Proposition

6 reasons you should trust Jesus as the center piece of past and future history

1. God's man prayed for Jerusalem vs 20
2. God's divine messenger vs 21-23
3. God's divine plan for Israel and Jerusalem .vs 24
4. God's divine plan's inception for Jerusalem restoration and coming Messiah Vs 25
5. God's divine plan for Messiah's death and destruction of Jerusalem.vvs 26
6. God's divine plan for the anti Christ's final week.vvs 27

We continue this morning on the 5th point focusing on vs 26

## 5.God's divine plan for Messiah's death and destruction of Jerusalem.vvs 26

### **Daniel 9:26 ESV**

<sup>26</sup> And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

This verse describes several events that will take place after the 62 weeks

- The death of Christ
- The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD
- The future anti Christ is introduced.

### **<sup>26</sup> And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off**

The 62 weeks follows after the 7 weeks to rebuild Jerusalem in vs 25.

So if you add  $7 + 62 =$  you get 69 weeks after the decree to rebuild the city the anointed one is cut off.

The anointed one =Heb= Masshiah= Messiah, the same messiah mentioned in vs 25.

Notice that a few days after the 69 weeks, which culminated in Christ triumphant entry we read

an anointed one shall be cut off suggests a violent death.

The grammar implies the Messiah is the recipient of being cut off.

This was God's plan, yet the Jews were instrumental in his death with the Romans the means of His execution.

| Acts 2:23 (LSB)

| <sup>23</sup> this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, **you** nailed to a cross by the hands of **lawless men** and put *Him* to death.

Both Jews and Gentiles were complicit in Christ death and resurrection.

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey heralded as the Messianic ruler the 10th Nissan AD33

Jesus was killed 14 Nissan AD 33 fulfilling what Isaiah spoke of in Is 52:13-Is 53:12  
2000 years ago Jesus came to this world as Savior.

Through His death, and resurrection:

- Jesus accomplished salvation for His people.
- Jesus accomplished the means to achieve the 6 goals mentioned in vs 24.
  - Jesus provided what was needed for Israel rebellion towards God to end.

When you repent and trust in Jesus as savior and Lord you end your rebellion towards God.

- Jesus put an end to the sin offering, as he was the final sin offering on the cross.

He **atoned** for iniquity, washing the sinner clean.

- Jesus the righteous one, displayed God's righteousness on the cross, credited His righteousness to believers which lays the platform to bring in everlasting righteousness.
- His death and resurrection fulfilled the OT & NT visions and prophecies concerning His first coming, which guarantees the future fulfillment of the prophecies and visions concerning His second coming.

Jesus's death and resurrection also accomplished:

- Substitution sacrifice- paid the penalty for sin for His elect
- Reconciliation - changed the believer from enemy to God's child
- propitiation- turned God's wrath away
- Redemption- purchased believers to be His slave
- justification - declaration the believer not guilty
- and brought about the forgiveness of sin.

Finally here was the the long awaited Messiah for His people Israel.

But as John wrote:

**John 1:11 ESV**

<sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

His own people , the Jews rejected Him as messiah and ended up killing him.

They had rejected him as Messianic ruler and thus rejected him as Savior.

The heart of history is Christ death and resurrection.

But people respond differently to the gospel.

Many rejected Him

But some accepted Him

In which camp do you land?

We read on.

**anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing.**

The Jews expectation was a Messiah that would come as an earthly ruler.

But this promise was not realized with His first coming.

The people expected he would set up His earthly kingdom.

Zechariah's prophesy in ch 9:9 came true but not vs 10.

| Zechariah 9:9–10 (LSB)

| <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Make a loud shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you; He is righteous and endowed with salvation,  
Lowly and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a pack animal.

| <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; **And the bow of war will be cut off.** And He will speak peace to the nations; **And His reign will be from sea to sea** And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Where was His deliverance from the Roman oppression?

Where was His earthly kingdom?

Where was the everlasting righteousness, the sealing up of the visions and prophesy , the inauguration of the temple?

Instead of the son of David (The Messiah) on the throne,

Instead of the Romans defeated

There was ... nothing.

Why you may ask?

Because these events lie in the future.

Israel rejection of the messiah was part of God's plan to open the door for the nations.

| Romans 11:11 (LSB)

| <sup>11</sup> I say then, did they stumble so as to fall? May it never be! **But by their transgression salvation *has come to the Gentiles***, to make them jealous.

| Romans 11:15 (LSB)

| <sup>15</sup> **For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world**, what will *their* acceptance be but life from the dead?

| Romans 11:25 (LSB)

| <sup>25</sup> For I do not want you, brothers, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—**that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;**

Its in the gap between the 69th week and the 70th week ,

**between Christ 1st and 2nd coming.**

Between Jesus who came as Savior and Jesus who will come as King , you find God established the church.

However just as all sins have consequences, the Jewish rejection of their Messiah led to God's judgment upon them, upon Jerusalem and upon the Temple.

And Israel would in a sense enter an extended exile as they were dispersed among the nations for more than 1900 years

The vision continued, revealing the sad fate of Jerusalem, the Temple and its inhabitants.

**And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.**

Note a few things:

- The people are connected with the prince who is to come in the future
- Which people?
- Which prince/(Nagid) ruler?
- Whats the connection?

Notice

- The people destroy the city and not the prince (ruler)

Whats the connection?

You may recall Daniels vision in Dan Ch7 of the fourth beast

| Daniel 7:7–8 (LSB)

<sup>7</sup> "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, fearsome and terrifying and extraordinarily strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, ..... **and it had ten horns.**

<sup>8</sup> "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, **another horn, a little one**, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great *boasts*.

I taught how vs 7 up until just before the statement **and it had ten horns referred to**

- The historical **ancient Roman empire**

What followed then was description of the

- A **future revived Roman empire** under the ruler ship of the anti Christ.
- The **little horn representing** the anti Christ.

There is a strong connection between the **historical Roman Empire and the future revived Roman empire** during the tribulation period.

The **people** of the prince refers to the historical ancient Roman empire.

in 66 AD The jews revolted against the Roman misrule.

They managed to expel the Romans from Jerusalem.

Vespian the Roman emperor initiated a campaign against the Jewish revolt.

How ever during the campaign he was called back to Rome, leaving his son Titus to complete the Judean campaign

Less than 40 years after the 69 week period, Roman soldiers under the leadership of Titus laid siege to Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Since it was the Passover, the majority of the Jewish nation was within Jerusalem walls.

60000 Roman soldiers surrounded the city and laid siege to it for 4 months

They crucified any man, women or child trying to flee the city.

After 4 months they had killed 1.1 Million inhabitants and enslaved 97000.

They burnt the city.

What follows is pictures of what is called the Burnt house in Jerusalem.

This was a house of one of the temple priests that was destroyed in AD70 and was discovered during excavations that followed the six day war

And on the 9th of Av(10 Aug) the very same day the Babylonians had destroyed Solomons temple, the 2nd temple called Herods Temple was destroyed.

As the fire raged, and a large amount of gold and silver that had been stored in the temple for safe keeping literally melted.

Roman soldiers tore apart the stones to retrieve the gold, literally leaving no stone upon another.

Jesus predicted this level of destruction.

**Matthew 24:2 ESV**

<sup>2</sup> But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

**Its end shall come with a flood,**

Studying the Jewish revolt, reveals that Jerusalem end came like a flood.

A commentator wrote

Goldingay has pointed out that the word "flood" (רְצִיף, *šetep*) "more often denotes the flood of calamity brought by an oppressor (Dan11:10, 22, 26, 40)." This "flood," then, involved a desolating war in the land for about seven years, beginning at Caesarea in ad 66 and lasting until the final assault at Masada in ad 73.

Here is a picture of Massada which was Herods palace complex, and was the last stand for the Jews in the face of the Roman armies.

The ancient Roman attack ramp is still there today.

Back to our passage.

Note how the people are described as people **of the prince who is to come.**

But who is this ruler/ prince who is to come.

He is Roman in character and destructive to the Jewish people.

He is described in vs 27 as one who would make a covenant with Israel for one week, but half way through that week put an end to sacrifices.

He is described as committing abominable acts, which means this is not Christ.



He is none other than the **anti Christ**.

Some time after the destruction of Jerusalem, the Anti Christ will arise.

He is the little horn described by Daniel

**Daniel 7:8 ESV**

<sup>8</sup> I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

He is also described as the willful king

**Daniel 11:36 ESV**

<sup>36</sup> "And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.

**and to the end there shall be war. Desolation are decreed.**

This reveals that Jerusalem's woes and trials would continue even after the destruction of Jerusalem.

Jesus predicted this will continue until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

**Luke 21:24 ESV**

<sup>24</sup> They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

History reveals this to be the case.

## **Application**

The destruction of Jerusalem, the temple and its people because they had rejected their Messiah is a sobering reminder for you and I.

There remains eternal destruction for every person who continues to reject Jesus Christ as Messiah, as Savior and Lord.

**2 Thessalonians 1:9 LSB**

<sup>9</sup> These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, AWAY FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND FROM THE GLORY OF HIS MIGHT,

Brother , sister History proves you can take God by His word.

Faith is defined as taking Him by his word.

If you know your a sinner, and you know God has spared you this far, know that the reason God spared you is so that you would repent and flee to Jesus for pardon.

Jesus continues to call out to you

But you are continuing to refuse

Today while you hear His voice dont harden your heart.

God is willing to save you.

Jesus is waiting for you.

The Hs is calling you to come.

Why are you waiting, will you wait until its too late?

If God was willing to destroy Jerusalem, the city called by God's name (Dan 9:16,18) and decimate his people, you should realize that for God eternal matters are of far greater value to Him.

God even allowed Jesus to be killed because Christ death accomplishd salvation for His people

## 6. God's divine plan for the anti Christ's final week.vs 27

### **Daniel 9:27 ESV**

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Many interpreters agree that the 69 weeks(483years) were fulfilled with Christ first coming around 30AD -33ADbut many disagree about when the final week (7 years) happened or will happen.

### **Is there a gap between the 69 and 70th week?**

Reasons to believe there is a gap.

- Bible prophecy is best explained with two comings of Christ. Like Zech 9:9 was fulfilled when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, but Zech 9:10 has not yet been fulfilled, which speaks of Jesus's world wide reign as the Messiah.
- Dan 9:26 tells us that the messiah was cut of after the 69 weeks which indicates a gap between the 69th and 70th week.
- Dan 9:26 predicted the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in AD70, which happened at least 40 years later indicating a gap.
- Dan 9:24 mentioned the six goals for the 70 week prophecy and those have not yet been fulfilled.
- More than 400 years after Daniel Jesus predicted the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel. (Mt 24:15) This event happened after Antiochus Ehipanes was long dead. This event has not yet been fulfilled
- John in Revelation in AD 90 viewed the last half of the week as future.

- Predicted Israel fleeing to the wilderness for 1260 days(Rev 12:6)
- Rev 13:5 John mentioned an evil beast speaking arrogantly and blasphemous against God. Rev 13:5

These all point to the fact that the last week still remains unfulfilled in the future.

This week is what many call the day of the Lord, or the Tribulation period .

Many other terms are used to describe this in Scripture.

1. **That day Hos 2:18**

2. The day Ez 7:10

3. The **great day of the Lord Zeph 1:14**

4. The Time of Jacob’s Trouble(distress)—Jeremiah 30:7

5. The Seventieth Week (a seven) of Daniel—Daniel 9:27

6. Jehovah’s Strange Work—Isaiah 28:21

7. Jehovah’s Strange Act—Isaiah 28:21

8. The Day of Israel’s Calamity—Deuteronomy 32:35; Obadiah 12–14

9. The Tribulation—Deuteronomy 4:30

10. The Indignation—Isaiah 26:20; Daniel 11:36

11. The Overflowing Scourge—Isaiah 28:15, 18

12. The Day of Vengeance—Isaiah 34:8; 35:4; 61:2,63:4

13. The Year of Recompense—Isaiah 34:8

14. The Time of Trouble—Daniel 12:1; Zephaniah 1:15

15. The Day of Wrath—Zephaniah 1:15, Ezek 7:19

16. The Day of Distress—Zephaniah 1:15

17. The Day of Wasteness—Zephaniah 1:15

18. The Day of Desolation—Zephaniah 1:15

19. The Day of Darkness—Zephaniah 1:15; Amos 5:18, 20; Joel 2:2

20. The Day of Gloominess—Zephaniah 1:15; Joel 2:2

21. The Day of Clouds—Zephaniah 1:15; Joel 2:2

22. The Day of Thick Darkness—Zephaniah 1:15; Joel 2:2

23. The Day of the Trumpet—Zephaniah 1:16

24. The Day of Alarm—Zephaniah 1:16

## **In the NT its called**

1. The Day of the Lord—1 Thessalonians 5:2, 2 Pet 3:10
2. The Wrath of God—Revelation 15:1, 7; 14:10, 19; 16:1
3. The Hour of Trial—Revelation 3:10
4. The Great Day of the Wrath of the Lamb of God—Revelation 6:16–17
5. The Wrath to Come—1 Thessalonians 1:10
6. The Wrath—1 Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 11:18
7. The Great Tribulation—Matthew 24:21; Revelation 2:22; 7:14
8. The Tribulation—Matthew 24:29
9. The Hour of Judgment—Revelation 14:7

The tribulation period will kick off with the Rapture of the church. (1Thes 4:16-17)

It will be followed by the great apostasy and the unveiling of the anti Christ.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:3 LSB**

<sup>3</sup> Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it has not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

## **<sup>27</sup> And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week,**

The **he** refers to the prince mentioned in vs 26

This evil ruler of the future revived Roman empire, the Anti Christ.(Dan 9:26)

He is described as a boastful ruler (Dan 7:8)

He will wage war on the Saints (Dan 7:22)

He will do as he pleases (Dan 11:36)

He will claim to be god over all the god's (Dan 11:36-45)

Paul called him the man of lawlessness (2 Thes 2:3)

Rev 13:1-2 describes how he will be empowered by Satan.

He recovers from some kind of mortal wound imitating the death and resurrection of Christ (Rev 13:3)

He will blaspheme God(Rev 13:5-6)

He will wage war on the saints (Rev 13:5-6)

All unbelievers people on earth will worship him (Rev 13:8)

Debate exists whether he will be a Jew or a Gentile, we may get into that in ch 11

Daniel goes on to say

He will make a strong covenant with many.

The Many refers to Israel.

A covenant is a binding contract between two parties.

The grammar indicates he will be the cause for making the covenant.

The time period of the contract =

The one week = 1 Unit of Sevens = 7 years.

Verse 27 describes the final 7 years of the prophecy concerning Israel and Jerusalem.

Just as the first 69 weeks were literal years, so this last week will be literal years.

We know this is in the future as no seven year covenant has been made between the Roman people and the Jewish people in history. (Macarthur)

If the Anti Christ seeks to deceive the Jewish people he may pose as the Messiah and make a covenant that relates to the Mosaic law.

**and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering.**

The final week is divided into two halves called time, times and half a time or 3 1/2 years.

The Anti Christ will strongly establish and enforce this covenant, but break it at the mid point of seven years.

The anti Christ will put a stop to the Jewish worship system.

What will follow is him accomplishing a detestable thing in God's eyes.

**And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate,**

This will happen on the wing of abomination, by one who makes desolate.

Abomination =root = abhorrence, horro, filth, Mounce=detestable thing, vileness Logos a thing that is detestable, something that can make you unclean.

Desolate=Halot =to be devastated, appalled , shudder, Nidotte = horrified, consternation, numbness Logos = to strike with disgust or revulsion.

The Desolator thus is the one that causes the desolate, the horror, the disgust, the revulsion.

This term is first used for the desecration that Antiochus IV Epiphanes who in 167BC erected a new altar in the temple and sacrificed a pig to Zeus.

Jesus more than in about 33 AD long after the death of Antiochus predicted a future abomination of desolation.

### **Matthew 24:15 LSB**

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), Paul sheds some light to what will happen.

| 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (LSB)

| <sup>3</sup>... and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

| <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the sanctuary of God, exhibiting himself as being God.

After setting himself up as God, an intense persecution of the Jews will take place. (Mt 24:16-22)

The Anti Christ would try and portray himself as God the messiah.

But God has numbered his days

**until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."**

God will bring an end to the Anti Christ.

He will remove the anti Christ and install Christ

| Daniel 2:21 (LSB)

| <sup>21</sup> "And He changes the times and the seasons; **He removes kings and establishes kings;** He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.

God's kingdom will put an end to all the gentile kingdoms, the final kingdom being that of the Anti Christ

| Daniel 2:44 (LSB)

| <sup>44</sup> "And in the days of those kings the **God of heaven will cause a kingdom to rise up which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself stand forever.**

Dan 7: 9-10 portrays the vision in heaven of the judgment of the anti Christ.

Vs 11 reveals the outcome of that judgment.

### **Daniel 7:11 LSB**

<sup>11</sup> "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the great *boastful* words which the

horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was killed, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

Paul tells us Jesus will slay him by a word

### **2 Thessalonians 2:8 LSB**

<sup>8</sup> And then that lawless one will be revealed—whom the Lord Jesus WILL SLAY WITH THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming—

John describes their end

### **Revelation 19:20–21 LSB**

<sup>20</sup> And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who did the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

<sup>21</sup> And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sits on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

The Tribulation period ends with the Battle of Harmageddon and the casting of the Anti Christ and its prophet into hell and the return of Christ as Messiah.

## Application

The Gentile kingdoms will in the end attend great tribulation period, but the believer in Jesus will attend the marriage feast of Christ in heaven.

There comes an end to all evil rulers.

There comes an end for all evil people.

Like the Bible says

### **Hebrews 9:27 LSB**

<sup>27</sup> And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,

Jesus will destroy the final anti Christ

Jesus is the ultimate ruler.

Knowing this, who will you choose to follow

Who will you bow the knee to?

Who will be your Lord, yourself or Jesus.

| If Christ's lordship does not disrupt our own lordship, then the reality of our conversion must be questioned.

| **Charles Colson**

