

ACTs Questions & Study Notes
Week of Feb 5th, 2012
(Dan. 9:20-27)



GETTING STARTED

1. What did you find particularly enlightening or encouraging from Sunday's sermons? What did you struggle with or have trouble understanding?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. What did you find particularly encouraging to you about prayer from this "back stage" pass God gives in Daniel? What do you struggle with as it relates to the realities of prayer? Why does the enemy make prayer such a target for discouragement in your life?

3. Take some time to discuss each of the 6 goals God promised to accomplish through the Messiah (v. 24) - discuss how each one has/is made/making a difference directly in your life or should be. In other words, what are the applications here now and in the future?

4. What was your big life take away from the revelation (vision) of 70 weeks of years? Discuss the questions this section surfaced for you so your understanding is strengthened.

TAKING IT HOME

5. Lord, cause me to love you more confidently and take action in my life to live out the liberty blessings of redemption more visibly - to be a witness of Jubilee - set free from the prison of instinctive rebellion and certain eternal death and damnation.

Morning Expanded Notes
69 Weeks: Countdown to Redemption
Daniel 9:20-24

1. Through prayer we have real connection to God and through that connection real perspective and understanding (9:20-23).

"I have now come to give you insight (wisdom) and understanding" (9:22)

"As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given..." (9:23)

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you." (Jn 15:7)

"Consider the message (of 70 years) and understand the vision (70 times 7 years)" ...to go way beyond your localized prayer concerns!

We must resist the urge to become impatient with God when he doesn't act as a personal assistant cranking out administrative errands according to our fast-paced expectations.

2. Evil is to be eradicated; eternal righteousness is to be established (9:24).

6 goals God intends to accomplish for the Jews and Jerusalem...

- To put a finish to the deadly hold sin has over people's eternal destiny (Isa 44:22; 1 Cor. 15:5-6)
- To put a lockdown on sin (Mic 7:19; Jn 1:29; Col 2:13-15)
- To legitimately and legally take care of the very big problem of very bad stuff (Isa 53:10; Rom 3:25-26)

Then...

- Cause God's right ways to be the only way for all of eternity (Jer 23:6; Dan 9:18; Zech 3:4)
- Put a stamp of approval on the fulfillment activity of all that was promised
- Put the full force of God's Spirit upon the person or place of His choosing
 - *the holy place, the dwelling of God*

3. The coming of Messiah and the end is not only promised but outlined in a detailed calendar of times and events (9:25-26).

- Messiah will be anointed 483 years from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
- Sometime after he is anointed, he will be "cut off" and have nothing
- The city and temple will again be destroyed
- A firm treaty will be made for the final week of years of human history

Tonight:

70 weeks of Years: One week to Armageddon

Evening Expanded Notes
70 Weeks of Years:
One Week to Armageddon
Daniel 9:25-27

"Consider the message and understand the revelation..."

1. 4 Prophetic Epics...

Weeks of years - Lev 25:8

Chastisement for sin (Lev 26:18) then exile then enjoyment of Sabbaths (Lev 26:34) followed by the Year of Jubilee celebration of Liberty! (Lev 25:10)

- 70 weeks of years for the answer to Daniel's prayer to be fully accomplished
→ 490 years distributed over 3 distinct time sections.
- 7 weeks of years to span the issuing of a decree to the restoration/rebuilding of Jerusalem → 49 years

"Count off seven Sabbaths of years - seven times seven years - so that the seven Sabbaths of years amount to a period of forty-nine years!" (Lev 25:8)

"Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere... on the Day of Atonement!" (25:9)

- 62 weeks of years follow until Anointed One/Messiah → 434 years

"After the sixty-two sevens, the Messiah will be cut off..." (26)

- 1 final seven is dominated by a ruler who opposes the Most High → 7 years

2. The first seven weeks of years: from the issuing of the decree to restoration/rebuilding...

The decree: Cyrus (Ezra 1:1-4; cf Isa 45:1) - 538BC
 Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:11-26) - 457BC
 Artaxerxes (Neh 2:5-8) – 445BC

Getting this right gets us to Messiah in the right time!

7 sevens → 49 years

Artaxerxes 457BC - 49 years → 408BC

"...to build my city and set my exiles free" (Isa 45:13)

408BC falls within the ministry framework of the Ezra/Nehemiah epic - final leader mentioned is Darius the Persian (423-404BC; Neh. 12:22)

3. The next sixty-two weeks of years take us to Messiah!

"Until the Anointed One..." → seven sevens must be completed followed by sixty-two sevens

62 sevens → 434 years

From the issuing of the decree... until Messiah, the ruler comes, there will be seven sevens (49) and sixty-two sevens (434) or a total of 483 years.

Decree → 457BC - 49 years → 408BC

From 408BC - 434 years → 26AD
No zero year → 27AD!

Christ was anointed by the Father at his baptism inaugurating his messianic ministry... *until Messiah comes* → 27 AD

After the sixty-two sevens, sometime after 27AD, Messiah is "cut off" (Kārat)
(cf Gen 15:10,18; Isa 53:8)

4. The city and sanctuary are destroyed after Messiah is "cut off".

- The Roman destruction of Jerusalem 70AD

The People of the ruler who will come...

5. Wars will continue until the end.

6. The ruler of that people will make a one-week of years firm treaty

→ **The Final Week: Countdown to Armageddon. (27)**

- Confirm a covenant with many
- In the middle of the final week
 - a) End sacrifice and offering
 - b) Set up an abomination that causes desolation (cf Dan 11:31; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thes 2:4; Rev 13:16)