

Are You Ready for the 70th Week?

Daniel 9:27

Time to examine the last week of the 70 weeks of Daniel's vision for his people and his holy city. There are three separate periods of weeks: 7, 62 and 1 = 70. We have discussed the first seven and 62 weeks, which led to Jesus' coming and death. Now we climb the sacred mountain of the 70th week, which I am convinced no one has gained the final revelation knowledge and skill needed to interpret.

Many scholars and believers have dissected this 70th week and come up with tremendous insight. The sheer volume of theories on when this week happens gives me caution to say one is right.

My calling from God is not to give a timeline but to announce the season of Jesus' return has come upon us and to encourage us to live as Jesus taught us to live in this season of preparation for our King to come.

With that said let us take a look at verse 27, which is a long verse of Scripture and has some very difficult and complex words that scholars have written books on in order to decipher the full meaning of this aspect of the vision.

I am not going to do that. Instead, I will highlight some thoughts as applicable to how we should live in this season of the 70th week, which we are either on the verge of entering or have already started.

"Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;" Who is he? Jesus the Messiah or the anti-Christ or someone else? What is this covenant? Who are the many?

When does this week begin and when does it end so we can know the middle of the week? " ... but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering..." Again, who is he, when is the middle of this week, what is the sacrifice and offering?

I have read some fascinating books that sought to answer these questions. I read one book where the scholar says the meaning of seven is an integer of seven so this week could be seven years or 14 or 21 or whole number that divides by seven.

This means the last week could have started at the beginning of the aliyah in the late 19th century; then the middle of the week when sacrifice and offering are ended refers to the Holocaust and 1945. It made a lot of sense to me but so do the other theories I have studied.

I know this: Jesus is coming back soon. It is imminent, and we need to be following His orders as given in Matthew 24 and 25 to prepare the way!

The last part of this verse brings us back to the word desolation, which we have already discussed. Desolate meaning ruin, laid waste, uninhabitable, which I take as representing death as opposed to life which the Messiah brings.

In this last week comes one who commits abominations, who makes desolate. Abomination is the evil of idolatry against God. This will last until "the consummation," which is determined by God.

This wickedness of idolatry is rampant today in many forms: in secular humanism, the worship of false gods and counterfeit religions.

The consummation is the Messiah's return to bring all that God determined in verse 24, all six of them as we have discussed, to closure. The Jews will be home in Israel. Jerusalem is their capital. Sin will be no more and the anointed King of

God, Jesus, will reign. All the covenant promises are now fulfilled.

Those who are dead in their sin and unbelief are desolate. We who believe are alive to the fullest extent of all the covenant promises. That is something to shout about with fervor and fire in our lungs as we bow in worship of Jesus.

Are you ready?

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