

Lesson 13: Chapter 9c - Fuller Restoration for Daniel’s People and Jerusalem

I. Brief Review:

- A. Momentous year (9:1-2; 538 BC)
- B. Daniel’s prayer to the LORD (9:3-19)
- C. Gabriel’s re-visit (9:20-23)

II. Introduction to today’s text (9:24-27)

- A. God’s answer to Daniel’s _____ and (probable) elaboration on previous _____ themes
- B. The LORD is declaring:
 - 1. Bones: Chronological framework of ____ future time divisions/allotments totaling ____ ‘sevens’ (of years)
 - 2. Meat: Future events for Daniel’s _____ and his holy _____ involving _____ and _____
 - 3. Vital Organs: _____ redemptive goals/dreams destined to be _____ within this timeframe
 - 4. Anticipation of _____

III. Bones:

- A. ‘Bones’ background:
 - 1. Seventh Day (Gen 2:1-3; Ex 20:8-11)
 - 2. Seventh Year (Lev 25:1-7)
 - 3. Seven Weeks of Years (Lev 25:8-17)
 - 4. Neglected warning (Lev 26:34-35, I Ch 36:20-21)
- B. ‘Bones’ of the Past, Present, and Future:

Neglected Sabbatical 7-year cycles in past	‘Rest payback’ for the Land in present	7-year cycles of re-builds & desolations to final restoration in future		
70 x 7 = 490 years	70 years (of exile)	70 x 7 = 490 years		
The ‘bones’ of this text →		7 ‘sevens’ = ____ years	62 ‘sevens’ = ____ years	1 ‘seven’ = ____ years

- C. Some points of disagreement among evangelicals:
 - 1. When did the ‘70 sevens’ start and when did/will they end?
 - 2. Are the time divisions seamlessly sequential, overlapping, or might they involve a gap or two?
 - 3. Are the numbers strictly literal, or more ‘spiritual’ in nature?
 - 4. Relative ‘accomplishment value’ of Christ’s 2 advents?
 - 5. The LORD’s purposes for Israel: completed, gutted, or yet to be finalized?

IV. Meat on the Bones: Key Events occurring within stated timeframe

- A. Basic wording of vs. 25, preferring ESV’s marginal reading; clarifying words in () mine:

“Know and understand (that) from the going out of the word to restore and to (re)build Jerusalem until Messiah prince is 7 sevens and 62 sevens. It shall be built again (with) plaza and moat, but in difficult times.”
- B. 7 Sevens: Jerusalem’s initial rebuilding during difficult times (vs 25)
 - 1. Directives to rebuild:
 - a. Cyrus’ decree (538 BC; Ezra 1:1-4; also Is 44:24-28, 45:13)
 - b. Artaxerxes’ decree to Ezra (457 BC; Ezra 7:11-26)
 - c. Artaxerxes’ directive to Nehemiah (444 BC; Neh 2:1-8)
 - 2. Rebuilding in ‘difficult times’ for 49 years?

- C. 7 Sevens and 62 Sevens (vs 25): Countdown to _____ (simplified summary of Anderson's/Hoener's calcs):
1. $(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7) = 49 + 434 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ years (solar, lunar, or in between?) $360 \times 483 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ days
 2. Converting to solar: $173,880 \text{ days} / 365 \text{ days per year} = 476 \text{ solar years}$
 3. Probable starting point of 444 BC plus 476 years \rightarrow _____ AD
 4. Messiah's coming (approx.): Birth: 5-3 BC Start of public ministry: 26-29 BC Death: 30-33 AD
 5. Archer's alternative calc. (citing Ezra 9:9): Earlier decree in 457 + 483 years \rightarrow _____ AD
 6. Observation:

D. After the 7 and 62 Sevens but before the last Seven (vs 26):

1. Messiah cut off
2. People of prince to come will bring desolation:
3. Ongoing war and desolations:

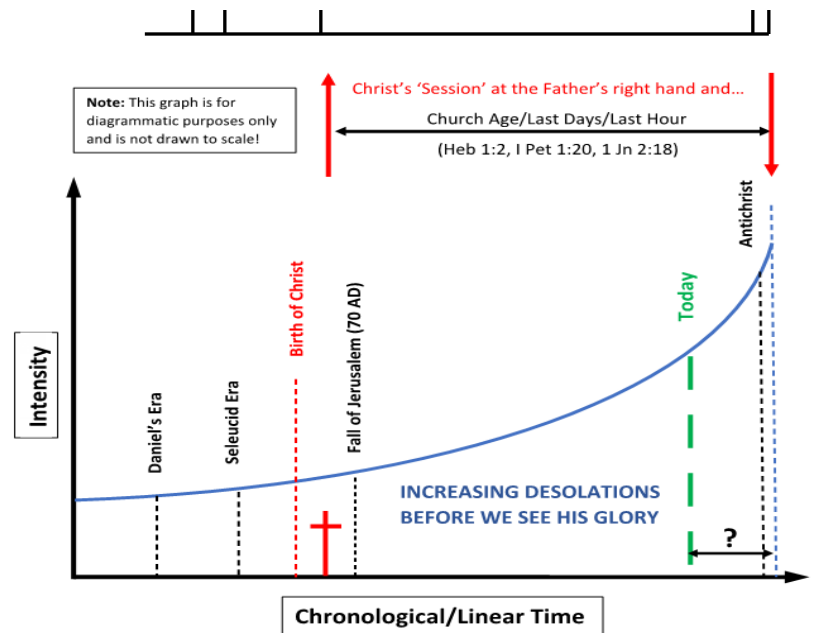
E. The Final Seven (vs 27)

1. Coming prince makes covenant:
2. Halfway through the Seven:
3. Desolator's destiny:

V. Vital Organs: 6 Redemptive Goals to be completed within stated timeframe (vs 24):

1. To finish the *transgression* and ...
2. To put an end to *sin* and ...
3. To atone for *iniquity* and ...
4. To bring in *everlasting righteousness* and ...
5. To seal both *vision and prophet* and ...
6. To anoint a *most holy* place

VI. Anticipation of Messiah:



Next Sunday: Please read and ponder chapter 10 prior to class. This is the beginning of Daniel's final recorded vision from the LORD that continues until the end of chapter 12.