

Sunday, November 26, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: The Times of the Gentiles ... Part 3

- Daniel's Seventh Week

Series: Learning About the End Times ... 5

Text: Daniel 9

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the of the Seventh Week of Daniel and some of the UNIQUENESS or CONDITIONS of that week.

Introduction:

The devotional last week was entitled ‘Daniel's Seventy Weeks; we considered:

1) The Vision of the Seventy Weeks; 2) Daniel 9:25, The First Unit (a period of 49 years); 2) Daniel 9:25, The Second Unit (a unit of 434 years)

~ Units 1 & 2 equals 493 years. Remembering that the Jewish calendar was 360 this would take us to approximately 32 A.D. and the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ!

~ What Daniel did not see was the current Church age; nor did the prophecies of Daniel 2 & 7.

~ Luke 21:24, “They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” See Romans 11:25

~ Leviticus 26:40, “But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, (41) so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, (42) then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.” Isaiah 11:11 – 12 speaks of a SECOND regathering!

1. Daniel 9:27, The Seventh Week:

~ vs. 27, “And shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half a week he shall but an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

~ vs. 27 the “And he shall make a strong covenant;” the “he” is accepted by most Bible scholars to be THE antichrist.

~ Daniel 11:31 and 12:11; 11:31, “Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.”

12:11, “And from the time that the regular burnt offering taken away is taken away the abomination that makes desolate is set up there shall be 1290 days.”

1290 divided by 360 = 3.58 years

2. Daniel 9:27, How Did He Make a Strong Covenant:

~ Psalm 83 all but take special note of vs. 4, “They say, “Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!”

~ The Israel Declaration of Independence was midnight on May 14, 1948. May 15, 1948 Egypt, Transjordan, Syria and Iraq attacked Israel. From May 15, 1948 there has been ongoing conflict in the middle east. 1948 – July 1949, Palestinian Fedayeen insurgency 1950s – 1060s, Suez Crisis October 1956, Six-Day War June 1967, War of Attrition 1967 – 1970, Yom Kippur War October 1973...Israel-Hamas War October 7, 2023 (Operation Swords of Iron)

~ One is going to arise out of the old Roman Empire that will propose a peace that will be acceptable to many. It will permit the rebuilding of a Jewish Temple.

3. Daniel 9:27, Distinguishing Between ‘a’ antichrist and ‘THE’ ANTICHRIST:

~ 1 John 2:18, “Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we now it is the last hour.”

~ 1 John 2:22, “Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.”

~ 1 John 4:3, “and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God, This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming and now is in the world already.”

~ 2 John 1:7, “For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.”

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:1 - 17

Conclusion:

As believers we are in the Valley of the Church between peaks of prophecy. As we learned from Jude the spirit of the enemy and of unrepentant human seeks to erode our faith. We all need to practice Ephesians 6:10 – 18.