### Daniel's 70 weeks Prophecy and the War in Israel

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The Prophet <u>Daniel</u> had much to say about the end times and the war in <u>Israel</u> has really brought some of the Biblical prophecies to light as we witness the ongoing conflict. I have received many questions regarding the Biblical timeline of the end of days, so I thought we should take a closer look at <u>Daniel</u> today.

### End-times prophecy in <u>Daniel 9</u>

## A key prophecy found in the book of Daniel: 70 weeks

Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

#### <u>Daniel 9:24</u>



Daniel's prophecy describing the determined "seventy weeks"
can be better understood as 70 "7's."

What is translated as "weeks" in most English Bibles is really describing groupings of 7 in Hebrew.

## During the 70 "7's, 6 important things will happen:

- 1. To finish with transgression
- 2. To put an end to sin
- 3. To make reconciliation (atonement) for iniquity
- 4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
- 5. To seal up vision and prophecy
- 6. To anoint the Most Holy (or the Most Holy Place)

Notice the first three are concerned with eradicating sin and

transgression. The last three speak to the everlasting reign of our King.

In the Bible, 6 indicates lack of completion or total fulfillment. Therefore, we know to look more deeply, search God's Word for more. Let's move on to the next verse:

"Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times." Daniel 9:25

We have certainly witnessed the troublesome times of today. In this verse, we see another reference to time: "seven weeks and sixty-two weeks."

# This is all a prelude to the revealing of the antichrist:

"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

<u>The end of it shall be with a flood,</u> <u>And till the end of the war desolations are determined.</u> <u>Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;</u>

But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, <u>Is poured out on the desolate." Daniel 9:26-27</u>

The antichrist is also known as the "little horn" of <u>Daniel 7</u>:

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words." Daniel 7:7-8

<u>Daniel 9:27</u> clearly informs us that the antichrist (antimessiah) will make a covenant with Israel and then betray Israel. <u>Daniel 7:8</u> so aptly describes this evil charismatic figure as the epitome of pompousness.

With <u>the war in Israel</u>, many Bible-believing Christians are starting to wonder:

Has the antichrist already been born? Is he walking the earth today?

Only prayer and discernment will answer those questions as history continues to unfold.

But for those who believe that the coming of our King is in the very distant future, consider all that is going on right now. If Iran and even <u>Russia</u> get involved in the current <u>conflict</u> (in a greater way than they already have by supporting Hamas and even Hezbollah) the violence will escalate to a level never seen before. The people of Israel will become desperate for hope and change, and many could quickly be swept away by the lies of a false messianic figure.

The final seven years begin with the covenant.

### Are you prepared for the true end of days?

This is not intended to incite fear in you, but do you realize how very close we are to the true end of the age? We are nearing the end of the Biblical timeline of history. We must be prepared! We must know the Word and hide it in our hearts, we must have a living, ongoing relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Yeshua haMashiach), and we must do everything we can to share the Gospel to as many people as we can.

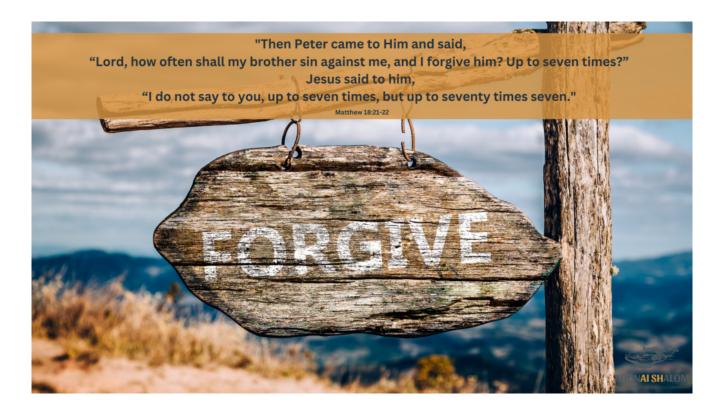
There is revival happening in pockets all around the world. It is not coincidental that we see so many falling away and so many also being rescued just in time. These are all signs that the end is near and soon, so very soon, our Righteous Redeemer will come again and reign!

### Time to Forgive

Don't worry if some of this seems overwhelming. Mathematics has never been one of my strengths so these prophetic words of Scripture make me scratch my head, too!

But there's no escaping math, and even Jesus said we have to forgive  $70 \times 7$  times!

"Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." Matthew 18:21-22



## The return of Jesus Christ (Yeshua haMashiach) is imminent

The imminent return of Christ should motivate each one of us to study the signs of the times and the signs in the heavens. Each of us should be diligently praying and fasting and studying the Word of God. There are so many parallels between the different concepts presented in the Bible and I believe this passage on forgiveness is one such parallel.

#### Redeeming the time

We know time is short. And so for that very same reason, we must be diligent to love and to forgive so that we can make the most of our time, redeeming our time:

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:15-17

I pray that you have taken to heart the importance of knowing

the Word of God and where we stand in relation to the fulfillment of significant portions of Biblical prophecy.

I am praying for you today, dear reader, and your family – that you and your household may be saved. Please leave a comment below with any prayer requests, comments, or questions!



### The War in Israel and God's Word

One prophecy that really stands out to me is found in Amos. Philistine Gaza had partnered with the descendants of Esau (the Edomites) to turn in Jews to them: "This is what the LORD says: "For three offenses of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment, Because they led into exile an entire population To turn them over to Edom. So I will send fire on the wall of Gaza And it will consume her citadels.'" Amos 1:6-7, NASB