

God's plan for Israel – Part 2

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- [0 : 00] Good morning. I welcome you here in the name of Jesus.
- And we did have a hearty welcome. Thank you to the children for that hearty singing. And the scriptures say that out of the mouth of babes, praise is perfected.
- And we heard that this morning. It was a fast week, VBS. And I too am grateful for our church for putting that together.
- Especially for our education board, Dave and Nancy and Abe and Anna for putting the effort in organizing and so on. Thank you.
- And it is to the glory of God that these things are done. So this morning, continue in the message I left.
- [1 : 03] Excuse me. The message I left off on last time, two weeks ago. And that was God's plan for Israel revealed in Daniel.
- And we did not cover all of that. And so we're going to, this morning, review that a bit. And then keep going and kind of finish off Daniel there.
- But as we had Jeremiah 30 read for us, it's another reference to the end. It's a reference to that last week of years.
- It's a reference to Jacob's trouble. A seven-year period we know as the tribulation period. Here Jeremiah calls it a time of Jacob's trouble.
- And just briefly in Jeremiah here in chapter 30, he mentions that in the days are coming that I will bring back from captivity my people Israel and Judah.
- [2 : 18] And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers and they shall possess it. So this is prophesying this.
- And today in our generation, we are seeing the beginning of the fulfillment of this. And since 1948, when Israel became a nation again, till today, every year, there are Jews returning to Israel.
- And the population is increasing greatly. And so we're having this prophecy fulfilled in our lifetime.
- At least the beginning of it. And so that is what God said would happen. And so we know that by this, that the 70th week is not too far down the road.
- We're not to put dates on it, but it cannot be too far for God has started to fulfill this. And in verse 5 and 6, he says, Ask now, and if a man is ever in labor with child, So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, And all faces turning pale?
- [3 : 53] So we know that women in childbirth go through labor and hard travail. But here, the men, the men are going through this.
- And it's a time where things have progressed and there's no turning back.
- And God is in process of fulfilling the end time events. And so just like a woman in labor, there's no turning back.

It starts and it keeps intensifying till the end. And so it is here as well. And he says, All faces turn pale.

Verse 7, Alas, for that day is great, so that none is like it, And it is the time of Jacob's trouble.

[4 : 54] He shall be saved out of it. So the name here, the terminology is a day of Jacob's trouble, Or a time of Jacob's trouble. And so it's Jacob, a reference to Israel, To the Jewish nation.

And yet at the end, God will save them out of it. He will save them from destruction. And so this is a reference to the last week of years.

And we're going to just focus on Daniel's prophecy on the last week. So let's turn back to Daniel chapter 9.

Let's commit our hour to the Lord in prayer as we start here.

Father, we bow before you this morning. We're privileged to be under your word. And Father, as we look at prophecy and things you have said would come, And we're seeing the beginning of fulfillment here.

[6 : 14] Lord, again, we ask for strength, For you to open our hearts to receive, And to understand, Father.

And so to your glory. And Lord, that you would equip us to live with this understanding. We just commit this service to you in Jesus' name.

Amen. Okay, so just a bit of a recap on the last message. So in Daniel chapter 9, We started off with Daniel is praying And seeking the Lord.

He is confessing. As he has read in prophecy from Jeremiah That the time of their captivity, The years of their captivity is about to come to an end.

And he is in prayer, Confessing before the Lord their iniquities, Their sin as a nation. But he's also bringing it before the Lord That the time for us to bring back to Israel is near.

[7 : 31] And as he prays and so on, God sends an angel to give him a message.

And Gabriel was sent and arrives and tells Daniel, This is the message that God has in response to your prayers.

In response to your inquiring, What's going to become of us Jewish people? And then he gives the prophecy in verses 24 through 27.

So I think we're going to reread that, 24 to 27. So Daniel chapter 9. Seventy weeks are determined 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 an everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the most holy.

Know therefore and understand That from the going forth of the command To build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks And sixty-two weeks.

[9 : 05] The street shall be built again And the wall even in troublesome times. And after the sixty-two weeks, Messiah shall be cut off, But not for himself.

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.

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many For one week, 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 unto the consummation Which is determined Is poured out on the desolate.

So this is a prophecy Upon the Jewish people Whom God had chosen for a purpose And the same people group Whom after this would reject the Messiah.

- [10 : 15] And here God has information for them What to your people. So we have 70 weeks of years Prophetised here for the Jews.
- And we talked about that in the last message. First, it was broken down to three segments. First, there's going to be Seven weeks of years.
- So 49 years of rebuilding. The street shall be built again. And so on. To rebuild Jerusalem. And we discussed that.
- And that would start with the command To go back to Israel From captivity and to rebuild. And that we discussed Was given in Nehemiah chapter 2.
- And that's all history. It's happened. And so for the next 49 years They rebuilt Jerusalem. The temple.
- [11 : 25] The walls. And so on. And restored worship. As God had ordained. That happened. And then the second Shall be 62 weeks.
- So first seven. And then 62. Weeks of years. And so he leaps ahead. So 62 and seven.
- After 69 weeks of years. And so that is 463 years. 483.
- Sorry. Do my math right. And so that's what we're going to pick up this morning. In verse 26. And after 62 weeks.
- Messiah shall be cut off. But not for himself. And so we talked about that briefly. That after the 62 weeks.
- [12 : 27] That it worked out to Palm Sunday. And Jesus. Into Jerusalem. To die. For his people. Actually.
- For the whole world. Not just for the Jews. He died. For all of us. And he says. After the 62 weeks.
- It happened. And so. Right. Right at the cut off. To the day. Of those 62 weeks. Was Palm Sunday. Right to the day.
- But after that. The Messiah was cut off. And. This morning. I ask. How long after. Was the Messiah cut off?
- From Palm Sunday till. When did Jesus die? On Friday? So five days later.
- [13 : 32] Five days later. Messiah was cut off. And it says. But not for himself. But for the world. And then secondly.
- After those 62 weeks. And the people of the prince. Who is to come. And so this is. This is important.
- The people who is to come. The prince. Is a reference. To the antichrist. And the people of the prince.
- Who is talking. About the revived Roman empire here. The fourth kingdom that we saw. And so. The people of. The yet future.
- Antichrist. Are going to. Destroy the city. And the sanctuary. And the end of it. Shall be with a flood. And we know from history.
- [14 : 31] That in the year 70. A.D. The Romans. Destroyed. Jerusalem. They literally destroyed Jerusalem.
- They destroyed the temple. And. And. This prophecy. This prophecy. Is in fulfillment. And it is the people. Of the prince. Yet to come.
- Who did it. And so we know. That there is a revised. Revived. Roman empire. Yet to come. Out of whom will come.
- Ten kings. To rule with the antichrist. Christ. And so. That. Is history. It has happened. It's. Well documented.

But further. He says. In verse 26. Until the end. Of the war. Of these 70 weeks. Desolations.

[15 : 26] Are determined. Upon. The Jews. So. Till. Of Christ. The Jewish people. Are going to go through.

A desolate time. Forsaken. Destroyed. Made desolate. Made. Empty. And.

And. From the year. 70. A.D. Till. 1948. The Jewish. Nation.

Did not have. A homeland. They were dispersed. Throughout. The entire world. And. They were forsaken.

They were desolate. This is. All. History. We know. It's happened. And yet. As we read. In Jeremiah.

[16 : 23] Today. God is. Reversing it. He's bringing them back. For the time. Of the end. And. You know. When you read. The book.

Of Isaiah. And. Jeremiah. Jeremiah. There is. So much. Written. About blessing. That God has. For his people.

In the time. To come. And. We are seeing. The beginning. Of God. Fulfilling that. And. So. When you read. Isaiah.

Especially. After chapter 40. Through 66. The last. There is. So much. Millennial blessing. Spoken there.

Of God. Of what God has. In store. For his people. For the world. And. It's. It's very interesting. When you read that. In the right context.

[17 : 18] Okay. So that's. That's what God. Had promised there. Now. Between.

The. The. The. The. The. The. The. The. The. The 62nd. Week. Verse 7. And then 62. And. The last week. The 70th week. We have.

A disconnect. We have. A gap. It has. To our knowledge. From history. Never. Come. To pass. And the descriptions.

Of this 70th week. Determined. Upon Israel. As the Bible. Describes it. In detail. It has. Never. Ever.

Come. To be. We have. Never had. The antichrist. Rule. Here on earth. We have. Never had. Ten kings. Rule. With him. These things.

[18 : 18] Have never. Happened. And. And. And. And. Yet. We are. Waiting. For it. And. So. It is not.

That uncommon. In prophecy. To have. Partial. Fulfillments. With a future. Final. Fulfillment. And.

I want. To. Use. One. As an example. Let's. Turn. Our. Bibles. To. Isaiah. Sixty. One. Isaiah. Sixty.

One. And.

The first. Two. Verses. Isaiah. Sixty. One. One. And. Two.

[19 : 13] The spirit of the Lord. God is upon me. Because the Lord. Has anointed me. To preach good tidings. To the poor. He sent me to heal the brokenhearted.

To proclaim liberty to the captives. And the opening of our bound. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. And the day of vengeance of our God.

Of whom is this prophecy speaking? Of Christ. Jesus. Yeah. He says the spirit of the Lord God is upon me.

And so the spirit of God upon our Lord Jesus Christ. It's prophetic. It's speaking of a time yet to come. Now let's turn to Luke chapter 4.

And if you want to keep your finger on Isaiah 68. Please do so. But Luke chapter 4. And verse 18 and 19.

[20 : 18] Actually 18 to 21. Luke 4.18. The spirit of the Lord is upon me.

Because he has anointed me. To preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives.

And recovery of sight to the blind. To set liberty. Those who are oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Then he closed the book. And gave it back to the attendant. And sat down. And the eyes of the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them.

Today. This scripture is fulfilled. In your hearing. So Jesus. Jesus. On the Sabbath. In the synagogue.

[21 : 13] Stood up. Was given the scroll. Of Isaiah. Read. These two verses. And said to the congregation. Today.

This. Has been fulfilled. But is there a difference. Between Isaiah. Sixty. Sixty one. Verse two.

And Luke 4. Nineteen. Did anybody catch that? Vengeance. So. In Isaiah 61.

Verse two. And the day of vengeance. Of our God. When Jesus quotes these verses. He stops.

Short. And he closes the book. Or the scroll. And. And so he. He leaves out the last segment.

[22 : 09] Of that prophecy. The day of vengeance. Or. The time of the end. Where the Lord will judge. The earth. And so we have.

Even there. A fulfillment. Of prophecy. And even Jesus. Recognized it. So it's. It's important. It's important that we. We realize this happens. More often.

As scripture. Has a twofold. Or fulfillment. In. In. In. In several stages. And so here. It happened as well.

So in the meantime. We have this gap. And. What has happened. During. The sixth. Between the 69th.

And the 70th week. We have. The church age. Which. Was.

[23 : 03] Not. Directly. Prophesied. In the old testament. It was. Unknown. In detail. Till it happened.

And the Jews. Were not expecting. That there would be. This gap. And today. From the birth. Of the church. From the year.

3031. On Pentecost. To today. 2023. We have. 1900. And.

93. Years. That have gone by. Of church. Age. Of separation. Between the 69th week.

And the 70th. And yet. We're seeing God. Move. Things around. Nations around.

[24 : 00] To bring in the end. So we know. The church age. Is coming close. To the end. And. And. I. I believe. It will come. In many of our lifetimes. Very possible. As we're seeing. God. Fulfill. Prophecy.

But in the meantime. During the church age. It has been. A time. Of desolations. For Israel. And. I want to.

I want to. I want to. Read. Some verses. That connect. That. Somewhat. So in the year 70. Their. Their temple was destroyed. And.

Let's turn to. Lean. Luke 19. It's going back.

[25 : 05] Back. Back. To Palm Sunday. And. It's. And. It's. Jesus. Speaking here. As he drew near. That's the city. He saw the city. And wept. Over it. Saying. If you had known. Even you. Especially. In this.

Your day. The things that make. For your peace. But now. They are hidden. From your eyes. For days will come. Upon you. When your enemies. Will build. An embankment.

Around you. Surround you. And close you in. On every side. And level you. And your children. Within you. To the ground. And they will not leave.

In you. One stone. Upon another. Because you did not know. The day. Of your. Visitation. And.

[25 : 58] The direct fulfillment. Of that. The year 70. A.D. As Israel was. Leveled. Or. Or Jerusalem. The temple. As well.

Matthew 23. The gospel. Matthew 23. Be turning back and forth. Here a bit. Verse 37.

To 39. Matthew 23. Verse 37.

And here Jesus again. O Jerusalem. Jerusalem. The one who kills the prophets. And stones those who are sent to her.

How often I wanted to gather your children together. As a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you were not willing. See.

[26 : 54] Your house is left to you desolate. Yet. For I say to you. You shall no more. Till you.

I say to you. To you. You shall see me no more. Till you say. Blessed is in the name of the Lord. Lord. And so the Jewish people.

Have been left. Desolate. All these years. During the church age. They have been scattered. They have been abused. By other nations.

They have been tortured. Put to death. We have lots of. Lots of recordings. In history.

Of this happening. And. And. Not that. Far back. Some of you. Were alive at that time. In.

[27 : 52] In. Nineteen. Thirty nine to forty five. In the second world war. Six million Jews. Were put to death. At the hands of Hitler. This is all.

In fulfillment. Of this prophecy. Your house. Will be left. To you desolate. Because. You rejected.

Jesus Christ. One more. Verse. To add to that. Twenty seven. A couple of chapters down.

And. It makes it even worse. Matthew. Twenty seven. Verse. Twenty three. And.

It's. It's. Jesus. On trial. Matthew. Twenty seven. Twenty three. Then the governor said. What evil has he done? But they cried out.

[28 : 52] All the more. Saying. Let him be crucified. And when Pilate saw. That he could not prevail at all. But rather that a tumult. Was rising.

He took water. And washed his hands. Before the multitude. Saying. I am innocent. Of the blood. Of this. Just. Person. You.

See to it. And then. The people answered. And said. His blood. Be on us. And on. Our children.

Those words. Have come to pass. Those words. Have come to pass. And. And the Jews. Have suffered. Ever since.

There is. To this day. A desire. A desire. By the world. At large. To wipe out. Israel. Especially by the Arab world.

[30 : 06] They are. Desolate. They are in dire. Straits. There is no country. On earth. That wants peace. As badly.

As Israel. People. And yet. They have. Overlooked. The root. Of peace. Jesus Christ. And they wanted.

To skip. The personal. Surrender. To the savior. That God would send. And replace that. With. Peace.

In our country. With. With Jesus. As ruler. Savior. But God. Has a better plan. And he sent his savior. As a personal.

Savior. That would. That would have a relationship. With us. And God. Plans. Intends. To show. The Jewish people.

[31 : 06] Exactly that. So today. And it has been. There is. Momentum. Even. Even. Even. In the church. At large.

That God. Is done. With Israel. And. Based on what we just read. And talked about. It would seem true. But then.

How about the prophecies. And Daniel. And others. And we know. It's not true. They are forsaken. They are.

Desolate. But God. Has a plan. To revive them. And it's the 70th week. It's the 70th week. And so that's what.

The tribulation period. Is all about. Is where God. Will reveal. To the Jews. His identity. And they. At the coming of Christ.

[32 : 06] Will recognize him. And they will. Surrender to him. And so this is. Important. That we. As the church. Know.

God's plan. For the church. And for Israel. Recognize. The difference there. So let's turn back. To Daniel 9. And just cover that last verse.

Verse. Verse 27.

Then he. It's a reference to the Antichrist. Then he shall confirm a covenant. Or a treaty. With many for one week.

The 70th week. And in the. But in the middle of the week. He shall bring. An end. To sacrifice. An offering. And on the wing.

[33 : 14] Of abominations. Shall be one. Who makes. Desolate. Even. Unto the consummation. Which is determined. Is poured out. On the desolate. So the Antichrist.

Is going to make. A covenant. With many peoples. Is. Very clearly. The Jewish people. Are included.

In this covenant. For. In that covenant. They are going to be. Sacrificing again. And making offerings. Just like.

They did in the Old Testament. This is going to be happening again. And. And we know that. They're going to rebuild. Their temple. And so.

It's going to be. An agreement. That allows Israel. To rebuild. Their temple. Today. The. The Muslims. Building is there. The mosque.

[34 : 13] And. But Israel. Will rebuild. And they will be. Worshipping. But in the middle of the week. He shall cut off. This agreement.

He shall break it. And he shall put an end. To the sacrifice. And. Let's turn briefly. To. To. Matthew 24. Just reference that.

Matthew 24. Verse 15. Matthew 24.

15. Therefore. When you are. The abomination. Of desolation. Spoken of. By Daniel. The prophet. Standing. In the holy place. Whoever reads.

Let him understand. Then. Let those. Who are in. Judea. Flee. To the mountains. And. It's a.

[35 : 19] It's a reference. To. The antichrist. Breaking. The treaty. The. The agreement. With. The Jewish people. Half way through.

The seven years. And. And. And. And. Jesus says. In Matthew. And when that happens. When that happens. The Jewish people.

Are to flee. To the mountains. And. In. Revelations. Tells us. That. God. Is going to. Supernaturally. Protect them.

During the second half. Of the tribulation period. He's going to. Nurture them. And we're going to cover. In our teaching. But. So.

Back to Daniel. So. In the middle of the week. He shall bring an end. To sacrifice. And offering. And on the wing. Of abominations. In Matthew.

[36 : 12] The wings of abomination. Is. That. The. The. Antichrist. Is going to. Set up. And demand. To be worshipped. As God. And. Revelations. Chapter 13. Tells us. That. In detail. How the Antichrist.

Will demand. To be worshipped. And so. That is. The abomination. Of desolation. That. That's going to happen. In the mid. Of this.

Seventieth week. And. And Jesus says. When you see that. When that happens. And he's speaking to the Jews. Off you go.

Run for your life. Flee. And. And we also know. That. The city of Jerusalem. Will be overtrodden. By the Gentiles. For the last half.

[37 : 07] For the last. Forty-two months. So that's. That's that last. Week. And. It's going to.

Bring in. The fulfillment. The consummation. It says. Until the consummation. Until the end. It's week. And then. Then. Jesus will bring it.

To an end. Let's look at a few verses. That. That. Give us. The time frame.

Of this. Seventieth week. Week. Just to show. That it's. It's actually talking. About years. And not. Months. And days. But it's. A week.

Of years. So starting. In Daniel. I'm going to read. About. Four or five verses. Here. Daniel. Seven. Twenty. Twenty. Twenty. It's.

[38 : 08] Speaking about. The antichrist. He shall speak. Pompous words. Against the most high. Shall persecute. The saints. Of the most high. And shall intend.

To change. Time. Times. And law. And then. The saints. Shall be given. Into his hand. For a time. And times.

And half a time. So one. Plus two. Plus half. Three and a half. And. Revelations.

13. Tells us. That in the second half. Of the tribulation period. The saints. Will be given. Into his hand. And. The antichrist.

Will prevail. Against. The believers. And. It's talking about. The believers. That. That come to faith. During. The seven years. They're going to face.

[39 : 03] This kind of tribulation. So here we have. A time. A times. And half a time. The second half. Spelled out. As a time.

Of. Where. There will be victory. Over the saints. By the antichrist. Turn to revelations. We'll look at some verses there. Revelations chapter 11.

Revelation. Revelation. Revelation. Revelation. Revelation. Revelation. Revelation. Revelation. 1 and 2.

Or 1, 2 and 3 actually. Then I was given. A reed. So it's John. Apostle John. I was given a reed. Like a measuring rod. And the angel stood saying.

Arise and measure the temple of God. And the altar. And those who are worshipped there. But leave out the court. Which is outside the temple. And do not measure it. For it has been given to the Gentiles.

[40 : 12] And they will tread the holy city underfoot for 42 months. The Gentiles will overtread the holy city and the court.

The temple area. The temple area. For 42 months. How long is that? Three and a half years. And it's again a reference to the second half.

Verse 3. And then I will give power to my two witnesses. And they will prophesy 1,260 days clothed in sackcloth.

How long is 1,260 days? Three and a half years. And I understand the two witnesses.

There will be Jewish witnesses from heaven to witness. That this will be in the first half of the tribulation period. So we have that spelled out as in days.

[41 : 18] But it works out to 42 months or three and a half years. And then turn the chapter. Chapter 12. And here we have a reference to Israel fleeing in the wilderness.

Verse 6. Chapter 12. Verse 6. And then the woman fled into the wilderness. Where she has a place prepared by God. That they should feed her there 1,260 days.

Again. Three and a half years. And this is in connection to what Jesus said in Matthew 24. When you see the abomination of desolation.

Then flee. Well here the woman, Israel. Fled into the wilderness. And God prepared a place for her. For the last half of the tribulation period.

And it's repeated in verse 14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle. That of the wilderness to her place. Where she is nourished.

[42 : 23] For a time. Times. And half a time. From the presence of the serpent. Or Satan himself.

And so here we have the reference again in time. Times. And half a time. So very clearly the 70th week is spelled out as seven years.

As we have it in days. In months. And in time. And times. And half a time. In years. And so there. There can be no doubt about that.

And since the first. Sixty-nine weeks. Worked out in years. To the day. We know that. The tribulation period will work out.

As well. To the day. Seven years. Seven years. A time of Jacob's trouble. As Israel will come.

[43 : 22] To a head. And they will face. Their God. Again. Scripture tells us.

That one third. Of the Jews. Will come through the tribulation period. And will come to faith. The rest. Will die. They won't.

That's. That's in the book of Zechariah. The prophet Zechariah. But it's. It's. For us. As the church. It.

It. Teaches us. How we ought. To look. On the Jewish people. Today. Pray for them. Pray for them.

As they are. In a desolate. Situation. They have faced. So much turmoil. Because of their rejection. Of the Messiah.

[44 : 24] So instead of. Of wiping them out. And saying God is done. Recognize. He is not. And God is going to take. The church.

To be with him. And. And his program is going to revert back. To the Jews. And. As. As we know. In the rapture. He's going to take us away. And he's going to go back.

To the 70th week. Upon the Jewish people. And so. We. As the church. Personally. Individually.

Prepare. To meet. Your God. When the rapture comes. In the twinkling of an eye. There will be no time.

To prepare. At the last trump. As the believers. Will vanish. And meet Jesus in the clouds.

[45 : 23] In the air. What a day. That will be. But that is not a day of decision.

That decision. Will have to be made. Before. And so that is our responsibility. As we think of. Of God. Judgment program coming.

For the church. For us. To be ready. As the bride. And so. To give. Your heart. To the Lord Jesus. And to wait.

For that day. Hallelujah. Day. It's a day. We're all waiting for. As Christians. We'll close.

With that. I know. That these messages. Are not. Maybe our normal. Messages. To teach through this. But. But I.

[46 : 22] I believe. They're. They're necessary. And. And. Healthy for us. To understand. And. May the Lord. Grow us. In understanding.

And. And even. In our. Excitement. For his coming. Let's pray. Lord.

What a comfort. It is. To know. That. All things. Are. Planned out. In your book. Father.

You. You have. All prophecy. Written. Determined. And you have. A plan. Of when it will be fulfilled. We.

As the church. Lord. We can put. All our faith. On that. Knowing. It will happen. Exactly. The way you said. We. We praise you. For that.

[47 : 18] It gives us. Comfort. It gives us. Peace. And security. Lord. And as we wait. For your coming. May. May you. Give us. A sense of urgency.

To tell. To get ready. As well. To meet. Their Lord. Praying. Your blessing. Upon. Your people. In Jesus name.

Amen.