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“HOSANNA! PROPHECY & PALM SUNDAY!”

Luke 19:28-44; Daniel Chapter 9:23-27

> **HOSANNA!** – Luke 19:28-44 (verse 44 *“especially this your day”*)

> **UNDERSTANDING DANIEL’S PROPHECY (Daniel 9:20-27)**

Daniel’s prophecy of the seventy “weeks” (‘seven’) (v24-27) provides the chronological frame for Messianic prediction from Daniel to the establishment of the kingdom on earth and also a key to its interpretation. Its main features are as follows:

(1) The entire prophecy is concerned primarily with Daniel’s “people” and their “holy city”— i.e. Israel and Jerusalem. For what purpose:

> **First coming of Messiah, the Christ:**

- To finish the transgression
- To make an end of sins
- To make reconciliation for iniquity

> **Second coming of Messiah, the Christ:**

- To bring in everlasting righteousness
- To seal up vision and prophecy
- To anoint the most holy place

(2) Two princes are mentioned; the first is named the *“Messiah the Prince”* (v25); the second is described as *“the prince who is to come”* (v26), a reference to the little horn of Daniel Ch. 7:8, whose *“people”* would destroy the rebuilt Jerusalem after the **cutting off of the Messianic Prince** (26).

(3) The “seventy weeks” of the prophecy are weeks of years, an important sabbatical time-measure in the Jewish calendar. Violation of the command to observe the sabbatical year brought the judgment of the Babylonian captivity and determined its length of seventy years. Cp. Lev. 25:1-22; 26:33-35; 2 Chr. 36:19-21; Dan. 9:2. Compare also Gen. 29:26-28 for use of “week” to indicate seven years.

(4) These 490 prophetic years (70 weeks, or 70 x 7 year periods = 490 years) are each 360 days long. This is proven through biblical references to the seventieth week of seven years, which is divided into two halves (v27), the latter half being variously designated as *“a time and times, and half a time”* (Dan. 7:25; cp. Rev. 12:14); **forty –two months** (Rev. 11:2; 13:5); or **1260 days** (Rev. 11:3; 12:6). In this connection it should be remembered that, in the grand sweep of prophecy, prophetic time is invariably so near as to give full warning, so indeterminate as to give no satisfaction to mere curiosity (cp. Mt. 24:36; Acts 1:7).

(5) (v25) The beginning of the *seventy weeks* is fixed as *“the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem”* and its wall. The only decree in Scripture authorizing the rebuilding of the city and its wall is recorded in Nehemiah Ch. 2; dated in *“the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes”* (which is March 14, 445 B.C.), this is well attested in ancient history. From this date as a beginning, the first sixty-nine weeks reach to *“the Messiah, the Prince,”* which is first coming of Jesus Christ, who is the *“lamb of God”* to be sacrificed for our sins, He will be the ***Messiah and Savior!***

(6) (v26) At a later time, after the *“sixty-two weeks”* which follow the first *“seven weeks”* (i.e. after **sixty-nine weeks**), two important events will take place:

> **1 week equals a 7 year period, at the end of 69 weeks (7+62=69), which is 69 x 7 = 483 years = 173,880 days; the command to rebuild and restore Jerusalem was given on March 14th, 445 BC (Nehemiah 2:1-8), until Messiah, Jesus was hailed as Messiah on April 6th, 32 AD, which is exactly 173,880 days!**

- Jesus gives reference to this day **Luke 19:28-44.**) Messiah will be “cut off” (Christ crucified!) and will have none of **His regal rights** (“*but not for Himself*”).

> “*And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary*” – Titus and the Roman army did both in 70 A.D. Jesus prophesied this event in Matthew 24:1,2; Luke 21:5-6. The Jewish people were then dispersed throughout the world without a homeland. Both events are placed before the seventieth week of v. 27.

> **INSIGHT: UNDERSTANDING THE LAST DAYS SCENARIO MATTHEW Chapter 24:1-22**

- In verses 1-2 Jesus describes the future destruction of the temple, which took place in 70A.D. Then He unveils the global deceptions, conflicts, catastrophes, and persecutions taking place and becoming more intense before His Second Coming. Now in verses **15-22** He reveals that Israel will be back in the land, will rebuild the Temple, the Antichrist will commit the “*abomination of desolation*” in the midst of what is called the “*Great Tribulation.*” Let’s discover and define these events and terms as we take a look into the future, which is quickly becoming our present.

- **There will be a mass return of Jews to the land of Israel (Deuteronomy 30:3; Isaiah 43:6; Ezekiel 34:11-13; 36:24; 37:1-14).** **Isaiah 10:20-23** - *And it shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them will return; the destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For the Lord GOD of hosts will make a determined end in the midst of all the land.*

- **The church will be raptured before the Tribulation/Great Tribulation (a seven year period before the return of Christ).** The *Rapture of the church* is when God removes all believers from the earth (1 Thess. 5:1-9; 2 Thess. 2:6-7) in order to make way for His righteous judgment to be poured out on the earth during the Tribulation period. The *Rapture* is described primarily in **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** and **1 Corinthians 15:50-54.**

- **At the same time, there will be terrible conflict in Israel during the end times.** That is why the time period is known as the *Tribulation / Great Tribulation*, and the “*time of Jacob’s trouble*” (Jeremiah 30:7).

- **Israel in the “*latter times / last days*”:**

(1) **Israel will be invaded by Russia, Iran and surrounding Muslim countries (Ezekiel chapters 38-39).**

(2) **The antichrist will make a 7-year covenant of “peace” with Israel (Isaiah 28:18; Daniel 9:27).**

(3) **The Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Rev. 11:1).**

(4) **The antichrist will break his covenant with Israel. Worldwide persecution of Israel will result (Daniel 9:27; 12:1, 11; Zech. 11:16; Matt. 24:15, 21; Rev. 12:13)**

(5) **Israel will finally recognize Jesus as the Messiah (Zechariah 12:10). Israel will be regenerated, restored, and regathered (Jeremiah 33:8; Ezekiel 11:17; Romans 11:26) at Christ’s second coming.**

(7) **(v27) The main events of the final “one week” (7 year tribulation) are as follows:**

(a) There is a seven –year “*covenant*” made by the future Roman prince (the “*little horn*” of Daniel 7:8, which is the antichrist) with the Jews.

(b) In the middle of the week there is a forcible interruption of the Jewish ritual of worship by the **Roman prince** who introduces “*abomination*” (Mt.24:15; Rev. 13) that renders the sanctuary desolate.

(c) At the same time he launches persecution against the Jews. And the end of the *seventieth week* brings **judgment upon the desolator** and also brings “*everlasting righteousness*” (v. 24— i.e. **the blessings of the Messianic kingdom**). The proof that this final week has not yet been fulfilled is seen in the fact that Christ definitely relates its main events to **His Second Coming** (Mt. 24:6,15). **Hence, during the interim between the sixty-ninth and seventieth weeks there must lie the whole period of the Church set forth in the New Testament but not revealed in the Old Testament.**

(d) The interpretation, which assigns the last of the *seventy weeks* to the end of the age is also found in the writings of the early church. When this *seventieth week* was referred to during the first two and one-half centuries of the Christian Church, it was almost always assigned to the **end of the age**. **Irenaeus** places the appearance of Antichrist at the **end of the age in the last week**; in fact, he asserts that the time of Antichrist’s tyranny will last just one-half of the week, three years and six months. So likewise **Hippolytus** states that Daniel “*indicates the showing forth of the seven years which shall be in the last times.*”¹

(8) The Antichrist – 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2

> What should the Christian do?

- **Fulfill the “Great Commission” before the “Great Tribulation.” Mark 16:15-** *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*

- **Next be ready for the RAPTURE! Live according to Rev. 3:7-13. “Keep His Word!” Don’t “deny His name,” and God will keep us “from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”** The word “*dwell*” is *katoikeo* in Greek, which speaks of permanence. Thus the judgment referred to is directed against the earth-dwellers of that day, against those who have settled down in the earth as their real home, who have identified themselves with the earth’s commerce and religion. **The church won’t be tested; our sins were judged and paid in full by the blood of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We’re going up in the rapture, we’re the bride of Christ, we’re not earth dwellers, rejoice in Philippians 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.**

¹C. I. Scofield- *The New Scofield Study Bible* pg 1021