

REVELATION OF SEVENTY WEEKS TO COME

(Daniel 9:20-24)

- I. The Coming of GABRIEL (Dan. 9:20-23)
 - A. Daniel's PRAYER (9:20)
 - 1. Speaking OUT LOUD
 - 2. Talking to GOD
 - 3. Confessing HIS SINS
 - 4. Confessing ISRAEL'S SINS
 - 5. Lying on his FACE
 - 6. Crying for MERCY
 - B. God's MESSENGER (9:21-23)
 - 1. "The man Gabriel" translates as "the SERVANT, the Mighty God's STRONG MAN"
 - 2. The SAME ANGEL who had appeared in 8:16ff
 - 3. Came at the time of evening OFFERING
 - 4. Came to help Daniel UNDERSTAND God's PROGRAM
 - 5. Described Daniel as "HIGHLY ESTEEMED"
- II. The Revelation of Seventy SEVENS (Dan. 9:24)
 - A. One of the MOST IMPORTANT Old Testament prophecies
 - 1. ENTIRE PROPHECY is presented in verse 24
 - 2. ELABORATION on the first 69 SEVENS in verse 25
 - 3. Events BETWEEN the 69th and 70th seven described in verse 26
 - 4. Events DURING the 70th seven described in verse 27

- B. Major classifications of interpretations
1. Non-Christological
 - a. *Liberal-critical* view considers Daniel a 2nd century FORGERY
 - b. *Orthodox Jewish* sees 70 sets of SEVEN YEARS, terminating with the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70
 2. Christological
 - a. *Amillennial* view considers at least the 70th seven as an INDEFINITE PERIOD
 - b. *Premillennial* view
 - 1) All 70 sevens are sets of SEVEN YEARS
 - 2) Events following the 69th INTERRUPT chronology for an INDEFINITE period
 - 3) 70th seven to be LITERALLY fulfilled in the FUTURE
- C. What the prophecy actually SAYS
1. “Seventy sevens have been DECREED”
 2. Period relates to ISRAEL and JERUSALEM
 3. God has six SPECIFIC PURPOSES for the period
 - a. “To finish the transgression”—ISRAEL’S apostasy, sin and wandering brought to COMPLETION
 - b. “To make and end of sin”—either REMOVING sin or bringing sin to FINAL JUDGMENT
 - c. “To make atonement for iniquity”—to ANNUL or render HARMLESS, and to restore to FAVOR and HOLINESS
 - d. “To bring in everlasting righteousness”—found in CHRIST
 - e. “To seal up vision and prophecy”—to terminate God’s communication by VISIONS and ORAL prophecy
 - f. “To anoint the MOST HOLY”—introduce MESSIAH