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UNLOCKING END-TIME PROPHETIC SYMBOLS, PART 4 DANIEL 9

1. In our last lesson, we unlocked the symbols connected to letter C and the 2300 prophetic days prophecy of Daniel 8:14. We learned that the starting date of the 2300 prophetic days, was the same starting date as the 70 weeks prophecy found in Daniel 9:21-27. This lesson will address letter D on the prophetic chart dealing with the 70 weeks prophecy, and it will prove that the dates found herein are irrefutable.
2. Read Daniel 9:24. Who in this scripture is mentioned as “thy people”? Daniel 9:21, 22

3. Are these 70 weeks literal or prophetic? **Answer:** They are prophetic because they are “determined” or cut off from the 2300 prophetic days found in Daniel 8:14. Daniel did not have the interpretation of this prophecy until Gabriel returned to him in Daniel 9.
4. **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.
5. Read Daniel 9:24. It says 70 weeks are determined upon the people of Daniel. What does the word “determined” mean? **Answer:** In the Hebrew lexicon of the Strong’s Concordance, the number for the word “determined” is 2852, and it means “to cut off.” So, the 70 weeks are cut off from the 2300 prophetic days found Daniel 8:14, which makes them also prophetic.
6. **Note:** Since the 70 weeks are cut off from the 2300 days, they have the same starting date. In previous studies, we confirmed that the starting date of the 2300 days was 457 B.C.
7. Using 457 B.C. as the starting date and going 490 years into the future, what year marks the end of the 70 weeks 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). **Answer:** 34 A.D.
8. How many parts is the 70 weeks prophecy broken into? What are those parts? Daniel 9:25. **Answer:** The 70 weeks prophecy is broken in 3 parts: 7 weeks, 62 weeks (threescore and two, one score = 20), 1 week
9. How many literal years do we find in the first part of the 70 prophetic weeks, meaning the 7 weeks portion? (Calculate 7 weeks x 7 days in a week)

10. With its starting date of 457 B.C., what is the ending date of the 7 weeks? What event corresponds to this date? **Answer:** 408 B.C. That event was the rebuilding of the temple of Jerusalem, which was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.
11. How many literal years are comprised in the 62 prophetic weeks? (62 weeks x 7 days)

12. **Note:** In Daniel 9:25, we find two events. In order, they are the rebuilding of the temple, and then the Messiah the Prince. The first one transpired at the end of the 7 prophetic weeks, while the latter occurred at the end of the 69 prophetic weeks (7 weeks + 62 weeks).
13. Let’s now address the last division of the 70 prophetic weeks, which is the last week found in Daniel 9:27. How many literal years are comprised in this one prophetic week?

14. What is the starting date and the ending date for this last prophetic week? **Answer:** The starting date is 27 A. D. and the ending date is 34 A. D.
15. What events transpired during that last prophetic week? **Answer:** 3 events: the baptism of Jesus Christ, the crucifixion of Jesus, and the close of probation of the Jews as God’s chosen people.

16. **Note:** If we can confirm one of those events based on history, all the other events with their dates will be confirmed. Let us focus on the Messiah.
17. Read Daniel 9:25. What does "Messiah" mean in the Bible? John 1:40-41 (margin); Acts 10:36-38. **Answer:** The Anointed One.
18. **Note:** This prophecy is showing us that 69 prophetic weeks, beginning in 457 B.C. brings us to the baptism of Jesus when He was anointed as the Messiah or the Christ. This event took place in 27 A. D. However, if you do a Google search, you'll find several dates for this event. So, we will now prove and confirm the date 27 A. D. as the baptism of Jesus in the following points.
19. How old was Jesus when He was baptized? Luke 3:21-23
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20. **Note:** According to scripture, Jesus was 30 years old when He officially became the Messiah or the Christ at His baptism. Let us see in which year He turned 30 in order to prove the correct date of His baptism.
21. How old does the Bible say Jesus was at the death of Herod the Great? Matthew 2:19-21 **Answer:** He was a young child. A young child means an infant, according to number 3813 in the Greek lexicon of Strong's Bible Concordance. An infant is newborn to 12 months old. So, Jesus was between 0 to 1 year old when Herod the Great died.
22. **Note:** Here are two witnesses in the historical records which unequivocally confirm the year 4 B. C. as the date of Herod the Great's death according to historian Flavius Josephus: a lunar eclipse which took place in March 4 B. C., and coins indicating that Herod's successors began their reign around 4-3 B. C.
- "Josephus states that Herod captured Jerusalem and began to reign in what we would call 37 B.C., and lived for 34 years thereafter, implying his death was in 4-3 B.C. Other evidence both from Josephus and coins indicates that his successors began to reign in 4-3 B.C. Moreover, Josephus also mentions a lunar eclipse shortly before Herod's death. For centuries the evidence from astronomy has appeared decisive: a lunar eclipse occurred on March 13, 4 B.C., whereas there was no such eclipse visible in Palestine in 3 B.C. Thus, the eclipse has played a crucial role in the traditional conclusion that Herod died in the spring of 4 B.C."
- https://www.ips-planetarium.org/page/a_pratt1990#:~:text=Josephus%20states%20that%20Herod%20captured,the%20spring%20of%204%20B.C.
23. The following is a CNN article to further confirm the year 4 B. C. as the date of Herod the Great's death: "Scholars believe Herod died in the year 4 BC. The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus recorded details of his death, telling of symptoms that included intense itching, intestinal pain, shortness of breath, convulsions, and gangrene of the genitalia." ~ **Mystery of Herod's death 'solved' | January 25, 2002** | <https://edition.cnn.com/2002/HEALTH/conditions/01/25/king.herod/>
24. **Note:** Starting from 4 B. C. as the death of Herod and the birth of Christ, 30 years in the future bring us to the year 27 A. D., when Jesus officially became the Messiah at His baptism. Since we confirmed the year 27 A. D., we also confirmed 457 B. C. as the starting date of the 70 weeks prophecy. Also, since 457 B.C. is the starting date, if you go 2300 years in the future, we arrive in the year 1844, when cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary began. The investigative judgment in heaven is irrefutable.
25. Who else in the Bible went through something similar to Jesus and confirmed that our Savior was between a newborn to 12 months old when Herod died? Acts 7:17-21
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26. Read Daniel 9:24. We have confirmed that the 70 weeks began in 457 B. C. and came to an end in the year 34 A. D., which is the close of probation of the Jews as God's people. What happened in 34 A. D. as proof that probation was closed for the Jewish people? Acts 7:51-60
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27. What did Stephen see in heaven as they were about to stone him? Acts 7:55, 56
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28. Where did Jesus sit after His ascension to heaven? Acts 2:32-34; Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 10:12
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29. What does it mean when Jesus is seen sitting at the right hand of the Father? Romans 8:34
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30. 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 **Answer:** The phrase “gone up” in Ezekiel 9:3-6 means that the Lord rose up or stood up. These verses teach us that when Jesus stands up, **probation has closed** upon a group or individuals.
31. Read Daniel 9:27. How many parts is the last prophetic week (7 literal years) broken into? **Answer:** Two parts: three and a half years and three and a half years.
32. Which event was prophesied to occur in the middle of that last prophetic week? Daniel 9:26, 27; Isaiah 53:8
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33. In which year was the Messiah crucified? **Answer:** 31 A. D.
34. In which season of the year was Christ crucified? John 19:14, 15; Exodus 12:1, 11-13, 29-37; Exodus 13:3 **Answer:** It was in Spring, because Christ died at Passover which is celebrated in Abib, the first month of the Jewish year, which corresponds to March – April of our calendar.
35. **Note:** Another sign that Passover is in Spring time is the condition of the plants at the time of Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. The plants were in the ear stage and not grown up. See Exodus 9:31, 32. So, Christ was crucified in Spring 31 A. D.
36. Based on the time of Christ’s crucifixion, what is the year and season of His baptism? **Answer:** 27 A. D. Autumn, counting backward three and a half years from Spring 31 A. D.
37. What is the year and season of the stoning of Stephen? **Answer:** 34 A. D. Autumn, counting three and a half years into the future from 31 A. D. Spring.
38. **Note:** The 70 prophetic weeks ended in 34 A. D. Autumn. So, if we go back 490 literal years, we arrive at 457 B. C. Autumn as the beginning of the 70 weeks prophecy.
39. Since 457 B. C. Autumn is the beginning of both prophecies, the 2300 days and the 70 weeks, what is the ending year and season for the 2300 prophetic days? **Answer:** 1844 Autumn.
40. As we close, Daniel 9:24 explains the preparation that was needed for the Jews to accept Jesus the Messiah. What question did Christ ask His disciples that led Him to present Himself to them as the rock upon which He would build His church? What was Peter’s answer? Matthew 16:15-18
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41. **Note:** Once we understand this truth about the investigative judgment and live accordingly, we are grounded upon the rock and won’t be blown away by any wind of false doctrine.
42. Read Matthew 26:63. What question was asked Christ as He was brought before the high priest? What prophecy was the high priest referring to? **Answer:** Tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Christ, the son of God. This was a reference to the 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27.
43. **Note:** This is a lesson for us and a reminder to study this prophecy, because what Christ encountered on earth, we will also experience in the last days.
44. What question was asked of Jesus when He was brought before Pilate? John 18:37
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45. **Note:** Daniel 9:25 present the Messiah as the Prince, and in Revelation 1:5, He is called the “prince of the kings”. So Pilate’s question to Christ was also connected to the 70 prophetic weeks. Like Jesus, we will have to answer questions to church and state leaders regarding this prophecy.
46. Read Matthew 18:21, 22. What number did Christ use to answer Peter’s question about forgiveness? Answer: 70 x 7, which gives us 490. This was a reference to the 70 weeks prophecy which must form a part of our message in these last days.