



Where
God guides,
He provides

ISAIAH 58:11



Great Swamp Baptist Church

June 5, 2022

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

“Holy Is The Lord”

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise & Worship

“God So Loved”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings
Following
The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



The Answer to Daniel's Prayer (Part III) *(Dan. 9:20-27)*

Intro: In this message, we will examine the plan that God used to fulfill the 7 sets of 70 or 490 years. This plan is broken up into three different segments. In this particular message, we will cover two of the three segments found in this prophecy that is part of the answer to Daniel's prayer. Really all Daniel wanted to know was God going to actually get them back to the promise land. Oh, but God gave him so much more and he will see the plan God has laid out, not just for the beginning of the prophecy, but all the way through until the 490 years are covered. So, let us now look at that plan.

Vii. Seventh, let us notice that the answer to Daniel's prayer involves a plan. (vs. 25-27).

As stated in the introduction, the plan has three segments to it, and we will examine two of them in this message.

A. The first segment of the plan is the starting point. (vs. 25). Now, since God has given us a total of 490 years to carry out all that He plans to do with the nation of Israel, He has to give us a starting point from which we can then begin counting those years.

Well, God does that very thing. He gives us a very specific day from which we can begin our counting. In verse 25 of Daniel tells Daniel that the 490 years begins, "...From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem..." A little further in the verse we are told that, "It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench but in times of trouble."

So, the specific day from which we can begin counting the 490 years is the day in which a decree is given that allows Israel to return to Jerusalem for the purpose of rebuilding the city wall as well as making all the other necessary repairs such as rebuilding the streets and trenches needed so that Jerusalem can function as a city once again inhabited by the Israelites. So, the question is, when did that happen, and how long did that take?

Now, to answer that question, what we see in these last three verses is that the 70 sets of 7 is broken up into three different time frames. There is first mentioned 7 sets of 7.

Then there is mentioned 62 sets of 7 and finally one more set of 7. of course, when you multiply each set and add them up you come up with 490 years.

Therefore, we see and understand that the starting point is the first set of 7's which is 7 sets of 7, therefore, it is a period of 49 years. So, a decree will be issued for the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall and repair the city streets and trenches to put the city back into operation and it will take 49 years to accomplish those tasks mentioned.

Well, the great thing is that the Word of God shows us exactly when that decree was given. In the Book of Nehemiah, we find that King Artaxerxes of the Medes and Persian Empire on a specific day issues to Nehemiah a decree allowing him to go back to Jerusalem for the purpose of rebuilding the walls of the city and to repair it to the point that it can operate as a city again under Jewish leadership. (Neh. 2:1-10).

Now, there had already been decrees issued for the Jews to return to Jerusalem and as a matter of fact when Nehemiah returned there were already Jews present in the city. However, the decree that had been issued for those Jews already in Jerusalem was not to rebuild the city wall, streets and trenches but rather to rebuild the temple which they had already accomplished.

However, in our prophecy the decree issued was specifically to rebuild the city wall, streets and trenches. Therefore, the only decree issued to specifically do that was the one issued to Nehemiah by King Artaxerxes of the Medes and Persian Empire.

*Now, in Nehemiah, we are told the month and year that the issue was decreed. "IN the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes..." (Neh. 2:1). It was March of 445 BC. A past Biblical Scholar named Robert Anderson wrote a book called, *The Coming Prince*, in 1894. in that book, Anderson, using the Babylonian and Jewish calendar of 360 days a year used at the time Daniel received the prophecy, was able to calculate the actual day to be March 14, 445 BC. This is the date most Evangelical scholars use.*

So, on March 14, 445 BC, God hit the button on top of the stop watch and began the clock ticking moving toward the fulfillment of the 490 years covering God's activities with the nation of Israel. And what we know from the Word of God is that it took them 49 years to do all the work that was issued in the decree by King Artaxerxes.

Let this also be a good example of what God wants to do in our lives as well. He had a starting point at which He brought us into the world. But He also wants to have a specific day in which He desires to bring us into His glorious Kingdom and eternal family. That day will be the day when we respond to His Gospel message of Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, and that day will be the start of not just 490 years but for eternity. Have you responded to His call of Salvation? Have you had that specific day that your journey with the Lord has begun? If not, let this be the day that you cry out to Jesus in repentance of your sins and faith in His atonement offered on the cross of Calvary.

B. The second segment of the plan is the longest segment. (vs. 25-26).

Tick, tick, Tick, 49 years have now passed but the clock keeps ticking right into the next segment which is the longest part of the prophecy. This segment of the prophecy is a period of 62 sets of 7. When you multiply these two numbers you come up with 434 years. Also, because there is not a pause button after the first 49 years in which the wall is rebuilt along with its' streets and trenches, then those first set of 7 sets of 7 or 49 years are added together with the 62 sets of 7 or 434 years and what you have is a total of 483 years or 69 sets of 7.

What Gabriel tells Daniel that what is going to happen in those 483 years once the decree was issued by King Artaxerxes was not only that the city would be rebuilt in 49 years but also that those 483 years would wrap up when, "...the Anointed One, the ruler comes..." (vs. 25). The Anointed One means the Messiah. As a matter of fact, the KJV of the Bible says, "the Messiah the Prince."

Now, because of the New Testament, the Christian family knows exactly who Gabriel was referring to when he mentioned, "the Anointed One, the Ruler, or the Messiah the Prince." it is none other than Jesus Christ our Lord. So, the question we have to ask is, exactly what event is happening in Jesus' life that is being referred to in the prophecy?

Now to answer that the only time that Jesus was coming in a situation where He was openly acknowledged to be the Messiah the Anointed One and He was approving of it was in His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Matthew tells us that the people cried out as Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Luke tells us in his Gospel that the crowd also raised their voice in loud praise saying, "Blessed is the King who come in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Now, up to this particular occasion, Jesus has discouraged people that He has healed, helped and taught to not yet reveal who He was. But at His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, He not only allowed the crowd to loudly and boldly reveal and acknowledge who He was but when the religious leaders asked Him to stop the crowd from saying those things about Him, He said that if they were to shut up then the stones of the city would cry out the praises of His name.

Now, when exactly did that happen? When did He march triumphantly into Jerusalem? Once again we refer back to the calculation of Robert Anderson who did the best research on the time frame. The triumphal entry according to him took place April 6, 32 AD, which was 173,880 days from the day that King Artaxerxes issued his decree till the triumphal entry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which is 483 years or 69 sets of 7.

So, as we see our faith is not based upon mere faith but rather upon precise and detailed facts and you can't get anymore accurate than what we've just looked at.

Now, when you add the first seven sets of seven to the second set of 62 sets of seven you come up with 69 sets of seven. However, our complete prophecy is supposed to cover 70 sets of seven or 490 years. So that means that there's one set of sevens yet to be carried out before we can complete the 70 sets of 7 or 490 years. But before that final seven years are to take place, God pushes the pause button on the stop watch.

Now, when God pushes that pause button at the completion of the 69 weeks of years, He tells us about three things that happen following those 69 weeks of years or 483 years. First, He tells us that, "the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing." (vs. 26). So, what this is referring to is the fact that Jesus will be crucified and at that point He virtually had nothing. What He did have, the soldiers gambled off and even the tomb He was buried in was not His own. Also, the nation He came to redeem had rejected Him as the Messiah. He came to His own but His own didn't receive Him. (John 1:11).

The second thing that the prophecy said would happen after the 483 years were completed was that, "The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood..." This part of the prophecy was also predicted by Jesus nearly 40 years before it happened.

So, the prophecy is saying that sometime following the 483 years not only will Jesus be crucified and have nothing but a particular group of people or a nation of people if you would, will come and destroy Jerusalem and everything in it including the temple. So what nation are we referring to?

Now, to answer that question, let us look at Jesus' prophecy of the same event. He said to the nation on the day of His triumphal entry knowing that they would truly not believe upon Him as their Messiah, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." (Luke 19:41-44).

Nearly 40 years after Jesus said this, the Roman army marched to Jerusalem in 70 AD and totally and completely destroyed the city till it appeared it had never even existed. They took the remaining survivors and scattered them all over the Roman Empire. That is what is meant by the fact that "the end will come like a flood." they were washed away completely.

The third thing that it says is that "war will continue until the end and desolations have been decreed." (vs. 26). This simply means that ever since the nation was conquered and scattered by the Romans, they would continue to face one war after another wherever they would be plus times of desolation until Jesus returns and that is exactly what has taken place.

Concl. In conclusion, we should be in awe of the accuracy of this prophecy revealed nearly 500 years before these things would happen exactly as they happened. But more than this, we must realize that the pause button following the 483 years or 69 weeks of years doesn't mean that God has stopped working. Rather it means that God for the time being, until He's ready to finish up the last week of years or the last seven years with Israel, He is now focusing upon reaching the Gentiles. We are in the Age of the Church. Israel's rejection became our blessing. Christ's death on the cross accomplished nothing from the perspective of reaching the nation of Israel until that last 7 years that God will use to bring them to believe in Christ as their Messiah. But until then, it is our time. It is our time to believe and our time to shine for Jesus and preach His Gospel until the last Gentile will be saved. So let us believe in and work for Jesus Christ our Messiah until He comes to rapture His church out.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



June

This month we are asking for donations of the items below. You can also give a monetary donation if you didn't want to shop. Thank you.

*Tooth Brushes
Jump Ropes
Small Misc. Toys
(NO Military or war related items)
Quart Size Ziploc Bags
Headbands
Hair Clips*

Announcement

On Sunday, June 5th, the Visionaries Sunday School Class will begin a new series, "Experiencing God, New Edition." If interested, please contact Diane Thames.



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>Garrett Malphrus</i>



<i>Friday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
		<i>Michael & Taylor Daley</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Wayne & Wanda Cooler</i>

GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership
*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

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Lloyd Freeman-MUSC

Surgery / Recovery
*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Barbara Solley*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Dot Nettles-RNC*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Kenneth & Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Dot Smart</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

Cancer / Treatments

*Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Denita Linton
David Linton*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Karen Phillipi
Marie Malphrus
Mary Kay
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Wallace Malphrus
Tim Roberts
Myra Malphrus
Chris Blanchard
Mel Toland
Iola Daring
Ron Davis*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Charleston, SC*

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 3,671.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,211.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office</i>	\$ 745.05	*****	\$ 749.85
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 250.00	*****	\$ 4,566.77
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$ 45.00	*****	\$ 45.00
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 122.00	*****	\$ 257.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 2.00	*****	\$ 1,925.01

Announcement

*The Nominating Committee recommends to the church
Mike Davis for the Sunday School Director for the
2022-2023 Church Year.
This will be voted on at the June Business Conference.*



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Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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