

# *Lesson 6 Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week*

## *Day 1 Daniel 2*

Please read **Daniel 1 and 2**.

Daniel was in the elite group of Jews who were taken into captivity in Babylon with the first siege of three sieges on Jerusalem. Ezekiel, a contemporary prophet of Daniel, was taken to Babylon in the second siege. Jeremiah was also a contemporary prophet of Daniel and Ezekiel, but he did not go into captivity in Babylon, but left Jerusalem with others who were not taken either and these went to Egypt. Remember God had communicated to Jeremiah that the Jews taken out of the Land of Israel during this period of time would return to the Land after 70 years of captivity in Babylon. Please see **Jeremiah 29:10-14** and **Daniel 9:2**.

Who was the king of Babylon at this time according to **Daniel 1**?

What did the king command to be done with some of the sons of Israel, including those in the royal or noble families, who were perfect physically, intelligent, wise, endowed with understanding and discerning of knowledge and who had the ability to serve in his court?

**Daniel 1** specifically pulls out four youths to expound upon. Who were these four youths and what were the Babylonian names given to each of them? See **Daniel 1:7**.

What did the king appoint for them in **Daniel 1:5**?

What did Daniel decide in his mind to do about the appointment of rich food?

How did he go about abstaining from eating the rich food?

Because of these four young men's faithfulness to God, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

How did the king find these four young men to be fit after their abstention of rich food and a diet of vegetables and water for 10 days? See **Daniel 1:20**.

What did King Nebuchadnezzar want his wise men to do in chapter 2?

What did his wise men tell the king in regards to his request? See **Daniel 2:10-11**.

The king does not get the answer he wants from the wise men with whom he confers. So what orders does he give to his guards to do in regards to **ALL** the wise men, including Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah?

How does Daniel handle the situation?

What does Daniel answer the king with that gives all glory to the God of the Jewish people? See **Daniel 2: 27-28**.

What was the dream Nebuchadnezzar had and was it the same as the dream revealed by God to Daniel?

What was the interpretation of this dream? See **Daniel 2:36**.

Who is the gold head of the statue found in the king's dream?

Who is the second kingdom that is depicted by the silver breast and arms in the king's dream? Think about which world power comes next after the Babylonians on Mankind's historical timetable. Just a note here: Daniel's prophetic interpretation of

the dream was before the time when any of these later kingdoms came to power. There are many skeptics out there who will say Daniel's writings are so accurate and so detailed that the writing had to be done post history, not prophetically before the events happened.

Who is the third kingdom that is depicted by the bronze belly and thighs of bronze? Think about which world power comes next after the Medo-Persians on Mankind's historical timetable.

Who is the fourth kingdom? What part of the statue and what metal are used to describe this fourth kingdom? Think about which world power comes next after the Greeks on Mankind's historical timetable.

Is there a fifth kingdom? What does this part of the statue look like? What is the iron metal mixed with clay telling us about the durability of this kingdom? What word sticks out to you from **Daniel 2:43**? This word we have seen in each part of this study on Revelation.

What does Daniel 2:43 say about this "seed" of men?

Will there be a sixth kingdom? How is this sixth kingdom described?

Will this sixth kingdom be the final kingdom on earth?

What does the king do after Daniel tells the king his dream and also interprets the dream?

## *Day 2* Daniel 7

Please read **Daniel 7**.

Daniel was having dreams and visions at this stage of his life. What was the vision he saw as he lay on his bed?

There were four great beasts in Daniel's vision. What were the four beasts and how was each described? See **Daniel 7:1-8**.

As Daniel keeps looking into his vision, what does he see in **Daniel 7:9-12**? Who do verses 9 and 10 describe here? Who does verse 11 describe? What happens to the rest of the beasts?

Is the vision at this point stirring anything up in your mind as to the familiarity of these events described here?

As Daniel is still looking into the vision, he sees someone coming with the clouds of heaven in verses 13-14. Who do you think this describes?

What is the meaning of this vision and who did Daniel ask to explain it to him?

Before you go onto the next question, write down the extended description of this fourth beast below:

What is the EXACT meaning of the fourth beast that is different from all the others? See **Daniel 7:23-27**.

What exact "time measurement" do you see used in verse 25?

What will be the greatest and last kingdom mentioned in verse 27?

### *Day 3* Daniel 9

Please read Daniel 9.

Daniel's lifetime spans more than one ruling kingdom. He was also thought highly of by the kings of the Medo-Persian empire, the empire that came to power after the Babylonian empire. The setting of Daniel 9 is in Daniel's grey hair years in the reign of Ahasuerus of Median descent. His kingdom extends to over the Chaldeans (Babylonians).

Remember the contemporary prophet Jeremiah? What scroll was Daniel looking at in verse 2?

What had God revealed to Jeremiah the prophet?

Who was Daniel representing in his petition before God?

What did Daniel ask God to forgive? See verses 3-20.

Who came to Daniel? See verse 21.

What did angel do for Daniel?

What is the timeline that Gabriel revealed to Daniel for the Jewish people starting in verse 24?

Please write verse 27 "word for word" below:

How long is the 70 weeks? If I give you the clue that this 70 weeks is 70 weeks of years or seventy sevens does that help you determine how long it is? It probably does not. I will give this to you and hopefully I can explain this to you a little bit better in class. This seventy weeks represents 490 years.

So how many years is 62 weeks of years?

How many years is 7 weeks of years?

See verse 25. When you add 62 weeks of years and 7 weeks of years together, what do you get? 69 weeks of years. But there are 70 weeks of years that have been decreed for Daniel's people and their holy city, Jerusalem, 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. How many weeks of years are missing in this equation?

Verse 26 says that after the 62 weeks of years, the Messiah will be cut off. What does "cut off" mean?

Who will come into Israel and destroy the city and the sanctuary according to verse 26?

Who will make a firm covenant with the many for one week of years in verse 27?

What will happen in the middle of the one week of years in verse 27?

### *Day 4* **Who's Who in the Book of Revelation and Who's Who Today**

Today is going to be different than our other days' of study. You will do the research for today's study. We want to know who the characters are during the Tribulation period. Most of your Bibles have at least a small concordance in the back of the book. If you have larger complete concordances, use them to describe each of the people groups below. Some of you also may have Bible Expository Dictionaries like Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary or just a regular Bible Dictionary Like Ungers Bible Dictionary. You can use them as well to define your characters below. The expository dictionary will probably give you the best and most complete description. If you have none of these, then you can access the Internet (I do not like capitalizing that word "Internet," as though it is a person). Just remember, not everything you read on the Internet is true.

**Jews**

**Gentiles**

## **The Church**

## **Tribulation Saints**

## **Remnant of Israel**

See **Jeremiah 6:9, Romans 9:27.**

## **The Elect**

See **Matthew 24:22, Mark 13:20-22, Luke 18:7, Romans 8:33.** Read these verses in the surrounding context.

## **The Earth-dwellers or those who dwell on the earth**

See **Revelation 6:10, 8:13, 11:10, 13:8, 13:12, 13:14, 17:2, 17:8.**

## **Ha-Satan = the devil**

## **The anti-Christ = the first beast**

See **1 John 2:18, 22; 1 John 4:3, 2 John 7.**

## **The false prophet = the second beast**

See **Revelation 20:10.**

## **The Nation of Israel Today**

From our discussion in class two weeks ago, there are a number of different descriptions of who is a Jew today. The rabbi of the state of Israel today will tell you that a person is Jewish if he has descended from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Israeli government today sees that a person is Jewish today only if a person has a Jewish mother. What do you think? And what can you find in the Scripture to support your view?

## **The Gentiles Today**

## **The Church Today**

Several weeks ago we discussed in class that the church today spans both the Philadelphian church and the Laodicean Church of Revelation 3. Some today are tried and true (like the Philadelphian church) and some are luke-warm and they make Jesus sick to His stomach (the Laodicean Church). Some will be taken up in the Rapture and some churches will hardly know the difference in attendance the Sunday after the Rapture has taken place.

## *Day 5* **Timeline for the Time of Jacob's Trouble**

I have given you the following as a Template for the book of Revelation. Just read through this and also the associated verses for today's lesson. Type is bolded for the main events.

### **The anti-Christ enforces a Covenant with Israel**

1. A world leader possessing unprecedented power/charisma comes to the forefront.
2. This same leader comes to power out of a confederacy of ten nations of the Middle East region of the world.
3. He promises world peace and security.
4. By the influence of ha-Satan, the anti-Christ succeeds in putting an end to the conflict of the nations and Israel. Israel and its neighbors begin to taste peace,



but it doesn't last. Israel will finally recognize that the anti-Christ has brought them to the edge of destruction at the mid-point of the Tribulation.

5. From the moment of "the enforcing of a covenant with the many," the outpouring of the wrath of God intensifies, gradually at first and then picks up speed. This will be an incredibly difficult time for earth-dwellers. More than one-half of the world's population will perish in the 3 different types of judgments: seal, trumpet, and bowl.

### **Daniel Notes the Duration of Jacob's Trouble**

Remember this was discussed in Day 3 above.

### **God Marks the 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel to Spread the Gospel and to preserve the Nation of Israel**

From this group of evangelists, there will be a great harvest for the Kingdom of God. Note that right after this sealing of the 144,000 Jews, there is a great multitude in heaven from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, clothed in white robes and they are before the throne.

### **The Temple in Operation at this time**

In order for the sacrifices to start again and the Temple to be operational, there has to be an actual building built and it must be built on the site of the original Temple. Today, there is an Islamic mosque, the Al Aqsa Mosque, sitting on the Temple site. Something has to happen between now and then to the mosque or the Temple authorities may discover a more accurate site that is not where the mosque is today. Recently, the Temple authorities, after looking at aerial views of the Temple site, believe the cornerstone to be in a different place than originally thought.

### **The First half of the Tribulation**

1. The Temple will become operational at the same time as the start of the two witnesses' ministry. Their ministry will last 3 and ½ years or 1260 days. The seven bowls of wrath will begin to be poured out on the earth after the two witnesses ascend to heaven.
2. The Temple functions only until the mid point of the Tribulation.
3. Following the death and ascension of two witnesses, God continues to inflict judgment on the earth-dwellers through the bowl judgments

### **Where is the Church at this time?**

1. The Church is in Heaven, away from the disasters afflicting the earth.
2. The Church saints have received their new bodies.

3. The Church saints have passed before the “judgment seat of the Messiah.” All the saints of the Church Age are now enjoying pure and holy fellowship with the Lord Jesus in heaven.

### **Midpoint and Afterwards of the Tribulation**

How long does “Jacob’s Trouble” last? What is the Midpoint of the “Jacob’s Trouble?”

We are told that the Tribulation lasts for “one week of years.” The “one week of years” in Biblical accounting is seven years. The Tribulation is divided into two parts, each lasting 3½ years. The Bible refers to these 3½ years as “a time, times and half a time,” “42 months,” and also “1260 days.”

The Mid-point of the Tribulation is reached at 3 and ½ years into the Tribulation or 3 and ½ years after the two witnesses have begun their ministry and 3 and ½ years after the anti-Christ initiates a covenant with Israel. Also just after this mid-point, the anti-Christ receives a fatal wound. He dies, and then his father, ha-Satan, resurrects him from the dead (counterfeiting once again the death and resurrection of Christ). At this point, he declares himself to be a god and demands that every one worship him. He will set up an image of himself in the Jewish Temple and the False Prophet (who is the counterfeit of the Holy Spirit) will demand that everyone worship the image of the beast. This is called the Abomination of Desolation. See **Matt 24:15, 2 Thess 2:3-5, Rev 12:13-17, 13:5, 15-18**. He will also break the covenant he made with Israel and wage war against them with the armies of many nations.

Even before the Tribulation’s mid-point, all new Believers in Jesus as the Messiah will be heavily persecuted. This fierce persecution will last throughout the remainder of the Tribulation. Many of the Tribulation Saints are martyred for their faith.

Just after the Mid-point of the Tribulation is the time when Israel will realize that they have been deceived. They will also know the anti-Christ is not their long awaited Messiah. In **Matt 24:16-28**, Jesus tells them to flee (at this time) out of Jerusalem. They are to go to the wilderness of Edom. Here is where God will protect and sustain them for the next 3½ years. See **Revelation 12:6, 13-17, Isaiah 63:1-6**. Most Bible expositors will tell you this place of preservation is more than likely in southern Jordan, where a naturally fortified city (Petra) is awaiting their arrival.

### **Where is the church at this time?**

The Church is in heaven. See **2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 3:1-15, and Romans 14:10**.

## **Second half of Tribulation period**

Jesus described the events of the second half of the Tribulation Period in **Matthew 24:15-21** when He is talking with His disciples.

### **What is happening to the earth and the earth-dwellers during this time?**

The bowl judgments are being poured out on them and God's wrath continues to increase in intensity until the last.

### **What is happening to the Jewish people in this second half of the Tribulation period?**

The Remnant of Israel is being heavily persecuted by all the other nations, although they are hidden for a time in the naturally fortified city of Petra located in southern Jordan.

## **End of the Tribulation period**

1. This ends with the last bowl judgment poured out on the earth and the earth dwellers.

By this time, the geography of the earth has been changed drastically. The many earthquakes, wars, and plagues have changed the landscape of the world. More than one-half of the world's population has been killed and two-thirds of the Jewish nation has perished during this seven-year time period we call the Tribulation.

If the end of the Tribulation period is seven years away from today, how many people would have perished considering at the end of it as we now have a population of over 7 billion people on this earth. Of course those who are saved prior to the Rapture will have to be subtracted from the whole of 7 billion people. See **Revelation 6:8; 9:18; Revelation 15-19; Zechariah 12:9-14; 13:8-9; 14:4-5**).

2. Jesus the Messiah returns to the earth.

Who returns with Jesus to the Mount of Olives?

Jesus returns to the earth with believers who died after the beginning of the Church Age and also those taken up in the Rapture. Honestly, this is the part of the End Times that I am not certain. Are these who return with Christ, the Elect, the Tribulation Saints, the Church, or all three of these groups? Check out these references and write your thoughts below:

**Zechariah 15:4-5; Revelation 19:14, Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Matthew 24:29-31; Jude 14-15.**

All the armies of the nations have gathered together to fight the Messiah (and I am assuming here: to take Jerusalem) in the last battle called Armageddon. It is all over very quickly, as Jesus opens His mouth and speaks a word and all the armies are slain instantly. The blood of these slain armies flows out of the Jezreel Valley (the valley where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought) and down to the area of southern Jordan where the Remnant of Israel is being kept safe. See **Revelation 14:20; 19:15; Isaiah 63:1-6; Zechariah 12-14; Daniel 2:34-35, 44:7:9-14.**

What is happening in the spiritual realm at this time now that the anti-Christ has been defeated?

Where are the anti-Christ and the False Prophet? Where is their eternal resting place?

Where is ha-Satan? How long will he be there?

### **The Resurrection of the Dead**

Please read about the resurrection of the dead in **Isaiah 26:19?**

Who will rise from the dead at this time? .

1. The Old Testament saints will be raised from the dead at the return of the Messiah. His Second Coming also marks the end of the Tribulation Period. See **Daniel 12:1-2**. When will Daniel arise from the dead? See **Daniel 12:13**.

2. **Revelation 20:4-5** points out that all those who have been saved by believing in Jesus and then they have died during the Great Tribulation, will also be raised from the dead at this time. This has always been one of my questions that I have not been able to figure out.

This is akin to the question above concerning: “who will come with the Lord in His Second Coming?” Will all those who have ever died who have remained faithful to God from Eden forward, will they be the ones who are raised from the dead and come back with Jesus to serve Him during the Millennial Kingdom?

And again, will all those who have died without a saving faith, from Eden forward be resurrected from the dead at the end of the Millennial Kingdom and be thrown into the lake of fire?

**The Millennial Kingdom** - we will save this for after we have made it through the Tribulation.

# **YEAH!**