

Lesson 16 – Daniel 9:25-27
“God’s Program: Part 2”

1. Introduction:

- a. Last time, we learned what the six purposes of God’s program are (v24).
- b. This time, we’ll learn when and how these purposes will be accomplished (v25-27):

2. The When and How of God’s Program:

a. Stage 1: v25 – The First 69 Weeks of Years:

1) When do these first 483 prophetic years begin?

a) The Four Options:

- 1- Do we use the decree of _____ to rebuild the temple (2 Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4, 6:1-5), which was given in 538 B.C.?
- 2- Do we go by the decree of _____ confirming the decree of Cyrus (Ezra 6:6-12), which was given approximately 520 B.C.?
- 3- Do we start from the decree of Artaxerxes given to _____ (Ezra 7:11-26) approximately 458 B.C.?
- 4- Do we begin from the decree of Artaxerxes given to _____ (Neh 2:1-8) in 445 B.C.?

b) The key is the phrase “from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem.”

- 1- The focus of the first two decrees is the _____ of the temple and not the _____ of the city.
- 2- The focus of the third decree is “to _____ the house of the Lord” (Ezra 7:27), which had been finished in 515 B.C., and, again, not the _____ of the city.
- 3- Only the fourth decree is focused specifically on _____ the city of Jerusalem and the wall surrounding it.
 - a- Neh 4-6 records in detail the fact that the wall was rebuilt "even in troublous times."
 - b- There seems to be a distinction or emphasis between the first 7 weeks of years (i.e. the first 49 prophetic years) and the remaining 62 weeks of years. The best explanation seems to be that the clearing out of all the debris in

Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the homes within the city (see Neh 7:4 and 11:1-2) took the first seven weeks of years to complete.

2) When do these first 483 prophetic years end?

- a) According to Sir Robert Anderson's detailed study, the complicated computation based upon 360-day years and then taking into consideration the periodic insertion of a thirteenth month to correct the Jewish calendar results in these 483 prophetic years "culminating in A.D. 32 on the very day of Christ's _____ into Jerusalem" (Walvoord, p 228).
- b) *Stage 1* includes the incarnation, birth, early life, and earthly ministry of Jesus Christ and culminates in His _____ as the Messiah – see John 12:12-15.

b. Stage 2: v26 – The Time Between the First 69 Weeks of Years and the 70th Week of Years:

1) "And *after* threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off":

- a) This can only be a reference to the _____ of Christ, which took place shortly after the conclusion of the 69th week of years.
- b) "but not for himself":
 - 1- In other words, He was not cut off because of something He did _____.
 - 2- In other words, He was cut off for the _____ of others.
 - 3- In other words, He was cut off to _____ His Father's righteous demands for judgment on the _____.
 - 4- *Read* Matt 20:28.

2) "and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary":

- a) "The prince that shall come" is no doubt a reference to the _____ who is still yet future at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple (and even now for that matter).
- b) As we learned in Chapter 7, this prince will rise out of the revived _____; therefore, "the people of the prince" must be a reference to the _____, which destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in A.D. 70.
- c) Titus' brutal and total defeat of the Jewish revolt that began in A.D. 66 marked the end of Israel as a _____ until the end of WWII. Their _____ was destroyed and their _____ laid in ruins just as Jesus prophesied it would (see Luke 19:41-44).

- 3) *Stage 2* includes the _____, _____, and _____ of the Messiah followed shortly by the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. It also appears from the end of verse 26 “that from the time of the destruction of the city of Jerusalem, trouble, war, and desolation will be the normal experience of the people of Israel and will end only at “the consummation” mentioned in verse 27” (Walvoord, p231). So far, history has certainly shown this to be the truth. We find ourselves today living in the latter days of this second stage. I believe Stage 2 concludes with the rapture of the Church (i.e., the Messiah coming _____ His Bride).

c. Stage 3: v27 – The 70th Week of Years:

- 1) When do these last seven prophetic years begin?

a) The _____ Theory:

- 1- This option holds that the 70th week of years followed immediately after the first 69 weeks of years and is therefore _____ to us.
- 2- Nothing in _____ matches what is being described in verse 27. The closest thing to it would be the rule of Antiochus Epiphanes and his defilement of the temple in 167 B.C. However, this doesn't fit chronologically into the timeline of this prophecy.
 - a- 445 B.C. (i.e. the date of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem) – 483 years \neq 167 B.C.
 - b- 538 B.C. (i.e. the year Daniel received this prophecy) – 483 years \neq 167 B.C.

b) The _____ or Parenthesis Theory:

- 1- The fact that the temple was destroyed _____ years after the first advent of the Messiah and _____ years after His presentation as the Messiah on the Sunday of Passion Week requires there to be a _____ of time between the events of verse 25 (i.e. the end of the first 69 weeks of years) and the events of verse 27 (i.e. the beginning of the 70th week of years).
- 2- This is not the only time that we find a _____ of time in the midst of a prophecy – see Luke 4:16-21 and Isa 61:1-2. Why did Jesus stop half way through the second verse?
- 3- The events described in verse 27 are yet to be _____ fulfilled and therefore must still lie in the _____. How large the gap of time between the destruction of the temple described in verse 26, which occurred in A.D. 70, and the beginning of the 70th week of years no one knows.

- 2) What will happen during these last seven prophetic years?

a) “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week”:

- 1- The nearest antecedent to “he” is “the prince that shall come,” who is none other than the _____, and who will rise to power out of the revived _____ (Dan 7), or in other words, he will rise out of the people who destroyed the city and the sanctuary as prophesied in verse 26, which of course were the people of the _____.
 - 2- The Antichrist will establish a seven-year _____ with the Jewish people that will allow them to reinstitute the Mosaic sacrificial system. However, in order to reestablish the Mosaic sacrificial system, the Jews must first rebuild the _____. I believe the Jews trying to rebuild their _____ will cause a world-wide uproar, especially between the Jews and their supporters and the Muslims and their supporters, and it is a _____ to this conflict that the Antichrist will be able to successfully negotiate.
- b) “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”:
- 1- In the middle of this seven-year period, the Antichrist will break his _____ with Israel and will cause all _____ and _____ sacrifices to cease.
 - 2- He will also _____ the temple by turning it into an _____ temple where he will set himself up to be _____ as the Messiah.
 - 3- See Matt 24:15, Rev 13:4-8, and 2 Thes 2:3-4.
- c) “even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate”:
- 1- The _____ reign of terror, destruction, persecution, and spiritual apostasy will dramatically and abruptly end at the completion of the 70th weeks of years.
 - 2- The _____ upon the earth that will comprise this seven-year period will also come to an end.
 - 3- Of course, this bringing to an end of both the Antichrist’s reign and the destruction that has been taking place on the earth throughout this seven-year period will be effected by the _____ of the Messiah – see Rev 19:11-20:6.
- 3) **Stage 3** includes the rise of the Antichrist, his desecration of the temple, and his persecution of the Jewish people, as well as, seven years of tribulation. This stage will then culminate with the _____ of the Messiah (i.e., the Messiah coming _____ His Bride) and the establishment of His _____.
- 3. In review, God’s program is to accomplish the _____ things listed in verse 24 through (1) the _____ of the Messiah – v25, (2) the _____ of the Messiah v26, and (3) the _____ of the Messiah – v27.**