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9 LESSON

Lesson 9

SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY FOR ISRAEL & JERUSALEM

Read Daniel 9:20-27

- Revisit the Vision, Times & Events Surrounding Israel's Last-Day Prophecy
- Explore The Future Of Our Most Favored Holy City—Jerusalem

Thirteen years after Daniel received his vision in chapter 8 the Temple at Jerusalem still lay in ruins from Babylon's attack. With the time nearing for the end of their captivity, which the prophet Jeremiah predicted would last seventy years (Jeremiah 25:12), Daniel cried out in humble petition to God in a Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) prayer of restoration. During this prayer the man Gabriel touched the prophet and said, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding," Daniel 9:23. Gabriel then relayed time periods and events specific to Israel not for Daniel's day, but way into the future that would bring an end to sin and finalize the vision concerning Jerusalem. The messenger said, "Seventy (70) weeks are determined upon thy people [Israelites] and upon thy holy city [Jerusalem], to finish the



transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times," Daniel 9:24-25. It's interesting that the 70 Weeks happen to end on Yom Kippur,

according to *The Kingdom Calendar* pattern.

As we study Daniel 9, we'll also discover the 70 Weeks are made up of three segments of time (49 days + 434 days + 7 days = 490 days). And, they are not relics of the past as is often taught; but instead, these time periods relate to modern-day events, which will soon come to pass during the appointed time of the end.

There are two common interpretations of the 70 Week prophecy found in prophecy circles. First, the "historicist" view which was introduced in the 13th century. This view promotes a 490 "year" interpretation of the prophecy based on a "day-for-a-year" theory. The 490 days turned into years are believed to be representative of historical events, which began with an Ezra decree to rebuild Jerusalem and ended at or near the time of the crucifixion.

There are two problems with this view. The day-for-a-year interpretation is borrowed from two other passages, and is not necessary to the prophecy, nor even implied in the text. One verse relied upon is in Ezekiel, a contemporary prophet to Daniel; he was told to lie on his side for 40 days, "each day for each year," (4:6). Notice that this opposes the concept; because, in this case Ezekiel's prophecy reduces the 40 years down to 40 days—the opposite effect. It cannot be applied to Daniel's 490 day prophecy. The second reference is in Numbers 14:34. The Israelites were told because of their disbelief they would have to spend 40 years in the desert—"one year for each of the forty days" the spies explored the land. At least this passage supports the theory. Applying Israel's day-for-a-year punishment, which occurred almost 1,000 years earlier, commentators arbitrarily turn the 490 *days* of Daniel 9:24 into

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years. However, we protest this as an unnecessary interpretation forced on the text that originated in the Dark Ages. Why? This view disregards the textual evidence, which simply relays a period of 490 days. By forcing this concept onto Daniel's end-time period (turning 490 days—1.3 years into 490 years—a monumental alteration to the text), the true meaning of the prophecy has been maligned. But, those who hold to the historicist view do not stop there; they also turn the 1,260 days, 1,290 days and other periods of days into century-spanning 1,260 years and 1,290 years; their whole prophetic view of Daniel and Revelation is based on this flawed hypothesis.

This interpretation disregards the Hebrew word "yom"—which means "days" and the end-of-the-world context of Daniel 9:24, and throws the altered timelines and predictions into the distant past. Every attempt should be made, first and foremost, to understand the prophecies in their original language; and, if this exegesis (critical explanation of Scripture text) does not blend with Daniel's other prophecies, Jesus' discourse in Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation, only then should other schemes be considered.

The second common interpretation of Daniel's 70 Weeks is the "futurist" view. Scholars of this view have also turned the 490 day prophecy into years, but instead of holding to a complete fulfillment in the past they recognize the end-of-the-world context of Daniel's vision. Therefore, the futurist interpretation places 69 weeks in the past, ending around the death of Christ. This is followed by a mysterious gap of time until Israel reaches the final events at the end of the age, where the prophecy picks back up again with one final week of years, promoting a seven year tribulation period.

There are two major errors with this view. First, like the historicist view, the day-for-a-year principle is forced upon the vision, which as mentioned is not needful or implied contextually. There is no support for turning the 490 days into 490 years, except conjecture (speculation; guesswork; theory). This view also disregards the simple reading of "seventy sevens" (490 days), in which every aspect of the prophecy will meet fulfillment. Second, there is no evidence for a nearly 2,000 year gap between the 69th week and 70th week. This is a contrived view imposed upon the text, which is not necessary at all. What we are really saying is "God, we know Gabriel told Daniel '70 weeks' but we want to turn the '70 weeks of days' into '490 years'". Let's stop second-guessing God. It's time for our generation to accept that Gabriel relayed the facts correctly, that God's prophets wrote what they heard, and Messiah meant what He said. In fact, the idea of a multi-century gap between verse 26 and 27 just doesn't hold up scripturally or exegetically; neither does widespread popularity make it so.

As noted in the introduction to our lesson series, the apostles, the prophets and early church held a literal view of Daniel—the belief that Daniel's prophecies would be fulfilled in a very short segment of time and Messiah would return in their lifetimes. It was not until the thirteenth century that a monk first took the liberty to change the prophetic "days" of Daniel into "years". This idea was picked up by Cardinal Nicholas Krebs (c. 1400-1464) whose work popularized the application of the day-for-a-year measurement of prophetic time. From these roots many scholars repeated the day-for-a-year view to the point it became elevated to undisputable dogma. It's an agreed reality that if a half-truth or an outright lie is repeated often enough and long enough, that people believe it as fact. We see this in all religions of the world.

All the same, in this lesson we are calling you back to a literal interpretation of Daniel 9, and its 70 weeks of 490 days. After reviewing the events that occur within this important time frame, then we'll merge it alongside the 1,335 days, 1,290 days, 1,260 days and 1,150 days of Daniel's visions as charted in ***The Kingdom Calendar***. Since the 490 days parallel the other counting periods by having similar key points, then we must consider the entire Daniel 9 time period and its portrayed events to be part of the end-of-the-world prophecies, and not extended periods of historical time or relics of the past.

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1. For the benefit of what people and what city is the vision of Daniel 9:24 specifically given? _____

Daniel's people—today's Jews, and Jerusalem.

2. How long is "seventy sevens," literally, "seventy weeks"? _____

70 X 7 = 490 / 70 weeks equal 490 days

3. What six events will bring the prophecy for Israel and Jerusalem to fulfillment (v. 24)? _____

- 1) to finish transgression
- 2) to put an end to sin
- 3) to atone for wickedness (Day of Atonement event)
- 4) to bring in everlasting righteousness (Kingdom of Righteousness)
- 5) to seal up vision and prophecy
- 6) to anoint the most holy (return the Most Holy to the proper state; only allowed once a year on the Day of Atonement)

All six predictions represent "Day of the LORD" fulfillments and are end-of-the-world in their context. These six elements blend alongside the predictions in the three other visions Daniel received about the appointed time of the end in chapters 7, 8 and 10-12. When the vision and its 490 day time frame meets fulfillment, it will finish transgression, put an end to sin, seal up the vision and return the sanctuary to its rightful state... events surrounding Israel and Jerusalem, which take us to the end of sinful activities and the dawning of God's eternal Kingdom.

In Chart I below the 490 days are charted in its most basic form with the six predictions meeting fulfillment at the Day of the LORD.

Chart I: Verse 24	
/-----Prophecy For Israel & Jerusalem -----/	DAY OF THE LORD
/-----490 Days-----/	1) to finish [or, "restrain"] transgression
	2) to put an end to sin
	3) to atone for wickedness
	4) to bring in everlasting righteousness
	5) to seal up vision and prophecy
	6) to anoint the most holy

4. There are three segments of time which make up the 490 days—49 days, followed by 434 days, followed by 7 days. Verse 25 introduces two of the three divisions—"seven sevens [49 days] and sixty-two sevens [434 days]." There are several events also included. What are the three major events that will take place during these two periods, which are linked to one another in verse 25? _____

1) issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem

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2) anointed one, the ruler, comes [to Jerusalem]

3) rebuilding of [Jerusalem] streets and a trench in times of trouble

Gabriel states "from the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the anointed one, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens' (49 days) and sixty-two 'sevens' (434 days)." It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble." The need to rebuild the city of Jerusalem implies devastation, possibly by a high magnitude earthquake. In Lesson One we learned that devastation will come suddenly early in the appointed time. In the aftermath, it will take some time for religious turmoil to subside before restoration can begin; then, the decree to "restore and rebuild" Jerusalem will be pronounced; and when it is made public, the 490 day counting period will commence.

We discover the 49 days (a tenth of the whole), which begin the 490 day counting period, are marked off from the 434 days. The 49 days represent a shorter preparation period to emphasize that we should consider where we are in prophetic time. There is also a similar 49 day counting period between Passover and Shavuot (Pentecost)—a time when believers are to count the days in preparation for spiritual renewal. The 490 days embody God's last call for Israel and Jerusalem, as a display of His continued patience and mercy that leads up to the Day of the LORD. However, the decree to rebuild a devastated Jerusalem that begins the 70 Week prophecy will only lead to greater sorrow and destruction upon the beloved City; because, despite prophecy's warnings, Israel's leaders will ultimately allow Antichrist into Jerusalem and onto the rebuilt Temple Mount to set up his abomination.

During certain Festival periods, the first 49 days of the 490-day prophecy lands exactly between Tisha B'Av and Shabbat Nachuma on ***The Kingdom Calendar***. Tisha B'Av is a sober annual fast that reminds Jews of the destruction of both Temples that occurred on this historic day. The first Sabbath after Tisha B'Av is Shabbat Nachuma—the "Sabbath of comforting." This Sabbath gets its name from the *haftarah* (a series of selections from the Hebrew Bible that is read publicly in the synagogue) from Isaiah 40:1-26 that speaks of "comforting" God's people for their suffering. It is the first of seven weekly haftarahs of consolation leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. During the future fulfillment period, God's people will experience tragedies throughout the 70 Weeks, but not without the hope of the Day of the LORD, the returning Messiah and His eternal Kingdom.

Chart II below maps the timeline and events studied so far.

Chart II: Verses 24-25

/-----Prophecy for Israel & Jerusalem -----Coming of an Anointed One--a Prophet
A ---49 Days---B-----434 Days-----C

A—decree will be given to rebuild and restore Jerusalem
A to C—Jerusalem will be rebuilt in times of trouble
B—no specific event is sited in the passage (represents a tenth of the whole—a counting time)
C—anointed one (prophet) comes to Jerusalem (no doubt, with an important final warning)

Continuing with our study, Daniel 9:26 says, "After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing." The New International Version (NIV) and the King James Version (KJV) scholars *interpreted* the "anointed one" to be Messiah and therefore capitalized the title; however, the original language does not demand the *anointed one* represent the Son of Man—the Messiah. In the Word of God an "anointed one" is a term most associated with *priests* (Exodus 28:41), *kings* (1 Samuel

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16:13) and *prophets* such as Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 19:16), and many versions are true to the original by pointing out in footnotes the language simply reads "an anointed one, the ruler"; which, could mean to say, an anointed king or a ruling prophet will arrive in Jerusalem.

Verse 26 says after sixty-two sevens or 434 days, the anointed one will be cut off. The New International Version footnote suggests the reading of the original text could be, "*the anointed one will be cut off but not for himself.*" This verse has often been applied to the death of Jesus two thousand years ago; however, we are going to focus on the end-time context of the vision and how the events in Daniel 9 correspond to other prophecies about the last days.

5. Paul and the apostles believed they were living in the last days and on the verge of the imminent return of the LORD. In 2 Thessalonians 2:7 Paul taught the power of lawlessness was already at work and eventually the Man of Sin (Antichrist) would be "revealed" in the Temple in Jerusalem; however, he said the "[anointed] one who now holds it back will continue to do so" until what? _____

He is taken out of the way.

6. What will happen next, once "he" is taken out of the way (2 Thessalonians 2:8)? _____

The lawless one (Antichrist) will be revealed (as an impostor messiah: one who thinks himself to be God). Verse 4 states at the end of time "he sets himself up in God's [Jerusalem] Temple, proclaiming himself to be God." Here we find the connection between the two passages—their focus on Jerusalem and the Man of Sin's repulsive action—proclaiming himself to be God.

7. What is the outcome of his abominable act (v. 9)? _____

He will be overthrown and destroyed.

8. How does the language of Daniel 9:26, show similarity to 2 Thessalonians 2:7? _____

Daniel is told the "anointed one", the prophet, will be cut off but not for himself, while Paul says the [anointed] one who now holds ["restrains" Antichrist] back will do so till He is taken out of the way.

The similarity is obvious between Daniel's *cutting off* and Paul's *taking out* of the way of a male figure, but the passage parallels go way beyond this one important aspect. In review of both texts, you'll discover both focus on the very end of time just before the Day of the LORD, and both passages spotlight Jerusalem and the Temple. Both Daniel 9:26 and 2 Thessalonians 2:7 expose the evil deeds of the Lawless One; which is to say, both passages focus the same end-time events. Amazing!

Therefore, these two texts in the Hebrew Scriptures are contextually connected. Both passages point to the death of the anointed one—Elijah, one of the two last-day heaven-sent prophets, who will rule by divine authority on earth as found in Revelation 11. Malachi 3:1-2 says, "See, I will send My messenger [Elijah], who will prepare the way [for My coming] before Me [for 1,260 days, then he will die a martyr's death in the streets of Jerusalem and lie unburied for 3½ days]. Then suddenly the LORD you are seeking will come to His [Jerusalem] Temple [to deal with the Man of Sin's evil act]; the Messenger [Hebrew "mal'akh"—angel; that is, Michael] of the Covenant [Ten Commandments], whom you desire, will come

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[to earth], says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the Day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears?"

Revelation 11:3-13 reveals the ministry of two prophets during 1,260 days of the appointed time that runs parallel with the Lawless One's 1,260 day rule. Demonic deceptions that will overtake the world's population are to be countered by the work of these invincible messengers—Moses and Elijah—who will restrain Antichrist's abominable actions for a time, and will proclaim essential warnings during the last days, calling God's people to faithfulness.

As already mentioned, at the end of their 1,260 day ministry Revelation 11:7-8 predicts the two anointed ones will be murdered in the streets of the great city Jerusalem, where also our "LORD was crucified." That's why John, in the book of Revelation, speaks critically of Jerusalem's inhabitants, calling Jerusalem "Babylon" for "in her was found the blood of prophets and of the believers, and of all who have been killed on earth," (18:24).

When a true God-sent prophet speaks, it's as though God Himself has spoken. Hebrews 1:1 declares, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways" and will do so again in the last days. When Elijah is killed, he will be "*cut off, but not for himself*"; he will be "*taken out of the way*," and no one will be left to restrain the lawless Man of Sin from his evil act. With the two witnesses killed, the Man of Sin will step onto the Temple Mount and set up his abomination (Matthew 24:14-21), as also foretold by Daniel (12:11), and proclaim himself Master. **The Kingdom Calendar** shows the death of the two witnesses occur just before the Day of the LORD and the Great Tribulation, just as the 490 days prophecy predicts.

9. Consistent with Daniel 9:26, after the 434 days (sixty-two sevens) and the cutting off of the anointed one (Elijah), what will happen next to the rebuilt Temple and Jerusalem? _____

"The people of the [evil Papal] ruler who will come will destroy the city [Jerusalem] and the sanctuary [on the Temple Mount]. The end [of Jerusalem] will come like a flood: War will continue until the end [of prophetic time], and desolations have been decreed [in the prophecies]."

Jesus prophesied of Jerusalem, "Your house is left to you *desolate*," Matthew 23:38. Revelation agrees, "Come out of her [Jerusalem] My people so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins [of following after Antichrist, and killing the prophets, etc.] are piled up to Heaven, and God has remembered her crimes," (18:4-5). Paul recognized Jerusalem's sins even in his day; he wrote, "You suffered from your own countrymen... the Jews, who killed the LORD Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out," 1 Thessalonians 2:14-15. In the last days, apostate Christianity will join Islam and fallen Judaism in a triangle of sin against God's two prophets.

10. There is one seven (one week) time period which concludes the 490 days. What does Daniel 9:27 say the Lawless One will confirm for one week? _____

Antichrist will confirm a covenant for one week; in other words, he will make an agreement with Israel's leaders that will ultimately usher in death and destruction to Jerusalem, Israel, and then the world at large (Isaiah 28:17-19).

11. What will the wicked Ruler do in the middle of the week? _____

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"In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering." He will stop the rituals so that he can use the Temple Mount for his own abominable act, 3 ½ days into the last 7 day week of Daniel 9.

12. After Elijah, the anointed one, is taken out of the way and the Papacy stops the Temple sacrifices, what is his next move? _____

"And on a wing of the [Jerusalem] Temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed [his punishment and death] is poured out on him." The abomination will be set up as spoken of in Daniel 12:11 and Matthew 24:15, but only for a moment until Michael stands and descends in the cloak of darkness to deal with his evil deed.

13. What is decreed in prophecy concerning the evil Ruler's future (9:27)? _____

His actions will lead to his demise, just as Daniel predicts in his three other visions: Daniel 7:26; 8:25; and 11:45.

"Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Because you people [Israel] have brought to mind your guilt by your open rebellion [against the LORD], revealing your sins in all that you do—because you have done this, you will be taken captive. O profane and wicked Prince of Israel [Jewish Pope], whose day has come, whose time of punishment has reached its climax, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Take off the turban [Hebrew: literally, "mitre"], remove the crown [kingship over Israel and the nations]. It will not be as it was: The lowly will be exalted, and the exalted will be brought low. A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! It will not be restored until He [Messiah] comes to whom it rightfully belongs; to Him I will give it,'" Ezekiel 21:24-27.



"Woe to the Worthless Shepherd [Papal Jew], who deserts the flock [leaves his Jewish roots and the Word of God]! May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! May his arm be completely withered, his right eye totally blinded!" Zechariah 11:16-17. From this passage we surmise this man, sometime before, during or at the end of his reign, will suffer a debilitating blow to his body.

**Chart IV: 70 Weeks (490 days) Of Daniel 9
Verses 24-27**

/-----Final Prophecy for Israel & Jerusalem -----/ THE DAY OF THE LORD
THE END
/-----49 Days -----/-----434 Days----- / -----7 Days-----/ GREAT TRIBULATION
A B C 3½ D 3½ E

A—decree given to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (begins 49 day countdown)
B—no specific event given in the prophecy; mystery to be revealed at its fulfillment
C—anointed one, the prophet Elijah who rules, comes to Jerusalem to restrain Antichrist's abomination
D—anointed one, the prophet Elijah, is cut off and taken out of the way; meaning, he is killed
Abomination is set up. He lies unburied in the streets of Jerusalem for 3½ days (Revelation 11:7-8)
E—the Day of the LORD; Elijah is resurrected back to life; prophecy is fulfilled: "to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy."

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The true meaning of Daniel 9 has been veiled by many interpretations handed down to us through the centuries. However, the 70 Weeks will be understood in these last days as part of the Book of Truth unsealed (Daniel 10:21), for it need not stand alone independent of the other prophetic time periods of Daniel and Revelation or be relegated to the past. The 70 Week end-time predictions of Daniel 9 are relevant to the last days, and therefore merge alongside the episodes recorded in Daniel 12, Matthew 24 and Revelation 11. **The Kingdom Calendar** shows at the Day of the LORD the 490 day prophecy will come to an abrupt end, even if God has to intervene; for He “changes times and seasons” (Daniel 2:21) to meet the autumn Festival schedule for the Day of Atonement—the Day of the LORD.

Chart V: 70 Weeks (490 Days) Of Daniel 9:24-27

The Daniel 9 prophecy below has been connected with letter reference points to the 490 day time line, which will help clarify how the time lines and events will unfold in the future.

/-----Final Prophecy For Israel & Jerusalem -----/ THE DAY OF THE LORD
THE END
/-----49 Days -----/-----434 Days----- / ---7 Days-----/ GREAT TRIBULATION
A B C 3½ D 3½ E

Vs 24 "Seventy `sevens' [70 weeks, or 490 days] are decreed for your people [Israel] and your holy city [Jerusalem] to finish [or "restrain"] transgression [E], to put an end to sin [E], to atone for wickedness [E], to bring in everlasting righteousness [E], to seal up vision and prophecy [E] and to anoint the most holy [E].

Vs 25 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem [A] until the anointed one [prophet-Elijah], the ruler, comes [C], there will be seven `sevens,' and [then] sixty-two `sevens.' [434 days] It [Jerusalem] will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble [A to C].

Vs 26 After the sixty-two `sevens,' [434 days] [C] the anointed one [prophet Elijah] will be cut off [killed] and will have nothing [or, "but not for himself"]. [D] The people [followers] of the ruler [Antichrist] who will come will destroy the city [Jerusalem] and the Sanctuary [E and beyond]. The end [E and beyond] will come like a flood: War will continue until the end [of the Great Tribulation] and desolations have been decreed.

Vs 27 He [Antichrist] will confirm a covenant with many for one `seven.' [7 days] [C] In the middle of the `seven' [days] [D] he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the Jerusalem Temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation [D], until the end that is decreed is poured out on him [E and beyond]."

The Abomination & The Temple Mount

About 40 years ago, by the third day of the Six Day War in 1967, God gave the armies of Israel clear and decisive victory over their surrounding enemies, as King David before them, restoring the fortunes of Jerusalem back to Israel. Although within their grasp, Israel's leaders decided against taking full control of the Temple Mount area amid fear of reprisal and conflict with the Muslims. However, the countdown of Israel's final days continued their decisive march, which will not end until the final events of human history meet their fulfillment.

In the last days during **The Kingdom Calendar's** countdown, the Pope will make one last disastrous decision; he will step onto the epicenter of Bible prophecy—the sacred Temple Mount where he will not

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set up worship to the True God (as David did), but he will set up the idolatrous abomination (Pt. 17) that will bring desolation to Jerusalem. By doing so, he will, as King David years before him, trigger the last and shortest segment of time for Israel's punishment—the 40 days of Great Tribulation, known as the time of Jacob's trouble (Pt. 19). Jesus related the trouble this way, "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains," Matthew 24:15-16. Luke portrayed the great disaster to fall upon Israel and the City in this manner: "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city [of Jerusalem] get out, and let those in the country not enter the city [of Jerusalem]. For this is the *time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written*," Luke 21:20-22. In David's day, "When the Angel stretched out His hand to destroy Jerusalem, the LORD was grieved because of the calamity and said to the Angel who was afflicting the people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand. The Angel of the LORD was then at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite [today's Temple Mount]," 2 Samuel 24:16. In contract, at that future day when the spurious King of Israel steps onto the Temple Mount, the destroying Angel's hand of destruction will not be stopped against Jerusalem. Punishment will begin at the Temple of God.

God's Last Call Of Grace

Our God has revealed His omniscient power time and again by predicting future rulers, decrees and dates. Only the God of Israel could have designed the numbered days thousands of years in advance of their fulfillment and set into motion His final plan of redemption. ***The Kingdom Calendar***, revealing God's remarkable alignment of His prophetic counting timelines and the last Festival dates of human history, proves that we are nearing the end-of-the-world events. The great prophet Isaiah was instructed to go and warn stubborn Israel, "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving. Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed," Isaiah 6:9-10. The warning stands today. May the Holy Spirit open our eyes and ears to the path of righteousness during this period of the most convincing demonic deceptions to befall mankind! In the appointed days of the end, God will send his two prophets proclaiming last warnings and to offer direction. It is our duty to heed their message and to wait patiently by faith, even under duress, for the conquering Messiah at the end of His counting periods.

In this regard, the 70 Weeks (490 days) represent God's last call of mercy towards Israel and the city Jerusalem. Jesus warned the generation of His day, "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!... you say, If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets... Therefore, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify, others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town... O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see Me again until you say, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD," Matthew 23:29-39. In fulfillment of His warning, within a few decades Jerusalem was ransacked and burned, and the Jews were scattered across the globe.

In the last 100 years, God has moved through world events and human affairs to bring the Jewish people back to the Holy Land for His closing work of redemption, just as Yahweh promised He would long ago (Deuteronomy 30:3; Zephaniah 3:20; Jeremiah 31:10; Ezekiel 11:17). The people of the Book have yet to learn just how precisely God's mysterious timelines have been slowly and methodically unfolding through the last few decades, signaled by Shemitah events (the counting of the seven-year cycles), the blood

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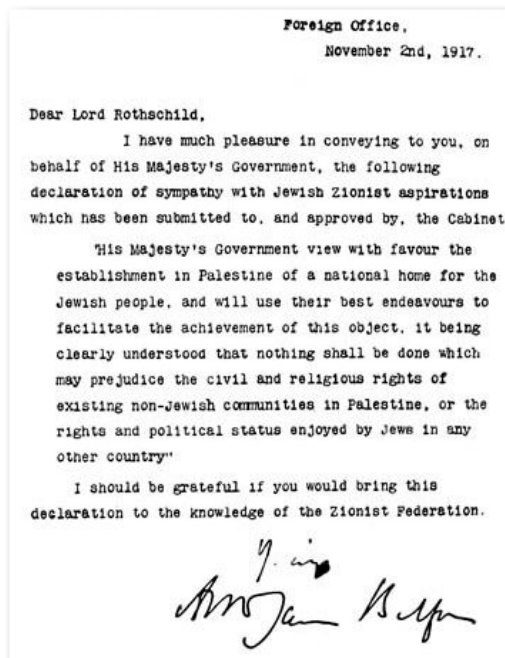
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moon tetrads connected to the Festivals, and the Jubilee cycle. Yet, there is even more amazing accuracy just ahead as the Day of the LORD approaches. The day by day counting periods of Daniel and Revelation are not only linked to Israel's contemporary history, but last-day prophetic events are about to fall play out according to the Biblical/Jewish Festivals pattern, authenticating God's final call of repentance during the appointed times and seasons.

The Timeline Of Jewish History

Towards the end of World War I the *Balfour Declaration*—a letter from British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour to LORD Rothschild dated November 2, 1917—made public British support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine, which was later recognized by the League of Nations. For close to 2,000 years,



Jews had no country to call their own, but in the 1940s during World War II God heard the cries of Jacob from Hitler's prisons and gas chambers, and out of the holocaust He gave birth to the final generation. "Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD; The LORD looked down from His sanctuary on high, from Heaven He viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death," Psalm 102:19-20. One hundred full years later takes us to November 2, 2018. Look for prophetic events to begin during the 2019/2020 period.

In November of 1947, the United Nations adopted the *Partition Plan for Palestine*, which soon thereafter led to the establishment of modern Israel when the *Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel* was approved on May 14, 1948. Seventy full years



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David Ben-Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, pronounces the Declaration of the State of Israel at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art on May 14, 1948. Above him is a portrait of Theodor Herzl, the father of modern political Zionism.



hence from this prophetic event takes us to mid-May 2019, the Omer counting period, and the unfolding of final events. Just as Daniel waited seventy years for the restoration of Jerusalem in his day (Daniel 9:2), so the state of Israel will have waited for the final work of God as it relates to the Hebrew prophets, Jews and the beloved City.

Seven is the number of perfection and completion, and themes of sevens are found throughout the Scriptures. Peter asked Jesus "how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Matthew 18:21. Yeshua enlarged Peter's thinking when He responded that the brethren be forgiven "seventy times seven" [490 times] Matthew 18:22, (KJV). Messiah no doubt had the "seventy sevens" prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 in mind. During the final 490 days God's forgiveness will be offered to Israel and the beloved City, while Israel's rebellion continues. Each day the Father pleads to not follow the Man of Sin; but, to turn to the true Messiah Yeshua while He may be found. Some will heed the invitation; others will not. May we be among those whose faith and abiding

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love stands the test of deception and many trials. Jesus said, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matthew 24:11-13.

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