



THE GREAT PROPHECY OF DANIEL

A Study of Daniel 9 "The Great Prayer of Daniel" • Part Two (v. 24)

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A. STUDY OF DANIEL 9:24

STUDY SECTION - Daniel 9:24, NIV - ²⁴ "Seventy 'sevens' the critical Heb. phrase שבעים שבועים lit., "seventy weeks of years" or 490 years] are decreed for your people [this passage is written specifically to the Jewish people] and your holy city [and all that will happen in the end of time in Jerusalem—that includes Christians] to finish transgression [the sin of Israel not recognizing Jesus as the Messiah will end], to put an end to sin [Sin will be stopped through the Messiah—Jesus Christ], to atone for wickedness [the final sacrifice for sin—the cross—will be made] to bring in everlasting righteousness [the righteousness of God will replace the sinfulness of man—once and for all; "bring in" indicates a declaration of 'everlasting righteousness' from God], to seal [the process of lit., putting a seal back on the scrolls indicating the fulfillment of the prophecy] up vision and prophecy [the phrase 'to seal up' means to 'bring it to a close,' all the prophecies of scripture will be fulfilled] and to anoint the Most Holy Place ["Anoint" means to "add a blessing" but used in this form, means "receive an outside blessing;" Jesus Christ coming to Jerusalem and being "received" there in the Holy City as Lord of all].

SIX THINGS WILL BE REVEALED IN THIS ONE VERSE:

- The first three were taken care of at Christ's first coming (Man's redemption).
- The last three will be taken care of at Christ's second coming. (God's Righteousness).
- Throughout the Great Prayer of Daniel, the prophet contrasts man's sinfulness with God's righteousness. Both will be seen in the angel's answer.

B. THE ANSWER TO DANIEL'S PRAYER

AT HIS FIRST COMING...

1. Messiah will be Revealed "...to finish the transgression..."

The solution for sin has come through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, though currently rejected by Israel, will one day be known to the whole world—including Israel—as the one, true Messiah. [This begins at this His birth.]

2. Sin will be Removed "...to put an end to sin..."

Sin must be removed before our Holy God can bless Israel (or the church). Through the Messiah, Israel will no longer be a sinful nation. It is now possible for Israel to be right with God. [This happened at the resurrection.]

3. Sin will be Reconciled "...to make an atonement for iniquity."

This happened at the cross of Jesus Christ. The sufficient sacrifice—offered-once-and-for-all—for the sins of all mankind. [This happened at the crucifixion site just outside the Holy City of Jerusalem.]

AT HIS SECOND COMING...

4. God's Righteousness will Replace Man's Sin. "...to bring everlasting righteousness..."

Jesus—the Messiah—became sin for us so that in Him, we might be reckoned (lit., declared) 'to be righteous' before God because of Christ's works—not ours. [This happens during the 1,000 Year Reign (for Israel).]

5. Prophecy will be Ratified. "...to seal up vision and prophecy..."

One of the primary purposes of the 490-year period will be to bring to completion all the prophecies and visions concerning Israel. This will be completed ONLY when Jesus sits on the throne. [This happens at the end of the 1,000-year reign.]

6. Christ will Reign. "...and to anoint the Most Holy Place."

Most scholars see this as a reference to the 'Holy of Holies' in the Millennial Temple. (I believe it may be a broader reference to Heaven in general, but I am in the minority.) [This happens at the beginning of the second coming—or, at the end of it in the eternal state (if JKT is right.)]

C. HERE'S THE POINT

The forgiveness of our sin and the hope we have in Heaven is derived from one source—Jesus, the Messiah.

Etymology: "Messiah" in Hebrew מָשִׁיחַ means "Anointed One"; in Greek Μεσσίας, it means "The Answer" (or Savior).