

End-Times Prophecy 8

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Introduction. God has planned the history of the universe. He is sovereign over all events, assuring that all things will happen according to His Plan (review Isaiah 46:9-11; 48:3. Cf Rom 8:28-30). He chose Abraham and blessed him and made covenants with him regarding his offspring and the land that they would possess. The promises were expanded through King David as to a kingdom to his descendents who would retain the right to be King of the kingdom located in the Holy Land. The nation under the human kings in David's line was corrupted, leading to judgment with the believers being taken to Babylon and saved from slaughter. While the remnant of Israel was in Babylon, Daniel was given a very important prophecy regarding God's plan for 6 things to be accomplished by Daniels people (Israel) and the Holy City (Jerusalem) during 70 "weeks" of years (490 years, of 360 days in a year). The exact starting date is known, and 69 consecutive weeks leads up to the arrival and death of the Messiah (Daniel 9:24-26). Today we will look at two things within the "70th week of Daniel, the "great tribulation" (Matt 24:21; Rev 7:14), the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer 30:7). The two things are the "Abomination of Desolations" and the 2 witnesses.

1. When is the 70th week? (Daniel 9:26-27)

- a. The city is destroyed and rebuilt – by the people who are ancestors of the prince
- b. The covenant is between the "prince" and the Israelites for "one week"
- c. In the middle of the "week" the sacrifices will stop
- d. The abominations that brings desolation – (cf Matt 24: 14, 15)

2. The "Abomination of Desolations"

- a. Daniel 11:29-35
 - i. Antiochus IV Epiphanes – 175-163 BC (Dan 11:21-25)
 - ii. The Abomination of Desolations in Dan 9:31 was _____
 - iii. The Maccabean revolt resulted in the cleansing of the temple & Haanukkah.
- b. Daniel 12: 7-13
 - i. Time, time and half a time is 3.5 years (half of a week)
 - ii. The regular sacrifice is established, then ended and the Abomination of Desolations is set up – cf 2 Thes 2:3-4, Rev 13:14-15
 - iii. This is the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by our Lord (Matt 24:15-22, 29).
- c. *Then* "the woman with a male child". Rev 12:3-9; 13-17.
 - i. The woman is:
 - ii. The response is:
 - iii. Timing is:

3. The next step - Elijah!

- a. Malachi 4:5-6 (not that same as 3:1, see Matt 11:10; 17:3, 10-13)
- b. Rev 11:1-6; 7-12
 - i. Two witnesses – Moses and Elijah? (cf Matt 17:2-3)
 - ii. Witnesses killed – *then* the abomination of desolation?