

DANIEL'S "70 WEEKS" PROPHECY

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We reached Daniel Chapter 8 last week. A description of the Middle East conflict between Iran — and later — Turkey.

It's possible we've reached the time of this prophecy right now. Following the US attack on Iran in February. Iran has attacked its neighbours. Has caused significant damage. (Has also shut the Strait of Hormuz — which affects their neighbours' ability to receive oil income — as well as threaten economies worldwide).

There's probably a greater fulfillment yet to come? IT'S IMPORTANT TO WATCH PROPHECY.

It looks like the US will be missing?

As I mentioned last week ... Colonel Douglas McGregor (a retired US Veteran ... served in the Gulf War ... Defence Advisor in the first Trump term) — said that the US has only 2 options in Iran:

1. Put 1 million — 2 million troops on the ground (that won't happen!!)
2. Or — end the hostilities and walk away from the Middle East. It is difficult for Trump's ego ... but the only sensible course.

But let's move on:

Daniel 8:8-14

8 Therefore the male goat grew very great; **but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.**

9 And **out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.**

10 **And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.**

11 **He (the little pompous horn) even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices**

were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.

12 **Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground.**

He did all this and prospered.

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, **“How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?”**

14 And he said to me, **“For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”**

After conquering — the Turkish-led coalition breaks up. It was already 4 nations (4 heads of the Leopard in Daniel Chapter 7) ... it breaks into 4 “new states”.

All Islamic. The general territory of Turkey ... Syria ... Egypt ... Albania.

Out of one of them comes the Antichrist! The Little Horn. Islamic. Middle East.

It starts as a Little Horn ... but develops into a pompous ... arrogant individual who sees himself as important as Jesus Christ.

The majority will accept him as such. I assume he will be very charismatic and backed up with signs and wonders?

The key identification:

- **Will stop the Jewish sacrifices.**
- **Will desolate the Sanctuary.**
- **This is the Abomination of Desolation that Jesus warned about.**
- **It commences the Great Tribulation.**

So — we’re looking for sacrifices to start. Needs an altar ... but not necessarily a temple building initially. They have an altar and tent ready. **IF** the Jews follow the Biblical teaching ... they will also need the ashes of a red heifer to purify the priests and equipment. (As we have

mentioned before ... this may have already taken place — a year ago this month. The Temple Institute said it was a dress rehearsal. The people who were there... SAY IT IS VALID AND THE ASHES ARE IN STORAGE — just waiting for the go ahead).

We'll see in Chapter 9 — “The Seventy Weeks Prophecy” ... that the Abomination is set up half-way through the final 7 years.

If there are approximately 1,260 days from then till Jesus' return on the Mount of Olives ... then verse 14 may give us a hint of when the sacrifices start? 2,300 days minus 1,260 days — gives 1,040 days. Maybe the sacrifices start 34 months before being stopped?

Very speculative! Somewhat ambiguous!

In any event ... Jesus told us in Matthew Chapter 24 to WATCH FOR THE ABOMINATION (when the sacrifices stop) — not the starting of the sacrifices.

Daniel wants to understand the vision better. Thankfully ... an angel helps!

Daniel 8:19-26

19 And he said, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be. (*END-TIME!*)

20 **The ram which you saw, having the two horns—they are the kings of Media and Persia.**

21 **And the male goat is the kingdom of Javan. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.**

22 As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, **four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.**

23 “And in the latter time of their kingdom,

When the transgressors have reached their fullness,

A king shall arise, (*The Antichrist — the Little Horn*)

Having fierce features,

Who understands sinister schemes. (*Intrigue and deception*)

24 **His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; (*not God's power*)**

He shall destroy fearfully.

And shall prosper and thrive;
He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. (*The 5th Seal*
— *the saints*)

25 “Through his cunning
He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule;
And he shall exalt himself in his heart.
He shall destroy many in their prosperity. (*“Their prosperity”*
= NASB: “many who are at ease” — *complacent*)
He shall even rise against the Prince of princes;
But he shall be broken without human means.

26 “And the vision of the evenings and mornings
Which was told is true;

Therefore seal up the vision,
For it refers to many days in the future.”

The Little Horn. The Antichrist. Fierce-looking. Even
stands up against Jesus Christ and His saints.

Paul was basically quoting this:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by
word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had
come.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not
come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin
is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that
is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God,
showing himself that he is God.

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you
these things?

The Man of Sin — the Little Horn — The Antichrist!

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

9 **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,**

10 **and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth,** that they might be saved. *(IF YOU LOVE THE TRUTH — YOU WILL SEE THROUGH THESE LYING WONDERS, ETC)*

11 **And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,** *(MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A STRONG LOVE OF THE TRUTH!!)*

12 **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Lying wonders.

Daniel 8:27

27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. **I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.**

Daniel understood the general outline of the vision. But the details were beyond him ... and no one else could explain.

A bit like today? **We can know the narrative ... see the outline perhaps ... but can't necessarily grasp all of the details?**

With prophecy — it's best to remain humble!!

Let's move on to Chapter 9.

Daniel 9:1-2

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—

2 **in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.**

Daniel has witnessed the change from Babylon to Persia — the Head of Gold to the Chest of Silver. It's around 65 years since he was taken captive and the Jews went into captivity.

He'd studied Jeremiah's prophecies. Daniel knows that the 70 years of captivity are almost up.

Jeremiah 29:1

1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were carried away captive—to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Jeremiah's letter to the captives — which would have included Daniel.

Jeremiah 29:10-11

10 For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

After 70 years — the Jews can return (if you read the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah you will see that most won't go back).

Daniel has been focusing on prophecy — as it relates to his situation. And he's not afraid of "dates" (😊)!! **The Book of Daniel includes multiple references to time periods. They are given to us for a reason?**

Although Daniel is focusing on 70 years — the angel Gabriel is going to turn up ... and change Daniel's focus to 70 "weeks".

Daniel 9:3

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Daniel 9:4-19

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said,
“O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and
mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His
commandments,

5 **we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly
and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your
judgments.**

6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in
Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the
people of the land.

7 **O Lord, righteousness belongs to You**, but to us shame of face, as
it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all
Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have
driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed
against You.

8 “O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and
our fathers, **because we have sinned against You.**

9 **To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness**, though we
have rebelled against Him.

10 **We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in
His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.**

11 Yes, **all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has
departed so as not to obey Your voice**; therefore the curse and
the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been
poured out on us, **because we have sinned against Him.**

12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and
against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster;
for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been
done to Jerusalem.

13 “As it is written in the Law of Moses, **all this disaster has come upon
us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that
we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.**

16 “**O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your
anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your
holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our
fathers**, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around
us.

17 **Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.**

18 **O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations**, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but **because of Your great mercies.**

19 **O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.**"

Daniel humbles himself and seeks the fulfilment of God's prophecy.

Daniel could have been quite "detached". He's an old man now ... and won't be going back. The Jews got what they "deserved"?

But Daniel is not passive! "Que Sera etc" He takes action. He is going to go to God and ask Him something.

He loves God's people. He loves the City of God. He wants the best. He goes to God in prayer.

It's the sort of attitude we should have? We shouldn't be "uninterested" or "uncaring". "As long as I'm alright as a church member I'm not bothered about those wicked sinners out there".

We read in Daniel Chapter 7 about the Coming King — the Son of Man — and His everlasting Kingdom. That's something to hope for — to look forward to — **we should be enthusiastic about the fulfilment of God's prophecies ... including in prayer and supplication.** Daniel didn't say "well ... God's decreed this ... so I'll leave it all to Him".

Daniel is very focused on the 70 year prophecy and the current desolation of Jerusalem. As it happens — God is about to reveal the bigger picture — the 70 Week Prophecy — and yet future desolation of Jerusalem — prior to the Heavenly Kingdom of Daniel Chapter 7 being established.

Daniel 9:20-24

20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

24 "Seventy weeks are determined (*Shabua* — $70 \times 7 = 490$ years)

For your people and for your holy city,

To finish the transgression,

To make an end of sins,

To make reconciliation for iniquity,

To bring in everlasting righteousness,

To seal up vision and prophecy,

And to anoint the Most Holy.

Seventy "sevens" (*Shabua*). So ... a total of 490 years.

It is not a continuous 70 weeks. The seventy is to be split. 7 *Shabuas* ... then 62 ... then 1. (7 ... 62 ... 1).

At the end ... to bring in everlasting righteousness. It seems to be the Kingdom is finally established. Jerusalem to be the Eternal City of the Great King.

Daniel 9:25

25 "Know therefore and understand,

That from the going forth of the command

To restore and build Jerusalem

Until Messiah the Prince,

There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;

The street shall be built again, and the wall,

Even in troublesome times.

7 + 62 Sevens = 483 years ... The Messiah comes..

It starts with a decree to rebuild Jerusalem. When do you start counting the 483 years? Some dispute as to which of 4 possible decrees to use ... **the best candidate is probably 457 BC (King Artaxerxes 1)—which brings us to 27 AD. This appears to be the time of Jesus' baptism and the commencement of His public ministry.**

In Jesus' day ... many Jewish scholars had “done the math” and were looking for Messiah “The Prince” to arrive.

Daniel 9:26

26 “**And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for Himself; *(He was cut off for us)* **And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.**

The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

The Messiah cut off.

The City and the Sanctuary (Temple) to be destroyed. (Remember there was no temple in Daniel's day). A probable reference to the destruction of 70 AD under the Roman General Titus.

Roman General Titus was in charge. Josephus says he didn't want to destroy the Temple. However ... the actual destruction of the city and the Temple and killing was carried out by Syrians ... Egyptians ... Arabians ... Bulgarians in 4 Roman Legions (Legions V ... X ... XII ... XV).

We can't use these verses to claim that Europeans of the so- called Revived Holy Roman Empire will desolate Jerusalem in the end-time.

The end-time “prince who is to come” will come from these people — Syrian ... Arabian etc. From a Muslim nation.

Daniel 9:27

27 **Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;** (“he” — *the prince who is to come*)

But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

**And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolate.”**

Clearer translations of verse 27:

Greek: “And **upon the temple shall be an Abomination of Desolations**. And at the end of time an end shall be put to the Desolation”.

NIV: “And at **the Temple he will set up an Abomination that causes desolation** until the end that is decreed is poured out on him”.

This prince to come will make a covenant or treaty for 1 week ... 1 Shabua = 7 years.

Often referred to as “Daniel’s 70th Week”.

“In the middle of the week” — at 3½ years — it looks like a double-cross of the Jews.

He stops the sacrifices and sets up the Abomination of Desolation (which initiates the Great Tribulation).

We’ll look into this “Abomination” more next week!