

1. Earlier I taught Daniel chapter two verse thirty-two where the giant statue is in part described. We were in the process of analyzing verse thirty-three when time ran out.

1.1 This analysis occasioned our looking extensively at Dan 9:24-27. We spent more than two weeks on the remarkable prophecies of the seventieth week.

2. I want to simply give you an expanded translation of these four verses with comment and then return to our analysis of Dan 2:33.

Expanded Translation:

Dan 9:24 Daniel I have heard your prayer; four hundred and ninety years have been cut out for your people. I have not forgotten my beloved Israel. It is within this 490 year period that I will: establish the Temple, make an end of sins, bring in everlasting righteousness, and fulfill the Messianic promise by establishing the Messiah as Israel's King.

Dan 9:25 I want you to understand, that from the commandment to rebuild the city of Jerusalem which will occur only once and that on the first of Nisan B.C. 445; from that day until the Messiah arrives in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday shall be 483 years to the day. The streets of Jerusalem and its inner and outer walls shall be restored, even in dangerous times, Nehemiah and his people will work on the city walls with a trowel in one hand and a sword and spear in the other.

Dan 9:26 Now after 434 years (actually we now know quite specifically that it was on the first Wednesday following the first Palm Sunday) the Messiah will be crucified, but not on behalf of Himself but rather as a substitute for the sins of the world. Later the Romans as a precursor of the antichrist will come and destroy the city and the Temple. The traumatic destruction in A.D. 70 is but a representation of what the future would hold for Israel. The destruction of the Temple and the city by Titus in A.D. 70 will begin an uncertain time gap in the 490 years. Many will later style it "the church age."

Dan 9:27 After the removal of the church from the planet the antichrist will make a treaty with Israel and both peace and freedom to worship Jehovah God in a "restored temple" will be guaranteed. Be aware however that in the middle of that 7 year period the antichrist will break that treaty and all worship will cease. A statue of the antichrist will be set up in the false temple and people will be required to worship the antichrist as their Messiah. This sad state will continue until God Himself casts both the first beast and the second beast into the lake of fire. "Be aware however that in the middle of that 7 year period the antichrist will break that treaty and all worship will cease. A statue of the antichrist will be set up in the false temple and people will be required to worship the antichrist as their Messiah. This sad state will continue until God Himself casts both the first beast and the second beast into the lake of fire."

3. Daniel 9:24-27 Comments:

1. Four hundred and ninety years are given Israel from the 445 BC command until the Second Advent. Verse 24 details this prophecy; the four hundred and ninety years are cut out for Israel in order: to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up all visions and prophecy and to establish the most holy place - the Temple

2. Four hundred and eighty-three years (483) from 445 B.C. until the first Palm Sunday have seen fulfilled. Verse 25 speaks of this historically fulfilled prophecy.

2.1 In the NIV verse 25 says in part: "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven sevens (49 years), and sixty-two 'sevens (434 years) . . ."

2.1.1 The Hebrew is written seven sevens (49) and sixty-two sevens (434) because it will take 49 years to complete the work. Until that work is completed there could be no entrance of the Messiah as the offered Christ.

2.2 The fulfillment the world has seen - it is history. Let me call your attention to the Anglicized Hebrew of verses Dan 9:25 and 26.

2.3 The Sunday before the Passover in the first Passion Week was the 10th of Nissan which was our April 6, 32 AD, the day of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The intervening period was 476 years and 24 days, the days being reckoned inclusively, as required by the language of the prophecy.

Roman calendar	476 x 365 = 173,740
Mar 14 to Apr 6, both inclusive	24
Add for leap years.....	116
Total Days	173,880

2.4 Compare: 69 weeks of prophetic years $69 \times 7 \times 360$ (Jewish calendar days) is equal to 173,880 and therefore a resounding miracle.

2.5 The 69 weeks began with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem, and terminated at the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday of the week of the Lord's death.

2.6 Not only did Daniel learn when Christ would offer his Kingdom, but much more was provided and this introduces us to Daniel 9:24-27 and what is known as Daniel's Seventieth Week.

2.7 The Church Age is an intercalation. The Tribulation is a Jewish kind of thing.

2.8 This matter is addressed in Verse 26 when first the crucifixion of Christ is foretold "after threescore and two weeks (434 years; 483 minus the first 49 years when the work is done) shall the Messiah be cut off" and then verse 26 goes on to speak of the prophecy of a coming military force to destroy the city of Jerusalem and the temple e.g. the NIV says "a ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary."

2.9 It was important for Israel and us to understand that for the Messiah to come, the Temple and the city had to be completed. After the completion then, the Messiah could come and indeed such was predicted.

3. Dan 9:24 and 25 are written in such a way as to make clear the Messiah would not come immediately following the 49 years but rather after another 434 years from 1 Nisan B.C. 445 He would come; thus He would arrive on that first Palm Sunday exactly 483 years after 1 Nisan B.C. 445.

4. The Scripture in verse 26 goes on to predict that some time after that (after the 49 + 434 or 483 years) the Messiah would be rejected (the cross) and then some time later the Temple would be destroyed by the Romans. In hindsight we saw the destruction as history in A.D. 70 some 38 years after the Messiah was cut off.

5. This makes clear Gabriel did not intend an uninterrupted 490 years from 1 Nisan BC 445 but instead clearly he established there would be an interruption of time between the 69th and 70th week, thus an intercalation.

5.1 Dan 9:26 then speaks of the intercalation or interruption of the 490 years owing Israel.

5.2 Verse 27 gets highly specific by describing that which will occur in the tribulation. For example in the NIV: "He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination ..."

6. The abomination which is set up is mentioned by our Lord in Mat 24:15.

6.1 The Lord will avenge Israel at the end of 490 years but until then Israel is in a state of suspended animation.

7. In Daniel's prophecy of the seventy week, God through Gabriel predicted that exactly 483 years from the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem, Israel would officially be offered the Messiah on the first Palm Sunday.

8. Most of you know about the Seventy Week prophecy for after all it is in the eyes of many, the most spectacular of all the many prophecies found in the Bible, let's review a few Scriptures which I think will help provide better understanding of our subject.

8.1 The time for offering Himself to Israel as their Messiah King was near so our Lord, during His final visit to Jerusalem, gave His disciples orders to prepare.

8.2 He needed a donkey, and a colt the foal of an ass, for He must enter the city in the manner prescribed by Zechariah the prophet.

Mat 21:1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

Mat 21:2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

Mat 21:3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

Mat 21:4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

Mat 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

8.3 The disciples confidently went to find someone else's donkey for Jesus to ride.

Luk 19:33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

Luk 19:34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

Luk 19:35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

Luk 19:36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.

8.4 Daniel knew there would be people in Jerusalem, who would proclaim Him the Messiah. Daniel and Zechariah had earlier predicted that such would be the case. So the Messiah rode into the city to offer Israel the kingdom of their long awaited Messiah.

Luk 19:37 And when he was come nigh, even now at 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 that they had seen;

Luk 19:38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Luk 19:39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

Luk 19:40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

8.5 It was a sad day and Jesus wept over the city of God, Israel and its negative citizens. The wonderful Kingdom was being rejected.

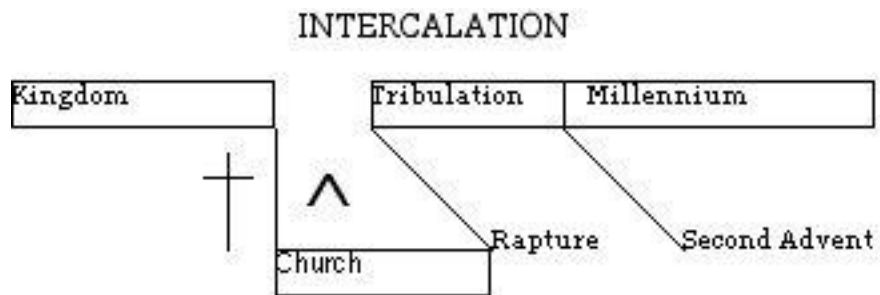
Luk 19:41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,
Luk 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes.

8.5.1 Our Lord's time had finally come; no longer would it be necessary to obfuscate and veil His Messiahship.

8.6 Our Lord foretells the consequence of their refusing the Kingdom.

Luk 19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

8.7 All of this Gabriel had conveyed to Daniel many years earlier when the old prophet prayed and wondered: "has God forgotten his people"?



9. Daniel not only told us when Jesus would enter Jerusalem on what we call the first Palm Sunday but he also tells us God still owes Israel seven years - the Tribulation.

10. In retrospect then we can see the prophecy was fulfilled to the letter with reference to the first Palm Sunday; accordingly we can know as a fact there will be a future fulfillment for Israel in what the Scripture calls "a time of Jacob's trouble."

11. This missing 7 years are mentioned in Dan 9:27, where the Antichrist makes a treaty with Israel for seven years; a tenuous peace ensues only to be broken in the middle of the seven years when the abomination of the desolation spoken of first by Daniel and then by Christ occurs.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: 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, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

12. This abomination event is mentioned by our Lord in Mat 24:15-16.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

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