

Glen Park Gospel Church  
**Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group Notes**

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Things to Come. No 4

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## More on Daniel's Amazing Prophecies

Key Verse: *"Those who are wise will understand"* Daniel 12.10

Daniel's amazing prophecies consistently tell us that from his time, the then world dominant power, Babylonia, would be overpowered by a Media and Persian empire, which would in turn be replaced by Alexander the great, whose kingdom would be divided into four separate warring kingdoms. These in turn would be replaced by the iron rule of the Roman empire. He went on to predict that the Roman empire would be restructured into a disciplined power under one head and a fragile composite of ten rulers, which would be finally broken and replaced by the eternal kingdom of the 'Ancient of Days'; See Daniel 7.7-14. At this time, when Jesus comes, the dead will be raised; some whose names are in the Lamb's book of life to ever lasting life, but the wicked to everlasting contempt. See Daniel 12.1-3. When will these things be? We examine two passages from Daniel:

### The Seventy Weeks of Daniel 9.24-27

In this study:

'Weeks' is from a word meaning 'seven, or groups of sevens, here days or years'. The year may be a prophetic year of 360, not 365¼ days.

'Abomination' is used in this sense for an idol claiming the worship due to God. See Deuteronomy 7.24-26; 12.31-13.18.

'Desolation' is a devastation which is appalling, as is famine and disease in and after a time of war.

'The Times of the Gentiles' (Luke 21.24) is the period in which gentile nations have dominated the kingdom or possessed the land of Israel. It is the current age which extends from the beginning of the Babylonian captivity in BC586 and will terminate with the establishment of the kingdom of the Anointed, or Messiah, at the end of the seventieth week of Daniel. The term is not used in these two passages, but is significant to understanding them, and Bible prophecy generally.

The total time accounted for refers to Israel being dominated by the gentiles. See Daniel 9.18&19. The age of the Christian Church is not detailed here, although is part of the Times of the

Gentiles. (1 Corinthians 10.32 refers to these three groups in another context.)

Period 1, v25      7x7      49 years  
Begins with the issue of the decree by Artaxerxes in BC445, see Nehemiah chapters 1&2 to the days of Malachi and the end of Old Testament prophecy, and

Period 2, v25      62x7      434 years  
Includes the 400 years of silence between the Old and New Testament then ends with the 'Anointed One' being cut off. For the studios, 445+32+6=483. The 6 accounts for the prophetic year rounded down. This remainder Dr. Graham Scroggie tells us, takes us to the very week that Jesus was crucified. What 'cut off' means is not stated but literally is, 'has nothing', possibly referring to Jesus not at that stage entering His Kingdom.

Remaining      1x7      7 years  
If this is true then the last seven years must occur after Jesus was crucified. But when? We shall examine more!  
Total time v24      70x7      490 years

This portion of Scripture also tells us more about the purposes of God through the Jewish people and Jerusalem. In verse 24 the word 'to' is used six times. Number and underline

each one in your Bible. This is what our God is doing and meditating on this verse will bring encouragement and joy to your heart.

A prince came to destroy. Jerusalem and the sanctuary v26. The Roman general Titus destroyed Jerusalem and the temple, scattering and slaughtering the inhabitants in AD70. After a 3½ years siege, he set up the Roman ensign eagles at the East Gate of the temple for the soldiers to worship. This event might be seen as a fulfilment of the prophecy, except that all the elements of v27 are not covered, and we must yet consider:

**The Abomination of Desolation** 11.36-12.13. Before continuing, revise your Study Notes No3 on 'The Apocalypse of Daniel'. They introduce this section.

The prophecy of chapter 11 has been literally fulfilled up to verse 34 in the events occurring between Egypt in the South and Syria in the North. The remaining verses are a blend of prophecy relating to that period and a period which is as yet future. Notice:

First, the Syrian ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes is clearly in mind. He over a short time:  
Consistently made alliances which he broke when it suited him.  
Was constantly at war with Egypt in the south and Macedonia in the north, the Roman empire and others. Attacked Jerusalem and massacred its inhabitants.  
Robbed and desecrated the temple.  
Took away the daily sacrifice.  
Set up an idol (abomination) over the

altar and demanded its worship. Second, make a list of the events in this passage not covered by these acts of Antiochus.

Third, this passage has a two fold prophetic fulfilment; that of Antiochus, and that of the Antichrist. The first is during the 62 weeks, the 434 years of inter-testament silence, and the other during the remaining week, the seven years leading to the end of the age.

Fourth, the angel Michael gave some additional information concerning the final week, the last seven years, leading to the end of the present age. As they are so specific, so precise, it is important to note and remember them:

The period will be timed from when the daily sacrifices are stopped and the abomination causing desolation is set up; v11.

It will last for 3½ years, specifically 1,290 days, then 145 days later the blessings spoken of in vv1-4 will come; vv7&11.

It will be a time of purification when men and women of faith will assess their lives and come out truly for the Lord. This applies specifically to the Jewish people; v10.

The meaning of the events occurring at that time will be hidden from all but those who are wise to them and the identification of them to those who are there at the time; v10

The period will end with the breaking of the rebellion of the Jewish people against God's Anointed, and a fountain of cleansing will be opened to them; v7.

There are many questions, and there is more to be said about this coming period of time, which we will continue in our next study.

Assignment. Read Matthew 24 and 25; Luke 21 and Mark 13 in an easy to read version.

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