

## SEVENTY WEEKS

### DANIEL 9.24

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. One of the more fascinating traits of divine prophecy is that it often provides a timeframe in which it would be fulfilled.
2. Daniel had realized that the time of Israel's captivity was about to come to an end. Therefore he prays to God. (Dan. 9.1,2,17-19)
3. God answers Daniel in a vision providing him with a period of seventy weeks. (Dan. 9.20-23)

#### I. WHAT SEVENTY WEEKS WOULD ACCOMPLISH

- A. Sin would come to an end, and man would be reconciled to God. (Dan. 9.24; John 1.29; Col. 1.20; Heb. 9.26)
- B. That time would *"bring in everlasting righteousness"* pointing to the gospel. (Dan. 9.24; Rom. 3.21-26; 1.16,17)
- C. It would *"seal up vision and prophecy"* (Dan. 9.24; Acts 20.27; 1 Pet. 1.3; Rom. 15.18,19)
- D. Furthermore, the *"Most Holy"* would be *"anointed"* (Dan. 9.24; Matt. 3.16; Acts 10.38; Isa. 61.1)
- E. **DANIEL 9.27:** *"He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering"* (Col. 2.14; Eph. 2.14)

#### II. THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

- A. In this timeline, the prophet is made know of a beginning point, a duration and an end point in time. (Dan. 9.25)
  1. The beginning point comes from the *"going forth of the command to rebuild Jerusalem"* (Dan. 9.25; Ezra 1.1,2)
  2. The time span works out to be 490 years as each day would represent a year. (Dan. 9.25)
  3. The end point would be the when the *"Messiah would be cut off"* (Dan. 9.26; Isa. 53.8)
- B. The final week, the last seven years refers to Christ's anointing, ministry, and death. (Dan. 9.27)
  1. The first half of the week (3.5 years) looks forward to the beginning of His ministry. (John 2.13; 6.4; 12.1)
  2. The middle of the week is the point of emphasis as this is the time of Christ's death. (Dan. 9.27; John 13.1)

**CONCLUSION:** From Israel's release from Babylonian captivity to the death of Christ, all had been fulfilled.

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#### MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS :	9:00AM	
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:	9:50AM	
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP:	6:00PM	
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS	7:30PM	

*Worshipping  
 God "in Spirit  
 and truth"  
 (John 4.23)*

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### ONCE FOR AL

How we look becomes a great concern before we leave the house. We want to make sure that our hair and teeth are brushed and our clothes are clean and neat. We also spend an inordinate amount of time and money striving to make our appearance better. We buy weight loss programs, have doctors remove wrinkles, and color our hair.

No one would argue that one ought not to be concerned about their physical appearance. However, it is a concern when much time and money is spent on the physical while the spiritual man is ignored. Peter wrote that we shouldn't only be concerned with the outward appearance, *"arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel."* Instead the focus ought to be the *"hidden person of the heart...which is very precious in the sight of God"* (1 Pet. 3.3,4)

The inward apparel includes the putting on *"tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering..."* (Eph. 3.12). But more than anything else we must *"put on love"* (Eph. 3.14). How do we ensure that we are dressing appropriately before we head into our day? Just as we look at ourselves in the mirror to see how we look, so also do we look into the mirror of God's word and see the reflection of our character (James. 1.22,23; 2 Cor. 13.5)

The world may judge us based on how we dress physically, but God will judge us based on how we dress spiritually. We cannot overlook the importance of spiritual dress for spiritual success.

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## WALKING TOGETHER WITH GOD

### AMOS 3:3

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. Fellowship is sharing a commonality with another. Therefore where there is no agreement, there is no fellowship. (2 Cor. 6.16)
2. The true prophet would not walk with God and speak contrary to His will. He would speak in agreement with Him. (Amos 3.3)
3. We desire fellowship with God, but fellowship can only be achieved when we are in agreement with Him.

#### I. WALKING IN DELIGHT

- A. Fellowship with God is realized by walking in agreement with His way of righteousness. (1 John 1.5-7; Eph. 5.8-11)
- B. It is not only walking in the light, but walking in delight.
  1. To delight is to desire; will; take pleasure. (Prov. 31.11)
  2. God delights in our worship. (Isa. 58.13; John 4.23)
  3. God desires obedience. (1 Sam. 15.22; 1 Cor. 7.19)
  4. God delights in a humility. (Ps. 51.16,17; Prov. 6.16,17)
  5. Be careful not to take delight in those things that God abhors. (Lam. 3.33; Heb. 1.9; 2 Thes. 2.12)

#### II. MAKING GOD A LIAR

- A. Failure to walk in His way and agree with Him is equivalent to calling God a liar. (1 John 1.8-10)
  1. The world calls “*good evil and evil good*” refusing to acknowledge sin. (Isa. 5.20; Jer. 8.6; 1 John 3.4)
  2. Therefore the world is at enmity with God. (James 4.4)
- B. Making God a liar with the doctrines of man.
  1. “Baptism is not necessary.” (1 Pet. 3.21; Mark 16.16)
  2. “One church is as good as another.” (Eph. 4.4; Col. 1.18)
  3. “God doesn’t care about the little things” (Matt. 23.23)

#### III. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRIANGULATION

- A. What determines fellowship with one another?
  1. We are in fellowship with each other when we are in fellowship with God. (1 John 1.1-3; Eph. 3.6; Phil. 1.7)
  2. Fellowship with one another demands that we walk together with God. (1 Cor. 1.10; 2 John 9-11)
- B. This emphasizes our close-knit relationship. (1 Cor. 12.12,13)

**CONCLUSION:** Walking with God begins with submission.

## ONCE FOR ALL

Man seems to always be on the lookout for something better. Whether it be a better medication, a better stereo, or a better method of weight loss, there is always a temporary contentment while we wait with anticipation for something new and improved.

Much of this tendency often carries over into one’s religion. There are some who are looking for something more. They feel unsatisfied with what is currently available and are looking for something better. For this reason many denominations have sought to offer various programs and some have even tailored their doctrines to appeal to more people who are looking for the latest thing. What is often overlooked is the fact that people are looking for something better, because the denominational system that they are in does not satisfy them as it does not resemble the original plan of salvation and the church that Jesus built.

Others, in an attempt to modernize religion have looked for another Savior and another kind of religion. Therefore Mohammad, Joseph Smith, and Ellen G. White has become very popular. However, the Bible as warned that if we reject Christ, the one and only Savior, “*there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins*” (Heb. 10.26). Simply put, if we reject Christ looking for something better, we are not going to find it. Furthermore, the Hebrew writer describes Christ as dying “*once for all*” (Heb. 7.27). Indeed, if the death of Christ was ineffective, then He would have to die often. But because of the power of His blood, His death is once for all time. There no longer is any need of anyone else do be sacrificed, nor is there any need for any additional religious system. (Heb. 9.26)

Additionally, man has been looking for further explanations and have attempted to add and supplement the Bible with so called, “*latter day revelations*”. Yet the Bible clearly states that it we have been given “*all things that pertain to life and godliness*” (2 Pet. 1.3). Jude declares that this word has been delivered, “*once for all*” (Jude 3). Like the death of Christ, the word of God is accomplished what God intended, and therefore there is no longer any need for additional revelation.

The word of God and the salvation through Christ which it reveals is all that we need to be right with God. CLP