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The Prophecy of the Messiah and the End of the Age!

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Daniel 9:24-27 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. 25) So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26) Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27) And he will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." (NASB)

THEN, AS HE WAS NOW DRAWING NEAR THE DESCENT OF
THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, THE WHOLE MULTITUDE OF THE
DISCIPLES BEGAN TO REJOICE AND PRAISE GOD WITH A
LOUD VOICE FOR ALL THE MIGHTY WORKS THEY HAD SEEN,
SAYING: "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD! PEACE IN HEAVEN AND GLORY IN THE
HIGHEST!" AND SOME OF THE PHARISEES CALLED TO HIM
FROM THE CROWD, "TEACHER, REBUKE YOUR DISCIPLES."
BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, "I TELL YOU THAT
IF THESE SHOULD KEEP SILENT, THE STONES WOULD
IMMEDIATELY CRY OUT."
LUKE 19:37-40 (NKJV)

Are these "seventy weeks" only "decreed" for Daniel's people and city? How are these impossible six achievements fully accomplished? When does the "seven weeks and sixty-two weeks" begin? Did Jerusalem have a "moat" around it? How is it possible for a king or a "prince" to be executed, owning nothing? Is the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD prophesied here? Why the immediate shift to "the end?" Who is the turncoat who first makes a "firm covenant," but desolates the Jews with his abominations "in the middle of the week?"

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- ➤ FEBRUARY 20: DANIEL 10:1-9 THE GREAT VISION OF DANIEL
- ➤ APRIL 16-18: DANIEL 10:10-15 THE BATTLE IN PRAYER FOR TRUTH TO PREVAIL!

Daniel has prayed for his nation the most intense prayer of repentance and as he is finishing his prayer, Gabriel arrives with a prophetic decree from God. This decree not only answered Daniel's prayer immediately regarding his people and his holy city, but it presented, with the joy of ten Jubilees, the precise timing of their future Messiah. Never before or since has such a perfect person been so joyfully and precisely presented, though so sinfully rejected with such devastating and far-reaching results. Yet what is accomplished by their Messiah reveals the greatest forgiveness and love for those most abominable!

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY
ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK,
ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US, TO HIM BE
GLORY IN THE CHURCH BY CHRIST JESUS TO ALL
GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN. EPH. 3:20-21

I. A GREATER EXPECTATION DANIEL 9:24-25

Daniel is being given infinitely more in answer to his prayer than he had asked. God will not only finish and end the transgression of His people, He will atone for

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their iniquity and usher in "everlasting righteousness" for them. He will fulfill every "vision and prophecy" with exact precision, and would "anoint the most holy place" of a future Temple, promising His eternal personal presence with them. For immediate precise timing, within "seven weeks," or 49 years, of "the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem" (Nehemiah 2:1-8), it would be fully completed (Temple first) with it's own "plaza and moat," overcoming all opposition causing them "distress." Even better, nine of the ten jubilees will have been enjoyed by God's people in their land with their completed capital when, in another "sixty-two weeks" (or 434 years), their promised "Messiah the Prince" would be presented to the nation! God had told David when he had first wanted to build Him a house or a Temple, "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever. I will be His Father, and He will be My Son" (2 Samuel 7:12-14). All Israel longed for this greater eternal Son of King David.

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN;
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER. AND
HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.
OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE
THERE WILL BE NO END. UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND
OVER HIS KINGDOM, TO ORDER IT AND ESTABLISH IT WITH
JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE FROM THAT TIME FORWARD,
EVEN FOREVER. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL
PERFORM THIS. ISAIAH 9:6-7

II. A GRUESOME EXECUTION DANIEL 9:26

The arrival of the wise men or king makers from the East, where Daniel had written this very prophecy, asking "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2), and Herod's killing all the children of Bethlehem,

would have been a heads up regarding the timing of this prophecy. In fact, the day of Christ's Triumphal Entry, Luke 19:11 states "they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately," and "the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice ... saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." (Luke 19:37-40). That very day was the fulfillment of this prophecy! It was 483 years after the decree of Nehemiah 2, proven by Sir Robert Anderson. But afterwards, that very week, Jesus Christ was "cut off," executed upon a cruel cross, having "nothing" as the soldiers gambled for His garments(Matthew 27:35). Israel not only demanded His crucifixion, but when Pilate pleaded His innocence, they insisted, "His blood be upon us and on our children' (Mt. 27:20-25). Thus, also "the city and sanctuary" was destroyed by a "flood" of Roman armies.

BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES ... ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY ... AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL. ISAIAH 53:5-6

III. A GHASTLY ENEMY DANIEL 9:27

Jesus prophesied destruction by the same armies, and said, "And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Lk. 21:20-24). Gabriel's prophecy shifts "to the end" with war and its "desolations." Speaking of a representative of the same Roman or final empire "he will make a firm covenant with many for one week" (7 years). But then this ghastly traitor who has promised to protect them and their religious freedom, will "put a stop to sacrifice," reveal that he is the Antichrist, and will seek to annihilate them. But he will be destroyed by Jesus Christ Himself who will fully accomplish verse 24 as He ushers in His Millennial & eternal kingdoms (Rev. 4-22).

Questions to Ponder:

1) Do you look forward to the coming of Christ with eager anticipation or do you fear His coming?
2) Jesus Christ the Messiah has already atoned for sin, have you turned from your sin to receive Him as your Savior?
3) In Matthew 24-25 Jesus describes his future coming and admonishes us to be "ready," are you ready for Him to come?