

**Prophecy Class 2-6 70 Weeks of Daniel** © 2013 Thomas Tillman

*Review BC... AD...*

Before we go to review Biblical History... let's review a bit of true secular History along with a somewhat imaginary situation...

521 years ago... Christopher Columbus sailed west across the Atlantic and eventually ran into North America. He had been commissioned by the King and Queen of Spain, [Ferdinand](#) and Isabella. Their daughter, ***Katherine of Aragon*** was 6 years old at the time. When she was 15, in a political alliance, she was married to 13 year old Prince Arthur, heir to the British throne, who then died a few months later. Arthur's father, King Henry 7th, later died, and Arthur's younger brother became king Henry 8th, who then married Arthur's widow, Katherine, in 1509... hoping to produce a male heir to his throne... maybe even Henry 9th... however... sadly... all but one of Katherine's children died... only a daughter, Mary, survived.

22 years later in 1531 the Pope denied Henry's urgent request to have **his** marriage to Catherine annulled... so he could then marry his much younger, beautiful... and now pregnant mistress, Anne Boleyn whom he later executed in order to marry wife #3... of 6... the lovely miss Jane Seymour... but alas... Henry never got his male heir and eventually, Anne Boleyn's daughter, became Queen Elizabeth 1, one of Britain's most famous monarchs.

Now... suppose.... in the middle of that soap opera... a known prophet of God... known throughout England as a true prophet of God... all of whose prophecies, so far, had been fulfilled 100%...

suppose he prophesied, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit... remember, he is a true prophet of God who is never wrong... no one disputes that... and in 1530 he prophesies... that in exactly 483 years, to the day... on Oct 13, 2013... the true Messiah would finally come and be revealed... he would come humbly riding in a Dodge colt, and he would ride into Milwaukie, Oregon.

All of the previous Pastors of Milwaukie First Baptist as well as all the past and present leadership of CBNW... of Western Seminary, Dallas Seminary and Biola University have all known of this prophecy and have been waiting and watching for its fulfillment... for the true Messiah to finally come...

and... since the US was invaded by the Soviet Union after the Cuban missile crisis in Oct. of 1962, and have occupied and oppressed us for 51 years... we are excitedly awaiting the appearance of our coming Messiah who will throw off the yoke of our oppressors and restore our nation to its former glory... when we were ruled... in our golden age, by the royal house of Kennedy.

Then, on the very day that was prophesied... more than 450 years ago... here comes the guy...

Now, let's see how Israel responded to the same situation...

In **Daniel chapter 9**... (the 70 weeks of Daniel)

<sup>20</sup> Now... while I was in prayer, the man Gabriel, the angel Gabriel... whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. <sup>22</sup> And he talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of

your prayers the command went out, and I have come to tell *you*, for you *are* greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

<sup>24</sup> “Seventy weeks are determined **weeks of years**  
For **your people** (Israel) and **for your holy city**, (Jerusalem)  
To finish the transgression, (Israel's sin of rejection of God)  
To make an end of sins,  
To make **reconciliation for iniquity**,  
To **bring in everlasting righteousness**,  
**To seal up vision and prophecy**,  
**And to anoint the Most Holy** 3rd Temple, ready to be rebuilt now.

<sup>25</sup> “Know therefore and understand,  
**That from the going forth of the command**  
To restore and build Jerusalem (including the wall)  
Until Messiah the Prince,  
**There shall be seven weeks** (49 years) and (then) **sixty-two weeks**; (another 434 years) (483 years)  
The **street shall be built again, and the wall**,  
Even in troublesome times... Neh 4

<sup>26</sup> “And (then) after the sixty-two weeks... (the 62 wks which follow the 7 wks) (483 years)  
Messiah shall be cut off, (executed) but **not for Himself**;  
**And the people (Rome)** of the prince who is to come (Antichrist)  
**Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. 70 AD**  
The end of it *shall be* with a flood,  
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

<sup>27</sup> Then he (Antichrist) shall confirm a covenant with many for one

week; (beginning of the Trib)

But in the middle of the week (halfway point of Trib)

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, (Abomination of Desolation)

Even until the (determined) consummation, is poured out on the desolate.” (Great Trib... last half)

when Gabriel says weeks, here... he means 70 weeks of years... 70 periods of 7 years...or... 490 years are determined for Israel and for Jerusalem... to end sin, make reconciliation or restitution for iniquity, to fulfill this vision and prophecy... and anoint the new Temple.

Listen... understand... when a command is given to allow some of the Jews in Babylon to return from captivity... to rebuild Jerusalem **AND** its walls... when you count exactly 483 years... to the day... the Messiah will be revealed... but He will then be executed... not for His own crimes or sin... and shortly thereafter... Rome will destroy Jerusalem and the Temple... then... later, when the Antichrist does come... he will make a seven year treaty with Israel and her neighbors, but halfway through that time he will break the treaty and cease the offering of sacrifices in the temple. Then terrible times are in store for the next 3 1/2 years... until Armageddon and the return of Jesus Christ.

Now... what does he mean by 'the coming of Messiah'... 'you can count 483 years until the... 'coming of Messiah'... does he mean when He is born... when He is baptized... when He performs His first miracle... when He raises Lazarus... Remember the many

times Jesus told those He healed to be quiet... do not tell others about it... do not advertise it... what did He often say... 'My time has not yet come'! He would not allow Himself to be worshipped as Messiah and King... yet... but finally... the time did come... on that Sunday... five days before He would be crucified... four days before He was in the garden of Gethsemane, agonizing... asking that He not have to go through what was to come... and yet... always saying... 'nevertheless, not My will... but Your will be done, Father... I am here to do Your will.'

What does Gabriel mean by 'the coming of Messiah'?

Let's look at Zech 9:9... in 520 BC, he writes... "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

So, according to Zech... the time of the Messiah's coming out... His presentation... is when He is riding on a donkey's colt... Palm Sunday AD 32 or... April 6, in the year of our Lord, 32... or... in the Jewish Calendar..... 10th of Nissan 3761

So, we know exactly when Messiah was presented as King...

Now we have to look back and find that particular command allowing the Jews to return to rebuild Jerusalem and the walls...

There were other commands allowing the Jews to rebuild the *Temple*, the group who followed Zerubbabel, the group who followed Ezra... but, there was only *one* command given, one pass and permission, to restore Jerusalem *and its wall*. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 445 BC, as confirmed by modern archaeology, and of course,

Jewish history... King Artaxerxes I of Persia issued the command to rebuild Jerusalem and *specifically included its wall*

Nehemiah 2... <sup>4</sup> Then said the king to Nehemiah, “What do you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.”

<sup>6</sup> Then the king said to me, “How long will your journey be? And when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

<sup>7</sup> Furthermore I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors *of the region* beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah, <sup>8</sup> and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king’s forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which *pertains* to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy.” And the king granted *them* to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.

So now you say... ahah... as the light bulb goes on over your head... So, you think to yourself... it must be exactly 483 years from that command in 445 BC to 32 AD... how exciting... but alas... you add it up and it takes you instead to 39 AD or .. 7 years after the crucifixion... in fact... from 445BC to AD 32 is in fact, rather... 476 years... how can this be... woe is me... I thought I finally understood this incredible prophecy... I thought I had this wonderful exciting prophecy to finally prove that the Bible is true... that God is real... that I'm not crazy

But wait!!! you simply didn't understand something very important...

When God prophecies years... His years are different than our years... we touched on it... a week or two ago... Our calendar is a Solar Calendar... based on the time it takes the Earth to make one complete revolution around the Sun... one Solar Year is 365 1/4 days... 12 set months... except Feb... where we add one day every 4 years.... because of that extra 1/4 day every year... which brings it all back into perfect alignment with the Solar system...

Therefore, there is no drifting with the Solar Calendar... and Remember... the Islamic Calendar is a purely Lunar Calendar... based on the time it takes the Moon to make one complete revolution around the Earth... averaging 29.53 days... the 12 months of Lunar year=354.1/3 days... and it drifts terribly through the years... as if our January would drift forward year by year... first in the winter, then in the Spring, then the Summer and so on... through the seasons year by year... taking more than 30 years to come back to its proper alignment.

These two calendars were developed by pagans worshipping the Sun, Moon and Stars...

God's will was for His people to be different from the World...  
to be set apart...

In the beginning, God said... **Gen 1:14** ... Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: but, of course, not to be worshiped...

But then... with Israel... His called out chosen people...

Deut 4:19 <sup>19</sup> And *take heed*, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and *when* you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage. <sup>20</sup> But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.

So God's people and their calendar were to be different...

Almost exactly between the 365 day Solar year and the 354 day Lunar year is God's 360 day Prophetic year..

So... let's go back and prove it from Scripture...

In Gen 7:11, we are told that the flood began on the **17th day... of the 2nd month** ... of Noah's 600th year.

In Gen 8:3, we are told that the flood receded after 150 days on the **17th day... of the 7th month**... 5 months equaling 150 days... each month... being 30 days.

In Rev 12:6, we read... Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days... 3 1/2 years... 3 1/2 times 360... the second half of Daniel's 70th week... when the Antichrist breaks the treaty, ceases sacrifices and offerings and begins his great persecution of the Jews

Then... back to Dan 9:27... we read that this very time... .. half way through that 70th week... that last seven year period... the Tribulation... 1260 days is exactly half of a 7 year period consisting of 7- 360 day years.

When God gives prophecy... He intends for years to be interpreted as 12 ... 30 day months equaling 1-360 day year.

The Jews... the Pharisees... knew all of this and they knew exactly when to expect Messiah to come... and they knew how it corresponded to Daniels prophecy... that it said... (and HE shall be cut off, but not for Himself...)

Remember what Caiaphas, the High Priest said after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead...

John 11:49... <sup>49</sup> And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." Now this he did not say on his own *authority*; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

But they knew He was the Messiah... Remember what the Pharisee, Nicodemus said in John 3 when He came to Jesus by night... There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to

Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

So... here's the deal... well over 500 years before the time of Jesus, Daniel was given a prophecy which said... after a certain command is given... you can count exactly 483 years... to when the Messiah will be presented as King... then He will be rejected and executed, but not for His own sin.

After that Rome will destroy Jerusalem and the Temple and then... after an unspecified length of time... a time gap between Daniel's 69th and 70th weeks... the Antichrist would appear and there would be a final 7 year period, the 70th week... when God finishes all that He started with Israel... (read list)...the second half of which would be very terrible for the Jews leading up to the return of their Messiah... at the battle of Armageddon.

The Jewish leaders all knew exactly what was happening, but they still chose to reject and crucify the Lord Jesus Christ because they were more afraid of Rome than they were of God... biggest mistake, of the many mistakes... they ever made.

Now, in conclusion... let me show you how Daniel's incredible prophecy works out exactly to the day of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem...

If we go forward from March 14, 445BC to April 6, 32AD

we see it equals 476 of our Solar years... it looks like 477, but you subtract one because there is no '0' BC or '0' AD...

1. Add  $7 + 62$  weeks of years = 69 weeks of years in this prophecy
2. Multiply 69 (weeks) x 7 (to get the total number of years in this prophecy) = 483 years
3. If there are 360 days in each of those 483 years... we multiply 483 years x 360 (to get the total number of days in this prophecy) = 173,880 days

Now... to convert the 173,880 days into our 365.25 day... solar years ... we simply divide 365.25 days into 173,880 days and we get... 476 exactly... 476 of our solar years equals exactly 483 of God's prophetic years...

Do you see the incredible impact of this reality... This is why I always wanted to clearly understand this prophecy... even though I always knew it... now, I can actually prove God's reality... no demon... and no human could have ever predicted this... something more than 500 years into the future... to the exact day!

Daniel said... in essence... from the going forth of the command on March 14, 445BC, it will be exactly 173,880 days until the presentation of Messiah on Palm Sunday 32AD.

That was the *only day* that Jesus Christ *ever* allowed Himself to be honored as Messiah and King (Mark 11:1-12) the people laid out their coats on the ground in front of Him... they waved palm branches... crying out... "Hosanna to the Son of David... blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" *from Psalm 118* ... and this was just 5 days before He was executed just as *Daniel prophesied*.

Daniel prophesied that ***after*** Messiah was rejected and executed, ***Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed ...***

***(and that was fulfilled by the Romans in 70 AD, 38 years Ltr)***

Right after His "Triumphal Entry," Jesus *wept* over Jerusalem ... knowing the leaders and people of Israel would discount this prophecy... in fact all of the prophecies concerning the coming Messiah which were *so specific* that God held them completely accountable! *This is why the Temple was destroyed and the Jews were scattered all around the world for 2000 years . . . that's why Daniels prophecy said... to make reconciliation for iniquity... they have been making reconciliation for their own sin for 2000 years... Remember... they all cried out... 'Let His blood be on our heads and on our children's heads'... as they demanded His crucifixion for having done absolutely... nothing wrong...at all.*

**Luke 19:41-44** "Now as He (Jesus) drew near,  
He saw the city (Jerusalem) and *wept* over it,  
*saying, 'If you had known, even you (the children of Israel), especially in this your day, (this day the prophet Daniel prophesied about)*

*the things that make for your peace!*

*But now they are hidden from your eyes.*

For days will come upon you when your enemies

will build an embankment around you,

surround you

and close you in on every side,

and level you, and your children within you,

to the ground;

and they will *not* leave in you (the Temple) one stone upon another,

*BECAUSE you did NOT know the time of your visitation.*

And, just 38 years *AFTER* Jesus Christ prophesied this... and was Crucified, cut-off, but not for Himself... Jerusalem *was* besieged and completely destroyed when Titus Vespasian, and several Roman Legions *did* build a lay siege to Jerusalem... building an embankment against the wall around the city, starving and killing over a million Jews. Then they pulled down the Temple, one stone after the other, completely to the ground, because the gold in the Temple had melted down to the ground when the Roman soldiers had set it on fire, fulfilling Jesus' prophecy... *not leaving even one stone upon another.*

The Bible tells us that Jesus has two Earthly missions... first as the sacrificial Lamb of God to pay the penalty for our sin... and secondly... as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah... coming as Conqueror... as King of Kings and Lord of Lords...

The Bible also tells us that He would ***return*** twice...

First... quietly, in the clouds... as a thief in the night... coming for us, His Church... in the Rapture, and then again, very visibly, when every eye would see Him... as He returns in Glory to destroy His enemies at the Battle of Armageddon and to begin His earthly 1000 year reign... with us at His side, ruling and reigning with Him forever.

If we could sit down with about 500 ancient... yearly calendars... we could begin to count off the days from March 14, 45BC... till

April 6, 32AD... and when we had counted out the 173,880 days... we would land exactly... on Palm Sunday 32AD.

Any Atheist, any Jew, any Muslim, any Buddhist, Sikh or Hindu could do this simple math problem on their own... but, regarding the Atheist... The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God... and as for the rest... 'because they did not love the truth, God gave them over to a strong delusion, that they would believe the Lie and could not come to the knowledge of the truth found only in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But to us... His Children... He has chosen to reveal His will... His plans, purposes... and His secrets... because He loves us.

And... because His intention is that... as we understand His Word... and as we come to understand Him... we will be transformed... more and more into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

If you don't love God's Word... if it doesn't transform you as you increasingly understand it... look out... you may only think you are born again... that you are God's child...

Remember... don't believe something just because I said it, or some radio or TV preacher said it... believe it because you find it and understand it from God's Word... from your own bible.

And let me warn you... don't let that Bible be the message... we'll come back to that.