Daniel 9
Coming of Christ

Daniel details God's program for Israel culminating in the coming of Christ to earth to reign. Daniel and especially ch 9 is key to understanding the prophetic scriptures. Daniel writes some 550 yrs prior to events taking place…Christ's coming, crucifixion, conflagration (destructive fire) finally ends in a 7 yr period of Antichrist rule ending w/ brightness of Christ appearing.

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

539 BC eleven yrs after Ch 8 Daniel's vision of Two Gentile world ruling empires seen in previous chapters & related prophecies—M-P & Greece with AE rising up, a type of Antichrist of last days. This is Dan 3rd vision; ch7 first; ch8 second

Darius a title not proper name, used for at least 5 Persian rulers…like pharaoh or Caesar. No historical record of Darius the Mede. Cyrus's army conquered Babylon Oct 29, 539 BC

Dan interested in prophecy, studied scrolls of Jeremiah…told of Babylonian captivity ***Jer 25:11 'And this whole land shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12'Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation. 29:10-12 10"For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. 11'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.*** Under King Cyrus brought back to land & Dan prompted to pray reading Jer ***29:12-14 12'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13'And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14'And I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'***

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3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 And I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and rebelled, even turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances. 6"Moreover, we have not listened to Thy servants the prophets, who spoke in Thy name to our kings, our princes, our fathers, and all the people of the land. 7"Righteousness belongs to Thee, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee. 8"Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee. 9"To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him; 10nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets. 11"Indeed all Israel has transgressed Thy law and turned aside, not obeying Thy voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him. Gerizim-bless; Ebal-curse

3-Undivided attention to seek Lord….emphasizing God's covenant relationship to Israel…will never fail….Dan prayer of intercession---***Is 56:7 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all people'*** Jesus cleansed and quoted Mt 21:13

Supplications..seeking mercy w/ intensity – earnestly asking that God show pity. Dan is dedicated…fasting-depriving body appetites. Sackcloth camel skin backwards & ashes sign of intense mourning & repentance over sins

4-Confession…speak same thing as God…no excuses..honest admission First God's character & magnifying His attributes….adoration for who He is.

5-Contrite w/ honest assessment of man's state….true condition of nation—Dan includes himself..whatever trace elements of wrong in him..he contributed to problem…lack of prayer, witness, rebuke, exhortaion

11 Curse incurred ***Dt 28:15 "But it shall come about, if you will not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.***

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Next 53 vs in Dt describe personal & national calamity ***:36 "The LORD will bring you and your king, whom you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone.*** All of which they experienced.

But also God's kindness in repentance about to be experienced ***Dt 30:2,3 nations where the LORD your God has banished you, 2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, 3then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.***

12 "Thus He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem. 13"As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Thy truth. 14"Therefore, the LORD has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

15"And now, O Lord our God, who hast brought Thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and hast made a name for Thyself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked. 16"O Lord, in accordance with all Thy righteous acts, let now Thine anger and Thy wrath turn away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people have become a reproach to all those around us. 17"So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplications, and for Thy sake, O Lord, let Thy face shine on Thy desolate sanctuary. 18"O my God, incline Thine ear and hear! Open Thine eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Thy name; for we are not presenting our supplications before Thee on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Thy great compassion. 19"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Thine own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."

20 Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, 21while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. 22And he gave me instruction and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. 23"At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

Comments

24“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 people of 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.

Weeks Heb plural of the word seven or units of seven—days, months, years…we say decade 10 yrs…century 100 yrs…annually yearly…bi-ann every other year…week 7 dys for us but Dan is dealing in week of years. Jer prophecy of 10 week of years or 70 yrs in captivity is about over. Dan people & city Jer…70x7=490 yrs …broken into 2 sets of 3…first set at first coming second set at second coming

:25- 7 weeks = 49 yrs end of Nehemiah career building streets/walls end of Malachi ministry & close of OT plus 62 weeks = 434 yrs added = 483 yrs until coming of Christ….Neh 2:1-8 in 20th year of reign of Artaxerxes Longimanus…**command given to restore and rebuild Jerusalem**. 20th yr was 445 BC Neh mentions month = Nisan…So 483 yrs of 490 yr prophecy began. Encylopedia Britanica confirms date Artaxeres began to reign 465 BC & 20th yr of reign 445 BC in month of Nissan would correspond to Mar 14 of Julian calander the starting point---Arno Gaebelein quote--confirmed dates byJohn Wolvoord and others.

483 yrs x 360 dys according to Babyonian calander = 173,880 days from Mar 14, 445 BC count down bring us to April 6, 32 AD Jesus triumphant entry.

Prior to this Jesus refused public ackl as M…tell no one….Jn 7 brothers go Jer let disciples see works…no one does in secret when seeks to be know publicly….show yourself to the world ….my time is not yet at hand.

People tried to make him king after miracle He escaped but now time is ripe. Ride donkey mt Olives Ps118:22-26 Hossana ***'This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it'*** Pharisees rebuke your disciples. If they silent stones will cry out Lk 19:40

As approach city **:42 'if youi had known in this day even you the things that make for peace. But now they have been hidden from your eyes** :43,44…Destruction of city..***not one stone left upon another because you did not recognize time of your visitation'*** Dan 9

Later weeping over His rejection ***'O Jer, Jer you who kill the proph and stone those who are sent to your. How often I wanted to gather your children together the way a hen gathers her chicks unde her wings and you were unwilling…behold our house is left to you desolate.'***

27"And he will make a firm covenant with the 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."