

## IMMERSE: CHRONICLES

### Week 10 – Daniel 9:24-27 – The Backbone of Bible Prophecy

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How significant is prophecy?

I Pet. 2:16-21 - *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (His Second Coming) but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup> And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation (origin), <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

In Daniel 7 we read of Daniel's dream and visions of the world empires and of the Ancient of Days. God gave Daniel the complete rundown of the empires of the world. And, again we read of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome – and a unique empire – in the future – the antichrist's kingdom (Dan. 7:7-9). Daniel then saw God in His majesty and judgment. And, Daniel saw the antichrist destroyed (Dan. 7:11-12). And Daniel then saw the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven (Dan. 7:13) and He saw God's Kingdom established (Dan. 7:14).

We know from our past lessons in Immerse: Chronicles and in studying Daniel in the past, that the Kingdom of Judah (including many children of Israel from all the tribes) was taken into exile in Babylon for their sins of idolatry and rebellion against God specifically concerning God's command to let the land lie fallow one year out of seven!?? This was the Sabbath law for the land (Lev. 25:1-4). For a period of 490 years the Jewish people did not let the land rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> year. God told Judah – until the land enjoys her Sabbaths – she will lay desolate as the people will be carried into exile for a total of 70 years (II Chron. 36:21).

In Daniel 9, which contains the 70-weeks prophecy, it appears that Israel has been in exile in Babylon for approx. 66+ years. Daniel was reading the portion of the scrolls of Jeremiah which spoke to the total number of years that the Jewish people would be in exile in Babylon – 70 years (Dan. 9:1-2). From Jer. 25:11, Daniel read - *And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*

In fervent prayer, Daniel poured out his heart to God with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. Daniel knew that Israel's restoration...restored to its unique place in God's plan...depended on national repentance. There had been no national repentance. How could God bring them back to the land?

Daniel read God's promise to Israel from Jeremiah's scrolls in Jer. 29:10-14 - *For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, says the*

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*LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. And so...Daniel set his face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications.*

Dan. 9:16, 18-19 - *O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us ...<sup>18</sup> O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. <sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name." Daniel apparently expected the immediate and complete fulfillment of Israel's national restoration with the conclusion of the 70-year captivity and return to the land.*

#### The 70-Weeks Prophecy – The Backbone of Prophecy

Dan. 9:20-23 - *Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain (Kingdom) of my God, <sup>21</sup> yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel (the angel), whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. <sup>22</sup> And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:* As soon as Daniel began to pray, God answered by sending the angel Gabriel to Daniel to give him skill in understanding.

Dan. 9:24 - *Seventy weeks (seventy sevens) are determined for your people and for your holy city, 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.* Gabriel told Daniel that 70 *sevens* (in Hebrew weeks is shavuot which means sevens – a unit of sevens) have been determined. The word for "determined" means "carved out" for the Jewish people and for Jerusalem. And Gabriel was specific re: what would be accomplished at the end of 70 *sevens* which equates to 490 years. WHY years and not days? Context: Jeremiah's scroll which Daniel was reading spoke of years in Jer. 25:11 and in Jer. 29:10. Also note: II Chron. 36:21.

The goals that would be accomplished for the Jewish people/for Jerusalem during the 490 years:

*To finish* (to restrain; to shut up) *the transgression* (the rebellion)  
*To make an end* (to seal up) *of sins*, (punishment of sin, the condition of sin)  
*To make reconciliation* (to cover; make atonement) *for iniquity* (depravity; guilt),  
*To bring in everlasting righteousness* (justice, righteousness; in right relationship)  
*To seal up* (to lock up) *vision* (divine communication) *and prophecy* (to speak by inspiration),  
*And to anoint* (to consecrate; dedicate) *the Most Holy* (to be set apart; to be holy)

ALL that is mentioned in Dan. 9:24 will be accomplished starting from 445 BC to Israel entering the Millennial Kingdom? And those years will amount to 490 years?!!!!

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The first three goals are based on the sacrifice of the Messiah which makes atonement/reconciliation for iniquity. The second three goals refer to the establishment of the Messiah's earthly reign in Jerusalem. This prophecy anticipates the ENTIRE work of the Messiah. Restoration is based on Jesus work on the cross! AND, because restoration is based on Jesus, His first coming and the timing of the cross is laid out in this prophecy.

Because there are specifics concerning the timing in this prophecy, let's note the starting point for this 70-weeks prophecy.

Dan. 9:25 - - *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince...* The starting point of the 70-weeks prophecy is based on the command "to restore and build Jerusalem" in 445 B.C. (Neh. 2:1-8).

ALSO - focusing on the timing of the Messiah...

Dan. 9:25 - *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (total of sixty-nine weeks – 483 years), the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.* There are two important events noted in Dan. 9:25: the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the appearing of Messiah the Prince, Jesus. Two time periods: seven sevens ( $7 \times 7 = 49$  years) and sixty-two sevens ( $62 \times 7 = 434$  years).

The first time period of 49 years relates to the rebuilding of Jerusalem. The second time period of 434 years relates to the coming of Messiah the Prince. It took 49 years to rebuild Jerusalem due to the opposition from within and without...about which we read in the book of Ezra. And, Jesus would ride into Jerusalem at His triumphal entry, Lamb Selection Day, at the end of this two-period time – 483 years.

What did Jesus speak to His people on that day?

Matt. 23:37-39

Luke 19:41-44

It has been calculated that the date of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem was March 14, 445 BC. The arrival of Messiah the Prince was calculated to occur on April 6, 32 AD, Total of 483 years = 69 weeks.

Dan. 9:26 - And after the 69 weeks/after the 483 years, *Messiah shall be cut off* (executed), *but not for Himself* (for others); (*Messiah would be cut off and have nothing* [NASB]: no earthly possessions, home, THRONE OR KINGDOM!); *and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood* (judgment), *and till the end of the war* (battle) *desolations are determined* (destruction will occur). Who are the people who destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple? The Romans. And when? 70 AD.

The timeframe which is God's prophetic clock of the 70 weeks was stopped after Jesus triumphal entry. Beginning in Dan. 9:26 we move from 32 AD to 70 AD!?? The clock for the 70-week prophecy had been moving in increments of 7 years!

In addition to the GAP in years, we are now told of the other prince in this 70-week prophecy - who will be the antichrist.

Within the 70-weeks prophecy, how many years have been fulfilled? 69! What happened to the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel's prophecy – the last week of Daniel's 70-weeks prophecy? The time clock re: the 70<sup>th</sup> week prophecy stopped after Jesus' triumphal entry...and it has NOT resumed!!

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Dan. 9:27 - *Then he* (the other prince/antichrist) *shall confirm* (strengthen) *a covenant with many* (specifically Israel) *for one week* (there's the last 7 years – the 70<sup>th</sup> week!!); *but in the middle of the week* (3.5 years into the last 7 years) *he* (the other prince; antichrist) *shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering* (by desecrating the Temple with his image – II Thess. 2:4). The false prophet will demand that the earth dwellers worship the beast/antichrist). *And on the wing* (to cover) *of abominations* (detestable things; Matt. 24:15 – horrific idolatry – the idolatry of the antichrist sitting as God in the temple of God [II Thess. 2:3-4]) *shall be one who makes desolate* (to devastate; to cause horror) *even until the consummation* (the completion), *which is determined* (decreed), *is poured out on the desolate* (the ruined – the one who makes desolate). Rev. 19:20!