

INTRODUCTION

- * The Book of Revelation – the Revelation of Jesus Christ ...
- * We are considering a background of Biblical prophecy before we move into chapter 4 and the prophetic portion of the book
- * We have considered the Divine, Progressive and Systematic Nature of Prophecy ... and the end-time prophecy aspects of the covenants and the feasts.
- * We have considered Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Dan2), Daniel's night vision (Dan 7 & 8), the Kings of the North, South and End-Times (Dan 11-12)
- * Today, we will pick up where we left off last week. Today, we will look at the focus, purpose and division of the 70 weeks recorded in Daniel 9

INSTRUCTION

I. THE FOCUS OF THE WEEKS (cf. Dan 7: 22, 25-27)

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE WEEKS

- A. To _____ **The Transgression**
- B. To _____ **of Sins**
- C. To _____ **for Iniquity**
- D. To _____ **Everlasting Righteousness**
- E. To _____ **Vision and Prophecy**
- F. To _____ **the Most Holy**

III. THE DIVISION OF THE WEEKS

A. The Seven and Sixty-Two Weeks

1. TEXTUALLY

- a. The Initial Point of the Sixty-Nine Weeks
- b. The End Point of the Sixty-Nine Weeks ... *The Coming of the Messiah Prince*

2. CHRONOLOGICALLY

- a. The Initial Point of the Sixty-Nine Weeks
- b. The End Point of the Sixty-Nine Weeks ... *The Coming of the Messiah Prince*

1) THE CONFUSION: 483 – 445 BC = 39 AD (no year 0)

2) THE EXPLANATION

- * The Prophetic “Year” is 360 days 30 days per month (cf. Genesis 7:11, 24; 8:4; Rev. 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5)
- * The 483 “years” => $483 \times 360 = 173,880$ prophetic days
- * It has been calculated that Artaxerxes decree would have been on approximately March 14, 445 BC (Gregorian)
- * Adding the prophetic days => April 6, 32 A.D.
- * Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21: 1-11; Luke 19: 37-44; Zechariah 9: 9)

3) THE CONFIRMATION

- * John's Ministry began in 28 A.D. - the 15th year of Tiberius Ceasar (Luke 3: 1-3) ... Tiberius began his reign in 14 BC
- * Jesus' 1st Passover (John 2:13, 18-20) ... “the Jews said, It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, ...”
=> Herod began building the temple in 18 BC ... 46 years would be 29 AD (the beginning of Jesus' ministry)

B. The “Gap”

C. The Seventieth Week

- * The Prince who is to come will form a covenant for one “seven” ... the seventieth week
- * In the middle of the week he will bring an end to sacrifice and offering

INTROSPECTION

- ☞ WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY?

- ☞ DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THESE EVENTS WILL HAPPEN AS THE BIBLE FORETELLS?

- ☞ MESSIAH HAS COME! HE WILL BE COMING AGAIN! ARE YOU READY?

609 BC ... Josiah sides with Babylonians and attacks Necho at Megiddo (II Kings 23:28-29 ... Josiah killed at that time)
... **Pharaoh Necho captures Jerusalem and takes Jehoahaz prisoner to Egypt; makes Jehoiakim king of Judah**

605 BC ... Egyptians lose to Babylonians at Carchemish under Nebuchadnezzar

601 BC ... Nebuchadnezzar captures Jerusalem (1st attack); I Kings 24: 1,7 ... Jehoiakim becomes vassal for 3 years

598 BC ... Jehoiakim rebels/dies; Jehoiachin (and captives) taken to Babylon;
... Zedekiah is set up as King by Nebuchadnezzar (II Kg 24:10-17)

595 BC ... **Jeremiah's prophecy of 70 years (Jeremiah 29: 10)**

588 BC ... Nebuchadnezzar begins siege @ Jerusalem (I Kings 24:20 - 25: 1)

586 BC ... Nebuchadnezzar destroys Jerusalem

559 BC ... Cyrus II becomes king of Persia

550 BC ... Cyrus II defeats Media and becomes king of both empires

539 BC ... Cyrus II invades Babylon (October 9)
... Darius the Mede is made to reign over the Chaldean province (Oct 29)
... Daniel seeks to understand the 70 yr of Jeremiah (Daniel 9)
... **Cyrus allows the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple (Ezra 1; Isaiah 44:28)**

536 BC ... Daniel 10-12 is given in the 3rd year of Cyrus

530 BC ... Cyrus II dies ... Ahasuerus (Cambyses II) and Artaxerxes (Smerdis) become kings for brief periods

522 BC ... Work on temple stopped during Artaxerxes reign until 2nd year of Darius (Ezra 4:24)

521 BC ... Darius I becomes king ... not same Darius as Daniel (that Darius was a general who was given Chaldean governorship)

519 BC ... Darius' decree - Work on temple resumed (Ezra 4:24)

514 BC ... Temple completed (Ezra 6:15)

486 BC ... Xerxes becomes king after Darius I dies (some have Darius dieing in 485 BC)

479 BC ... Esther becomes queen (Esther 2: 16)

465 BC ... Artaxerxes I becomes king after Xerxes is assassinated

458 BC ... Artaxerxes' decree establishing the Law of YHWH as law of land for Israel ... Ezra returns (Ezra 7)

445 BC ... **Artaxerxes' decree via Nehemiah to allow Jerusalem and walls to be rebuilt (Nehemiah 2: 1-8)**

433 BC ... Nehemiah returns to Artaxerxes

424 BC ... Darius II becomes king after Artaxerxes I dies; (Xerxes II and Sogdianos both reign and assassinated)

404 BC ... Artaxerxes II (Xerxes II) becomes king