

“The Most Hated Chapter” Daniel 9:24-27

I. Verse 24

- A. “Seventy weeks” when decoding with the year day principle (Numbers 14:33, 34; Ezekiel 4:6)=490 days/years. 7 days in a week times 70=490
- B. “are determined upon thy people” Who are Daniel’s people? Jewish people.
- C. “and upon thy holy city” What was Daniel’s holy city? Jerusalem (Daniel 6:10)

II. Six Significant Clauses

- A. “to finish the transgression,”= last chance for the Jewish nation to accept Christ.
- B. “and to make an end of sins,”=with Christ being the final sin offering, the sacrificial system for dealing with sins comes to an end. (Hebrews 9:26)
- C. “and to make reconciliation for iniquity,”=Christ’s death made it possible for Him to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.” Hebrews 2:17
- D. “and to bring in everlasting righteousness,”=Christ’s sacrifice makes it possible for man to obtain Christ’s righteousness forever. 1 Cor. 5:21, Hebrews 10:14
- E. “and to seal up the vision and the prophecy,”=Christ’s ministry beginning at the very time specified was to set the seal on this prophecy’s truthfulness. Mark 1:15
- F. “and to anoint the most holy.”=When Christ died, the earthly sanctuary ceased to function as an illustration of how the coming Messiah would deal with sin. (Matthew 27:51) When Christ ascended to heaven after His resurrection, He began His ministry as our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary. Hebrews 8:1,2 and Hebrews 9:24

III. Verse 25

- A. “Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem”
 - 1. There were 3 decrees concerning the restoration of Jerusalem.
 - a. The first decree by Cyrus in 538BC (Ezra1:1-4)
 - b. The second decree by Darius in 520BC (Ezra 6:1,8-11)
 - c. The third decree by Artaxerxes in 457BC Most complete, grants self-governance. (Ezra 7:25,26)
 - 2. The Three Divisions of the 70 weeks – verses 25-27
 - a. 7 weeks=49 days/years (verse 25) 457BC-408BC-Restoration of Jerusalem
 - b. 62 weeks=434 days/years (verse 25,26) 408BC-27AD
 - c. 1 week=7 days/years (verse 27) 27AD-34AD

- B. "unto the Messiah the Prince"= The word Messiah means the "anointed one" Acts 10:37,38 says that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit at His baptism. Luke 3:21,22
- C. "shall be seven weeks (49 days/years) 457BC-408BC and threescore and two weeks: (60+2=62times 7=434 days/years) 408BC-434=26AD+1=27AD the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."=(Nehemiah 1:2-12:27)
- D. Is 27 AD a significant date? Luke 3:1, 21-23 This is the date for the arrival of the Messiah and the beginning of Christ's ministry. Mark 1:15

IV. Verse 26

- A. "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself."=After 27AD Jesus would be killed. (Daniel 9:26)
- B. "and the people of the Prince shall destroy the city and the sanctuary"=Pagan Rome under Titus destroyed Jerusalem and the sanctuary in 70AD.
- C. "and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."=The 3 Jewish-Roman Wars starting in 66AD and lasting until 136AD were responsible for the Jews being turned into a scattered and persecuted minority group of people.

V. Verse 27

A. "and He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"=During this last 7 years, God through the Messiah, would ratify His new covenant by the sacrifice of Christ and extend one last call to His people.

B. "and in the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease."=Just three-and-a-half years into His ministry, Christ would be crucified which would end the sacrificial system. John 7:30 and John 8:20

C. "and for the overspreading of abominations/abominable army He shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate/desolator."=God's mercy was extended to Israel for another three-and-a-half years to complete the seventieth week. But the Jewish rulers again rejected God's offer of mercy which resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Roman Empire who themselves would eventually be destroyed.

D. God is very patient with us and is not willing that any of us be lost. 2 Peter 3:9