



INFORMED AND FAITHFUL

Lesson 11: The End of the Age Old Testament Prophecy

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DILIGENCE

- ❖ **2 Timothy 2:15-16** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness...
- ❖ Diligence in knowing prophecy and observing the signs of the time
- ❖ **1 Chronicles 12:32** Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.
- ❖ **THE DAY OF THE LORD:** sounds good; isn't!

THE DAY OF THE LORD

❖ **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4** Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the **man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE

- ❖ Revelation: *apokalupsis*: something being uncovered
- ❖ **Daniel (605 BC)**
- ❖ **Zechariah (515 BC)**
- ❖ **Revelation (90 AD)**
- ❖ Time issues:
 - Isaiah 61:1-2a
 - Luke 4:18-19
- ❖ Isaiah gave prophecy concerning the 1st and 2nd coming of Christ in the same sentence!
- ❖ **More than one fulfillment**
- ❖ Daniel: 1-2:4 (Hebrew) 2:4 - 7:8 (Aramaic)

DANIEL'S VISION: 4 BEASTS

- ❖ **Daniel 7:4-7** "The **first was like a lion** and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.
- ❖ And behold, another beast, a **second one, resembling a bear**. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'
- ❖ "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, **like a leopard**, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.
- ❖ "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a **fourth beast**, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns."

THE LITTLE HORN

- ❖ **Daniel 7:8** "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.
Daniel 7:17 **These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.**
- ❖ **Daniel 7:23-25** "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

REVELATION CROSS-REFERENCE

- ❖ **Revelation 17:12-13** “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.”
- ❖ **Daniel 8:** the ram with 2 horns; the goat with a broken horn replaced by 4 others;
- ❖ One of the four trampled Israel and the temple for 2300 days
- ❖ **Fulfilled by Antiochus IV Epiphanes; interpretation says it is still end time**

CONQUERORS OF ISRAEL

- ❖ Egypt (Joseph, slavery, Moses, Exodus)
- ❖ Assyria 722 BC
- ❖ Babylon 586 BC (beast #1)
- ❖ Medo-Persia 539 BC (beast #2)
- ❖ Greece 332 BC (beast #3)
- ❖ Rome 63 BC (beast #4)
- ❖ Future Conqueror; 10 horns/crowns

Anti-christ, works with false Father (Satan)
and false Holy Spirit (false prophet, 2nd beast)

DANIEL 9

- ❖ **Daniel 9:2...** 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.
- ❖ **Jeremiah's 70 years:**
605 – 535 BC or 586 – 516 BC
- ❖ **Daniel 9:7** "Righteousness belongs to You, 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 You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You."

GOD SENDS GABRIEL

- ❖ Gabriel: God's hero or God's man
- ❖ Daniel 8:16; Daniel 9:21
- ❖ Announced the birth of John the Baptist to his father, Zacharias (Luke 1:11-20)
- ❖ Announced birth of Messiah to the virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38).
- ❖ Apocryphal literature names four "great archangels;" scripture does not (Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, Uriel)
Gabriel is sent with a message concerning the end of the age

THE MESSAGE

- ❖ **Daniel 9:24** “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*.”
 - ❖ **Week: *shabua*: a period of seven**
 - ❖ 7 days/week; 7th year/sabbath year; 7 sabbath years/Jubilee; now Daniel introduces 70 periods of 7 years
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THE TIMELINE

- ❖ **Daniel 9:25** "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."
- ❖ Cyrus decrees rebuilding of temple: about 538 BC
- ❖ **Isaiah 44:28-45:1** "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.' Thus says the Lord to Cyrus His anointed, whom I have taken by the right hand, to subdue nations before him and to loose the loins of kings; to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut."
- ❖ Work on temple starts 536 BC; discouraged – stop work
- ❖ Darius finds Cyrus' decree and allows work to continue 521 BC
- ❖ Temple finished 516 BC

END-TIMES TIMELINE

- ❖ **Daniel 9:26-27** “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. 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.”
- ❖ **7 WEEKS and 62 WEEKS = 69 WEEKS = 483 YEARS**
- ❖ Artaxerxes gave the decree to Nehemiah in March 444 or 445

THE LAST SEVEN YEARS

- ❖ We call the last 7 years the "tribulation"
- ❖ It is divided into two periods of 3½ years each
- ❖ The last 3½ years are called the "great tribulation"
- ❖ **Matthew 24:15-21** "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

DANIEL'S PROPHECIES

- ❖ **Daniel 11:36-39** "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all. But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures. He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

MICHAEL

- ❖ **Daniel 12:1** Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.
- ❖ **Revelation 12:7-9** And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

RESURRECTION

- ❖ **Daniel 12:2** Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.
- ❖ **Confirmed by New Testament:**
 - Rapture (resurrection of believers)
 - Great White Throne judgment (occurs after the resurrection of unsaved dead)
- ❖ **Daniel 12:3** Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

ANGEL

- ❖ **Daniel 12:6-7** And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?" I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.
- ❖ **Revelation 10:5-7** Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will be delay no longer, but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

SOME WILL UNDERSTAND

- ❖ **Daniel 12:10** Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.
- ❖ **INSIGHT:** *sakal*: prudent, practical knowledge
- ❖ **Matthew 25:1-2** Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.
- ❖ **PRUDENT:** *phronismos*: sensible, practical