

## Sunday, December 3, 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 4

- God Has Appointed Times!

### Series: Learning About the End Times ... 7

Text: Daniel 9

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation that within God’s foreknowledge of human events, He as Sovereign God, has set appointed times for his good will and purposes.

### **Introduction:**

#### **Learning About the End Times**

- 1) Oct. 22, Do I Recognize the Signs/Seasons: God Expects Us to Recognize the Signs; God Promises Blessings to Those Who Recognize the Signs; God Wants His Bride to Be Ready
- 2) Oct. 29, God’s Covenants and the End Times: God’s Covenant with Abraham; God’s Covenant with David; God’s Covenant Through Christ Jesus to Believers
- 3) Nov. 5, Now and Then: Isaiah 9:6 – 7; Micah 5:2; Psalm 2; Prophets Who Prophesied Both Advents
- 4) Nov. 12, The Times of the Gentiles: Daniel 2:17 – 45; Daniel 7:1 – 28
- 5) Nov. 19, Daniel’s Seventy Weeks: The Vision of the Seventy Weeks; The First Unit of 49 Years; The Second Unit 434 Years
- 6) Nov. 26, Daniel’s Seventieth Week: The Seventieth Week; How Did ‘He’ Make a Strong Covenant; Distinguishing Between ‘a’ antichrist and ‘THE’ ANTICHRIST

#### **1. An Appointed Time for the End of the Captivity:**

- ~ Exodus 12:41, “At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.”
- ~ 30 years as quests with Joseph and 400 years as slaves (Genesis 15:13)
- ~ Daniel 9:2, “in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely seventy years.”
- ~ Israel had failed to honor God in keeping the Sabbath years of rest for the land; they had not kept 70 Sabbatical years (2 Chronicles 36:21)!

#### **2. An Appointed Time for the Birth of the Messiah:**

- ~ Daniel 9:26, “And after the sixty-two weeks, an (the) anointed (Messiah) one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.”

~ Is it reasonable to say that before Messiah can be cut off, Messiah must first be present?

~ Galatians 4:4 – 6, “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, (5) to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (6) And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!””

#### **3. An Appointed Time for the Messiah to be Cut Off:**

~ Sir Robert Anderson in his 1894 book entitled, ‘The Coming Prince,’ gives his detailed calculation of Daniel’s 70 weeks. Taking March 14th, B.C. 444, Sir Robert Anderson, calculated in a very detailed manner, he was an inspector with Scotland Yard, the number of days to Messiah being cut off – 173,880 days. Sir Anderson had calculated the Passion week of Christ and His entry into Jerusalem Nisan 10th, that is April the 6th, A.D. 32

~ Mark 12:10 – 12, “Have you not read this Scripture: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; (11) this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?” (12) And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.”

~ In human terms, many Bible scholars believe that, Israel’s rejection of Christ Jesus as King opened the door to the Gentiles to become part of the Church.

~ Side note – it was the 10th Legion, known as Legio X Fretensis, or the 10th Legion of the Strait; founded by Julius Ceasar or Augustus and comprised of 5,000 soldiers, that destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Not all were Romans, as Rome had a conscription policy. Many of the 5,000 were apparently Assyrian. Some Bible scholars suggest that the antichrist may come from the Middle East.

#### **4. An Appointed Time for the Period of the Gentiles to be Fulfilled:**

~ Romans 11:25, “Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers, a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”

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

#### **5. An Appointed Time for the Physical Return of Messiah:**

~ Acts 1 and Mark 13

#### **Conclusion:**

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