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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 9

THE SCIENCE OF PRAYER, THE 70 WEEKS, & 2300 DAYS PART, 2

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the 70 week prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 and see how it applies to our lives.
2. Read Daniel 9:24. How much time was “determined” upon Daniel’s people, the Jews?

3. Read Daniel 9:24. It says 70 weeks are “determined” on the Jews to finish sin. What does the word “determined” mean?
Answer: In the Hebrews Strong’s Concordance the number for the word “determined” is 2852, and it means “to cut off.”
4. **Note:** Remember from our previous lessons, that the 70 week prophecy and the 2300 days prophecy are connected. The fact that the 70 weeks are “cut off” means that it is a part of something larger - the 2300 days prophecy of Daniel 8:14. So, finding the starting date of the 70 weeks prophecy, will also give us the starting date for the 2300 prophetic days.
5. **Note:** Using the ‘day for a year’ Biblical template for prophecy (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6), the 70 weeks represent 490 literal years. 70 weeks x 7 days = 490 days. 490 days represent **490 years**, because a day represents one year in Bible prophecy.
6. What event signals the beginning of the 70 weeks prophecy? Daniel 9:25

7. Which king gave the commandment or decree for the Jews to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem, and in what year of his reign was it given? Ezra 7:7-13, 21-27

8. **Note:** According to history, king Artaxerxes began his reign in 464 B.C. See the following reference for confirmation.

“In (Nehemiah 2:1) we have another Artaxerxes. We may safely identify him with Artaxerxes Macrocheir or Longimanus, the son of Xerxes, who reigned 464-425 B.C.” Smith’s Bible Dictionary <http://biblehub.com/topical/a/artaxerxes.htm>

Count seven years in the future from 464 B.C. and you will arrive at the date **457 B.C.**, the year that Artaxerxes gave the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.
9. Using 457 B.C. as the starting date for the 70 week prophecy and going 490 years into the future, what year marks the end of the 70 week prophecy? (**Hint:** It is VERY IMPORTANT to remember that when you cross over from B.C. to A.D., you must add one year because there is no “zero year.” Look at the following example for clarity (2 B.C., 1 B.C., then 1 A.D., 2 A.D., etc).

10. What does Daniel 9:24 say the Jews were to accomplish in 490 years?

11. **Note:** Daniel 9:24 states that the Jews had 490 years to put an end to sin and accept Jesus as the Messiah. However, as a nation, they rejected and crucified Jesus. The final rejection of Jesus and His message of truth happened after the cross, when the Jews stoned Stephen. The stoning of Stephen is the primary event which signaled the close of probation on the Jews. Let us prove this point.
12. What did Stephen say the Jewish leaders were guilty of? Acts 6:8, 10; 7:51-52

13. What did Stephen see in heaven while they were stoning him to death? Acts 7:54-58

14. Where did Jesus sit after His ascension to heaven? Acts 2:32-34; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 10:12

15. What does it mean when Jesus is seen sitting at the right hand of the Father? Romans 8:34

16. However, Jesus was seen by Stephen "standing at the right hand" of the Father. What does it mean when Jesus is seen "standing" in heaven? Luke 13:25-28; James 5:9; Ezekiel 9:3-6 (the phrase "gone up" means that the Lord rose up or stood up).

17. **Note:** Based on the Bible and history, Stephen was stoned in the year 34 A.D. thus confirming the starting date of both the 70 week and 2300 day prophecy. See the following article which proves 34 A.D. as the year of Stephen's death.

"On Dec. 26, the universal Church commemorates the death of St. Stephen in 34 A.D., the first man to give his life in witness to the faith. He is sometimes referred to as the 'protomartyr.'" <https://www.catholicnewsherald.com/faith/190-news/faith/faith-dec/142-%20ststephen-the-first-martyr-remembered-dec-26>

18. After how many prophetic weeks were the Jews to expect the Messiah the Prince? (Also convert the prophetic weeks to literal years). Daniel 9:25

19. **Note:** The word Messiah means "the anointed one." See The Strong's Exhaustive Bible Concordance, number 4899.

20. Jesus is the Messiah. At what event was He anointed, and what was He anointed with? John 1:29-36, 40-41; John 4:24-26; Acts 10:36-38.

21. Using 457 B.C. as the starting date and going 483 years in the future, what date will you arrive at for the baptism of Jesus?

22. Read Daniel 9:26. What was going to happen sometime after the 62 weeks were fulfilled?

23. Daniel 9:27 will now tell us clearly when the Messiah was to be cut off or crucified. What was the Messiah going to do for one week, and what was going to happen in the midst of the week?

24. **Note:** This prophetic week represents the final 7 years of the 70 week prophecy - 27 A.D. to 34 A.D. The sacrifice and oblation point to the sacrificial services in the earthly temple. In the middle of this prophetic week (seven literal years), Jesus would be crucified, thus bringing an end the earthly sanctuary services (Matthew 27:50-51).

25. **Note:** Let us now look at another way to confirm that the baptism of Jesus took place in the year of 27 A.D. As the Lamb of God, Jesus, was crucified on the Passover day. Passover was always held during the Spring of the year. In John 1:29-36, 40-41, Jesus was baptized. This date, as mentioned before, is 27 A.D. Jesus attended the first Passover feast after His baptism, which was only a few months afterwards. See John 2:13. At this Passover feast, there was a conversation between Jesus and the Jews. It was told to Jesus that the Jewish temple had been in renovation for 46 years. Read John 2:18-21.

26. When did Herod begin renovating the Jewish temple? **Answer: Between 20 and 19 B.C. See reference below.**

"In the eighteenth year (20-19 B.C.) of his reign Herod rebuilt the Temple on a more magnificent scale. There are many evidences that he shared the passion for building by which many powerful men of that time were moved. He had adorned many cities and had erected many heathen temples; and it was not fitting that the temple of his capital should fall beneath these in magnificence. Probably, also, one of his motives was to placate the more pious of his subjects, whose sentiments he had often outraged." <https://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/14304-temple-of-herod>

27. **Note:** How do we know whether to use 20 B.C. or 19 B.C. as the starting date for Herod's rebuilding of the temple? Since we know that Jesus was baptized in 27 A.D., we have to choose the date which will bring us to 28 A.D. - the year after Jesus' baptism when He attended the Passover feast in John 2:13. Using 19 B.C. as your starting date, go forward 46 years in the future; you will arrive at 28 A.D. (*Remember when you cross over from B.C. to A.D. you add 1 year*). With certainty, we can conclude that the Passover feast of John 2:13 took place in 28 A.D. Spring, because Passover is always held in the Spring of the year.

28. As we close, we will now show how the 70 weeks prophecy has practical lessons for us in these last days.

29. What is the overarching theme of the 70 weeks prophecy? Daniel 9:24 **Answer: The coming of the Messiah, and the preparation needed for His people to accept Him before it was too late.**

30. Daniel 9:24 explains the preparation that was needed for the Jews to accept Jesus the Messiah. What are some of the points mentioned which we also need to experience to be prepared for Jesus' Second Coming?

a) Make an end of sin - Colossians 3:5, 8-9; Hebrews 9:26 w/ Philipians 4:13

b) Be forgiven and then reconciled to God - 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19; 1 John 1:9

c) Receive and experience everlasting righteousness - Isaiah 61:10; 1 John 3:7

31. What did God do so that we could be reconciled to Him? John 3:16; Romans 5:10; Daniel 9:26

32. The Jews had 70 weeks or 490 years to accomplish these tasks. How long has God given to us to get victory over sin and accept Jesus as our sin pardoning Savior? Psalm 90:10

33. What does it say will soon happen to our lives? Psalm 90:10

34. What must we do daily?

a) Psalm 90:12; Psalm 111:10

b) 2 Corinthians 6:2

35. **Note:** All around us people are dying before the age of 70 or 80. Jesus is pleading with us to accept Him and His sacrifice for us today, so that we will not be cut off from the society of heaven and from salvation. When we truly accept Jesus as our Savior, a reformation will be seen in all of our thoughts, words, and actions.