

APPLICATION

5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon

1

_____ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

2

Deep Ties to _____

We need each other's fellowship and encouragement!

DANIEL CHALLENGE #1 – Heartfelt Community _____

Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (*Who will you invite? When?*)

3

Courageous Testimony: _____ but _____

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

4

Reliance on _____: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

DANIEL CHALLENGE #2 – Heartfelt Community _____

Make a commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.
→ *When will your prayer time be?*

5

Gardening with an Eye on the _____

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom

Jesus will return! So live with purifying _____ and diligent _____!

1 John 3:2-3 – “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

1 Peter 4:7-9 – “But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.”



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

Part 17: “The Gap and the 70th Week”

TODAY'S TEXT: Daniel 9:24-27

9:24-25 – The 70 _____ of Daniel's Vision

‘Week’ = *šāḇûā'* = a period of 7 times (see: **Genesis 29:18-27**)

- “70 Weeks” = _____ years...
 - ✪ To finish the transgression and make end of sins
 - ✪ To make reconciliation for iniquity
 - ✪ To bring in Everlasting Righteousness & Anoint the Most Holy
- The 490 year countdown began in _____ BC (see: **Nehemiah 2:1-8**)
- The Messiah predicted to arrive after _____ years (69 Weeks)
- Jesus arrived EXACTLY on time in _____ AD
 - ✪ Adjust 360 day ‘Prophetic Years’ into 365 Day ‘Western Years’

9:26 - AFTER THE 69TH WEEK

A) The Messiah will be _____!

Isaiah 53:5-9 – “He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities... for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken...”

B) The _____ destruction of the _____ and Sanctuary!

- Jerusalem and Temple are _____ destroyed as Daniel writes!
- The 1st rebuilding happens in the _____ of the 69 “weeks”
- The _____ Empire destroyed Jerusalem again in 70 AD
 - ✪ AFTER the 69th week... just like predicted!
- Then: overflowing _____ until the end of the war
‘desolations’ = *šāmēm* = appalling, deserted, devastation, ruin

THE GAP BETWEEN 69 AND 70

3 Major clues from _____ that this gap exists:

- ✧ The sanctuary is _____ in the 69th week... but desecrated in the 70th week
- ✧ The “_____ of the prince” destroy the sanctuary... but the prince *himself* commits the abomination of desolation.
- ✧ The 69th Week concluded in 32 AD – so the 70th Week _____ have concluded in 39 AD! (*if there was no gap*)

Jesus _____ points to this Gap:

Isaiah 61:2 – “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn”

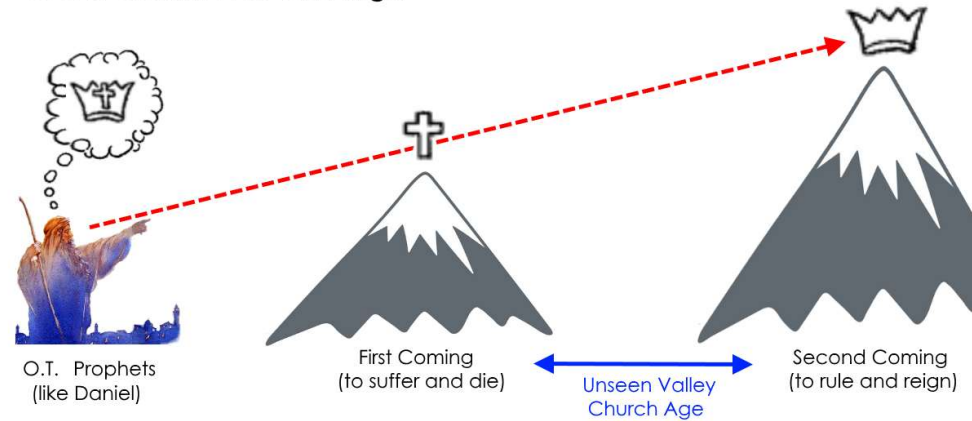
Luke 4:17-21 – “And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. **And he closed the book**, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

Matthew 24:14 – “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

The _____ clearly taught this Gap:

Acts 3:18-21 – “But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” (*Peter’s second recorded sermon*)

One Messiah: Two Comings!



THE 70TH AND FINAL WEEK

- ✧ Jesus told us the “70th Week” will be at the _____
Matthew 24:15-21 – “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains... For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”
- ✧ While waiting: Beware of _____ Messiahs and of a _____ Peace!
 ‘covenant’ = *bʿrît* = alliance, league, confederacy, pledge
Matthew 24:24-27 – “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”
- ✧ The certain _____ Abomination and _____ Coming of Jesus
2 Thessalonians 2:3-9 – “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and **exalteth himself above all that is called God**, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God... For **the mystery of iniquity doth already work**: only he who now letteth (*restrains*) will let (*restrain*), until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders”