

Thursology 86: Pre-Trib: What Daniel's Mysterious Gap Tells Us About Predestination & Free Will (Rapture #9)

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--Five Olive Tree Facts:

- Olive Tree Fact #1: The Olive Tree represents _____...and the _____ salvation plan
- Olive Tree Fact #2: Some of the “native” _____ were _____ off...for their _____-belief
- Olive Tree Fact #3: The Gentiles have been _____ into the _____ plan...and currently make up more than _____ % of the followers of Messiah globally
- Olive Tree Fact #4: Despite all of the years of Israel's _____ of God...God has not _____ the Olive Tree
- Olive Tree Fact #5: A day is coming when the “_____” of the Gentiles will be complete...Israel's hearts will be _____...and all Israel will be _____

--A biblical blind-spot of the Church: Because the “_____ -in plan” has been _____ plan for so long...most of the _____...have forgotten that God will fulfill the _____ plan

--What!!! To the Jew FIRST???

--Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for _____ to everyone who believes, to the _____ first and also to the _____

--Romans 2:9-10: There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the _____ first and also of the _____, but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the _____ first and also to the _____

--Matt 15:21-28: Jesus...withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." But He answered and said, "*I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" And He answered and said, "*It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.*" But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

--A Fundamental Messianic Truth: It was _____ Israel...and _____ Israel...that the Savior of the _____ had to come!!!

--The resolution of Jesus' apparent rudeness to the Canaanite woman: The reason Jesus was so _____ on Israel was because...the *only* way for the _____ to be saved...was for _____ Savior to show up...for _____ !!!

--Key Concept: The reason Jesus showed up " _____ " for _____ ...was so He could UN- _____ save the _____ world!!!

--Matt 27:37: And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

--Key Concept: The only Savior of the _____ ...is the King of the _____ !!!

--John 4:19: The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for *salvation* is from the *Jews*."

--An explicit teaching directly from Jesus: _____ is from the _____

--Four Crazy Biblical “Church Truths”

--Crazy Truth #1: The Old Testament says _____ specifically about the _____!!!

--Crazy Truth #2: There are passages in the Old Testament that...in _____...apply to the Church...but none of these _____ the Church for their _____!!!

--Crazy Truth #3: The _____ Covenant...is not the same as the _____!!!

--Crazy Truth #4: The New Covenant _____ have been fulfilled... _____ the Church!!!

--But isn't the Old Covenant OBSOLETE???

--A common understanding in the church: “God moved _____ from His Covenants with _____ because...when Christ came...they were rendered _____.”

--Heb 8:6-7, 13: But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second...When He said, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

--Wait a minute!!! God Didn't Need the Church???

--Key Concept #1: There were many Old Testament prophecies that have been fulfilled by the Church...that _____ have been fulfilled...indeed _____ have been fulfilled...by _____

--Hosea 1:10; 2:23: Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and in the place where it is said to them, “You are not My people,” it will be said to them, “You are the sons of the living God...” “I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, and I will say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people!’ And they will say, ‘You are my God!’”

--Key Concept #2: Just because there are _____ who have joined God's salvation plan as part of the _____...this by no means can be taken to mean that Israel/ _____ accept God's salvation plan!!!

--Daniel 9:24-27: “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people...Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and...and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary...And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week...”

--What Daniel 9 does NOT say: That Israel couldn't have _____ their Messiah...or that they couldn't have moved _____ from the 69th...into the 70th seven

--Key Concept #3: While the Church _____ filled the Gap between Israel's 69th and 70th sevens...there's absolutely nothing in Daniel's prophecy that _____ that there had to _____ a Gap between them

--Two necessary concepts that set up the application:

--A biblical truth that's almost impossible to comprehend: For 20 centuries...the Church has been considered a _____ by Christians...but the Church is actually a biblical _____...and could not have been _____ in the Old Testament!!!

--Definition: A biblical "mystery" is an event or concept that _____ in the New Testament...and is _____ with the Old Testament... but was not _____ by the Old Testament

--A well-accepted biblical "mystery": The _____
--Why is it a mystery? → While there are hints at this kind of event with Enoch and Elijah...no one could have ever _____ that "...we will _____ be _____ ..."

--Another biblical mystery: The _____!!!

--An astonishing...history-changing event...that COULD have happened in Israel...when the Messiah came: While Daniel's _____ for a Gap between "weeks" 69 and 70 is clear...nothing in the prophecy _____ Israel from transitioning _____ into the 70th seven

--Application: The fact that everything in the Old Testament could have been _____ by Israel...and did not _____ the Church to come along...has profound implications for human _____!!!

--Key Concept #1: The 70th seven could have begun _____ after Messiah was "cut off"... _____ Israel had _____ Him

--Key Concept #2: All Israel _____ have showed up at _____!!!

--Key Concept #3: Instead of three _____...there could have been three _____ from Israel who were _____ that day!!!

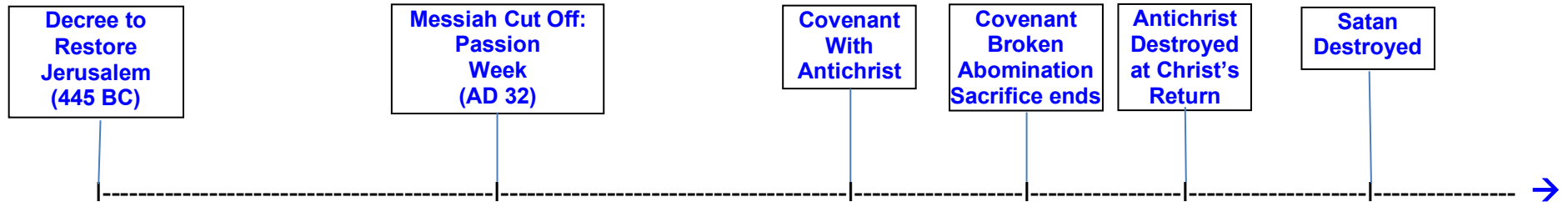
--An obvious set of questions: Why did God not _____ something as momentous as the _____ in the Old Testament...and...why didn't the Prophets _____ the New Program of _____ believers making up the _____ of Christ????!!!

--A gigantic doctrinal foundation: Why??? Because...if the Old Testament had foretold the _____...then Israel was _____ to _____!!!

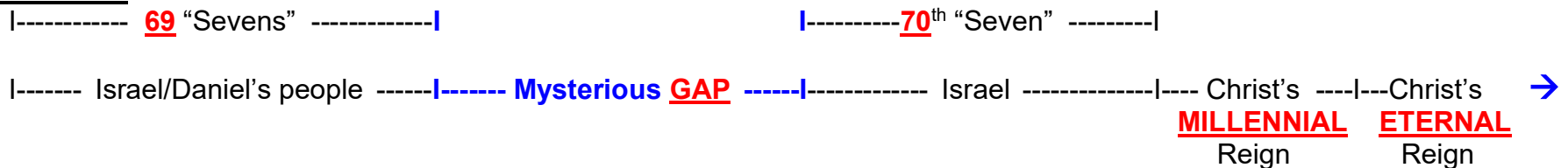
--A sad and common theme experienced by many people: Other people...maybe even some of whom should have _____ you _____...have said...in one way or another..."You're _____ to _____!!!"

Daniel's "Weeks": The Mysterious Gap Between the 69th & 70th Sevens

(From the Pre-Trib Rapture perspective)



Daniel's "Clock"



Revelation Chapters



Salvation Covenant



Duration



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--Daniel 9:24-27: “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin...to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary...And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

--A review of the meaning of this passage:

- A “week” is a “heptad”...which is a group of SEVEN years
- Daniel’s “people” are the people of ISRAEL
- The “holy city” is JERUSALEM
- Messiah being cut off was the CRUCIFIXION of Christ
- The “people of the prince who is to come” are the ROMANS who destroyed the Temple in 70 AD...and the City in 135 AD
- The “prince who is to come” is the ANTICHRIST who will establish the RENEWED Roman Empire
- The 69 groups of 7 years (483) perfectly PROPHESED...do the day...the time interval from the issuing of the decree to restore JERUSALEM...until the day of Messiah’s Triumphal Entry on PALM Sunday...Nisan 10, AD 32
- The 70th “week” is the TRIBULATION...which begins with Antichrist’s COVENANT that promises 7 years of PEACE...and allows Israel to WORSHIP in the Jerusalem Temple
- In the MIDDLE of the seven years...Antichrist will BREAK the Treaty...STOP the offerings and sacrifices...and ABOMINATE the Temple
- At the END of the 7 years...the Abominator...the Antichrist...will be DESTROYED
- The consummating event...completing the 70th “seven”...that will “finish the transgression...make an end of sin...bring in everlasting righteousness...seal up vision

and prophecy and...anoint the most holy place...is the **SECOND** Coming of Christ...when He **RETURNS** to the Holy of Holies in the restored **TEMPLE**...and begins His Millennial **REIGN** in Jerusalem

--The parts of this prophecy that **HAVE BEEN** fulfilled:

- Fulfillment #1: The decree to restore Jerusalem in 445 BC
- Fulfillment #2: The 69 sevens were completed...on Nisan 10, AD 32...when Messiah the Prince rode into Jerusalem to the triumphant hosannas of Israel
- Fulfillment #3: Messiah was "cut off"...on the Cross...on Nisan 14, AD 32
- Fulfillment #4: The destruction of the Temple...by General Titus of Rome...in 70 AD
- Fulfillment #5: The destruction of "the city"...by Rome...in 135 AD

--The many parts of this prophecy that are **YET TO BE** fulfilled:

- Future Fulfillment #1: The rebuilding of the **TEMPLE**
- Future Fulfillment #2: The restoration of the offerings and daily **SACRIFICES**
- Future Fulfillment #3: The emergence of Renewed **ROME**...and the "New World **ORDER**"
- Future Fulfillment #4: The emergence of the **ANTICHRIST**
- Future Fulfillment #5: The **TREATY** to **PROTECT** Israel
- Future Fulfillment #6: The **BREAKING** of the Treaty...after 3½ years
- Future Fulfillment #7: The **DESECRATION** of the Temple by the Antichrist
- Future Fulfillment #8: Messiah's **RETURN** to the Holy of Holies...in the restored **TEMPLE**...to begin His Millennial **REIGN** in Jerusalem...which will finally bring about the Great Fulfillment...that will "finish the transgression...make an end of sin...bring in everlasting righteousness...and seal up vision and prophecy

--Key Concept #1: The 70TH seven is explicitly the last seven years for **DANIEL'S** people...**ISRAEL**...and their holy city...**JERUSALEM**

--Dan 8:24: "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city..."

--Key Concept #2: **ALL** of the events of the first 69 sevens have been perfectly **FULFILLED** in Israel's history

--Key Concept #3: The events of the 70TH seven couldn't possibly have been **MISSED** by historians and archeologists...and thus...**NONE** of these prophecies have been fulfilled

--Key Concept #4: For **2000** years...the **CHURCH** Age has unfolded during the "Mysterious **GAP**"...between the 69th and 70th sevens

--Key Concept #5: According to the Pre-Trib View...there's no plausible way that the prophecies to **DANIEL'S** people...that will be fulfilled during the 7-year **TRIBULATION**...could possibly be prophecies about the **CHURCH**

--The Pre-Trib view's explanation of how Daniel's prophecy fits perfectly with their Rapture timing: The only thing that needs to happen for the 70TH seven to commence...is for The Church to be **REMOVED**...completing the "Mysterious **GAP**"...and clearing the way for God to fulfill the rest of **ISRAEL'S** Daniel 9 prophecies...during the **TRIBULATION**

--**Application #1: The Church is the current **PLAN**...but never forget...the Church **ISN'T** the **SAVIOR**!!!**

--Key Concept #1: Christians essentially always read the **OLD** Testament...through the eyes the **NEW** Testament...and find it almost impossible to think..."**BEFORE** the Church thoughts"!!!

--Key Concept #2: Christ was saving people **BEFORE** the Church came along...and He'll still be saving people...**AFTER** the Church...is **GONE**!!!

--If the church is gone during the Tribulation...who's preaching the Gospel???

--The 144,000 **WITNESSES**, the two mysterious **PROPHETS**, and the **ANGEL** who preaches to **EVERY** tribe, people, nation, and tongue!!!

--If the Church is gone...who will be saved???

--The **MYRIADS** of people who refuse to take the **MARK**

--Rev 7:9, 13-14: After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes...Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation..."

--Rev 13:7, 11-12, 14-17: It was also given to (the beast) to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him...Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth...And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast...And he deceives those who dwell on the earth...telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast...And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all...to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark...

--Rev 20:4: Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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--A specific Pre-Trib precept: All that stands in the way of the **FINAL** seven years **BEGINNING** for Israel...is for the Church to be **TAKEN** out of the world.

--**Application #3: Since the Church isn't the SAVIOR...don't wait for the Church to INTRODUCE those around you...to the SAVIOR**

--A Barna Survey Fact: Only one in a **HUNDRED** American believers...ever **LEADS** another **ADULT** to Christ