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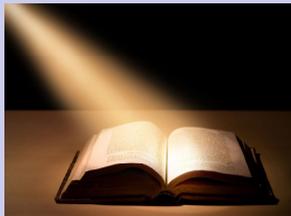


THE CORNERSTONE

January 2018

A Living Hope: 1 Peter

Ladies a new Bible Study
Led by : Betty Cooke



Begins on January 9

Tuesdays in the Fellowship Room

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Nursery : provided for the morning class
only.

Sugar Land Bible
Church's Ladies Ministry
has a new Leader:

Mrs. Cindy Blackman,

Come and Meet her
Our first meeting will be
Saturday, January 13
from 1-2 pm.

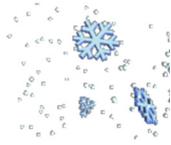
**We will be drawing names
for our Secret Sisters.**

Cookies and Cocoa will be
served.



Sign-up

Sheets are
in the Foyer.



Missions for the Month

Radio Amistad

League City 1400AM

Houston 101.5FM

A Fruitful Labor

by Dolly Martin Monroe

As we begin a new year, the staff at **KHCB Christian Radio** rejoices that the Lord continues to open doors of opportunity to spread the Gospel by way of radio. The newest outlets to join the Spanish network are KJDS in Mountain Pine, Arkansas (heard in Hot Springs) at 106.9 FM and KHCU broadcasting with 25,000 watts near Uvalde Texas on 93.1FM.

We thank the Lord for these new frequencies that join the Spanish network of stations called "**Radio Amistad**" or **Friendship Radio** which broadcasts 24 hours a day without commercials reaching a potential audience of approximately 1 million Hispanics. Most of these are first generation Latinos who arrive in the US without ever having heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. The Lord, in His mercy, is using **Radio Amistad** to reach them with His message of love.

One listener shared his testimony with us recently saying:

"I thank God that there is a radio station like Radio Amistad and I ask the Lord to shower many blessings to all who work there because it was while listening to Radio Amistad that...God spoke to me through the Bible studies with teacher Adrian Rogers and now I am saved because I believe that Jesus died for my sins and the Almighty Father raised Him from the dead and He is at the right hand of my master and Lord. As it is written, faith comes from hearing and I want to thank Radio Amistad. Today I attend a church and I'm glad to know how much God loves us, because He freed me from my sinful lifestyle. I was lost and buried in the Internet watching garbage, but God who is so good had mercy on me."

Thank you SLBC for partnering with KHCB to evangelize those who have never heard the Good News. Pray that the Lord will continue to use **Radio Amistad** to reach the lost, save them and equip them to become senders.



Andy Woods—

DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS, PART 15

In this series of articles, we are exploring a very important Bible prophecy, which is generally referred to as Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks, found in Daniel 9:24-27. In the first installment, we explained the background of the giving of this prophecy. With this background information in mind, we then turned our attention to a textual analysis of Daniel 9:24-27. We began to break the prophecy down into ten manageable facts.

As the reader tracks with me through the presentation of these ten facts, concepts, or ideas, he will develop a very clear understanding of the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks.

In turn, he will be rewarded by the Holy Spirit with greater confidence that the Bible is indeed God's Word, and he will also obtain a blueprint or timeline through which he can understand how all end time events predicted in the Bible will ultimately come to pass.

We then noted our *first* fact, which is the idea that the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks concerns the nation of Israel in general and the City of Jerusalem in particular. As previously noted, this prophecy has nothing to do with the present age of the Church. We then noted a *second* feature, which is the notion that the prophecy consists of a 490-year stop watch. We then noted our *third* feature, which is the idea that each year of Daniel's 490-year stopwatch consists of 360 days. We then introduced our *fourth* feature, which is the idea that at the end of Daniel's 490-year period Israel will be politically and spiritually restored. Our *fifth* fact pertains to the notion that Daniel's 490-year stop watch began to run on March 5, 444 B.C. Our *sixth* fact indicated that exactly 483 years elapsed between the beginning of the prophecy (March 5, 444 B.C.) and when the Messiah formally presented His messianic credentials to the nation of Israel on Palm Sunday (March 30, A.D. 33). In other words, the first 69 weeks of the prophecy were fulfilled to the exact day. *Seventh*, in between the conclusion of the first 69 weeks of the prophecy but before the elapsing of the prophecy's 70th week, there exists a gap of an unspecified duration of time. *Eighth*, the unelapsed portion of the Seventy Weeks prophecy comprises the future Tribulation period. Our *ninth* fact is that Daniel 9:27 provides a thumb nail sketch of the Tribulation period. This verse alerts us to the length, beginning point, middle point, and termination of the future Tribulation period.

Fact # 9: The Final Seven Years of the Prophecy (as Depicted in Daniel 9:27) Provides a General Overview of the Future Tribulation Period

Daniel 9:27 gives us a over-all glimpse of the coming seven-year Tribulation period. Based on all our observations thus far from Daniel 9:27, we know how long the Tribulation period will last—seven years. We also know what will start the Tribulation—the peace treaty between the future Antichrist and unbelieving Israel. We even know exactly what will happen right in the middle of the Tribulation period. The Antichrist will replicate what Antiochus Epiphanies of the past did in 167 B.C. by desecrating the Jewish temple. Finally, we know how the seven-year Tribulation period will end—with the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

PROPHETIC STAGE SETTING

We see that the world stage is being set for the fulfillment of this prophecy. Before a chess game can be played, the chess board must first be arranged in just the right way. Such similar stage setting is taking place in our world in preparation for Daniel's 70th Week. *Four* stage-setting events apparent in our own day come to mind.

First, how can the Antichrist enter a peace treaty with unbelieving Israel unless you first have an unbelieving Israel in existence? So, for many, many years, it seemed as if this prophecy could never be fulfilled. After all, the Hebrews had been out of their ancient and historic homeland and scattered into worldwide dispersions since they were evicted from their land by the Romans back in A.D. 70. Then, suddenly and miraculously, in 1948, the Jewish nation returned to her land and became a sovereign nation again. There, Israel sits from the year 1948 right up to the present time. There exists in our world a Jewish nation in unbelief



and ready to enter a peace treaty with the Antichrist.

Second, how can the Antichrist enter a peace treaty with this newly reborn nation of Israel unless the nation of Israel wants peace? You see, they must have the right psychology, or the right frame of mind, whereby they want to broker a peace deal. Today, when you look at the news, virtually every time you observe the headlines, the nation of Israel seems eager to enter such a peace treaty. This holds true whether the situation entails agreement with Egypt or Jordan, or the giving up of the Gaza Strip, or her participation in the Oslo or Camp David Accords. The common denominator in all of these things is that Israel seeks to relinquish some of her land in exchange for a guarantee of peaceful coexistence with her belligerent and hostile neighbors. All of this shows us how badly Israel wants peace. The nation in her current state of unbelief does not yet understand that only her reigning prince of peace, Jesus Christ, will give her the lasting political peace that she is currently seeking from mere human leaders. So, you can see that the right psychology is also now in place for the fulfillment of Daniel 9:27.

Third, how can the Antichrist enter the rebuilt Jewish temple to desecrate it unless the Jewish temple is first rebuilt? There are essentially four temples in Jewish history; two past and two future. The first one was built by Solomon and destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. The second one was rebuilt by the exiles who returned from the 70-year captivity. This was the temple that was in existence during the life of Christ. It was eventually destroyed by Titus of Rome in A.D. 70. Since that point in time, no Temple has been in existence in the land of Israel. Yet, the biblical prophecies tell us of a third temple which is on its way. It is called the Antichrist's temple. It is mentioned as the entity that the future Antichrist will desecrate here in Daniel 9:27. It will eventually be destroyed in the Tribulation period and replaced by the fourth Millennial Temple (Ezek. 40-48).

Jesus referred to the third Temple when He quoted this passage (Dan. 9:27) in Matthew 24:15. It is also mentioned by Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:4 and by John in Revelation 11:1-2. [Daniel 9:27, "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." Matthew 24:15, "Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)," 2 Thessalonians 2:4, "Who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in *the temple of God*, displaying himself as being God." Revelation 11:1-2, "Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, 'Get up and measure *the temple of God* and the altar, and those who worship in it. Leave out the court which is outside *the temple* and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread underfoot the holy city for forty-two months."] These four texts refer to a coming third temple that the Antichrist will desecrate. I would argue that it will be an unspiritual temple. Therefore, it is pictured as being measured in the vision that John has in Revelation 11:1-2. Such a measurement shows its lack of spiritual quality (Zech. 2:1) because it will be a temple built out of nationalistic pride rather than out of love for God.

It is interesting today that you can travel to Jerusalem and go to a place called the Temple Institute. There, the unbelieving, Orthodox Jews, who do not yet believe in Jesus or Yeshua as their personal Messiah, have in place a model of this coming Temple as well as the priestly garments that will be used by the priests in temple rituals. When the nation regained control of the Old City of Jerusalem in a defensive War known as the Six Day War on June 5, 1967, their prospects of building the third temple were accelerated since they now controlled the Temple Mount. However, to prevent further war, they relinquished sovereignty over the Temple Mount to the Muslims. For the last fifty years, the ownership over Jerusalem remained contested. However, United States' President Donald Trump's recent decision to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem on December 6, 2017 helped recognize that Jerusalem is indeed the historic capital of Israel. As the question of Jewish ownership over Jerusalem and the Temple Mount becomes less contested, the prospects that the Jews will rebuild their third Temple will increase.

Fourth, it is interesting that before the Antichrist can go into the Temple and prohibit the Jews from offering sacrifices in the Temple, the animal sacrificial system must be first restored. It is interesting to note that the Jews today are breeding a special type of animal, called the red heifer (Num. 19), to be offered up once again in these future sacrifices. I found the recent headline quite revealing. It comes from the *Times of Israel*



Happy New Year!

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and is dated April 6, 2017. It says, "In first, sheep slaughtered in Jerusalem Old City in reenactment of Pass-over sacrifice." The article goes on to say: "With priests blowing silver trumpets, a group of religious Jews slaughtered a sheep on Thursday in Jerusalem's Old City to demonstrate the traditional paschal sacrifice, the first time such a reenactment has been held inside the city walls in 2,000 years." Quite obviously, the right psychology is also in place for the Jews to soon begin to offer up animal sacrifices in their newly rebuilt Temple.

So, what is happening in our world as we witness the return of Israel to her land in unbelief and the nation's desire for political peace as well as her ambition to rebuild the third Temple and restore her animal sacrificial system? God is moving the pieces of furniture around in such a way so that the show is about to begin. We need to live our lives, therefore, as if the rapture could happen at any moment, as things appear to be beginning to wind down.

Based on our study of the Seventy Weeks prophecy, what have we learned thus far? *First*, the prophecy specifically concerns the nation of Israel. *Second*, the prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 covers a 490-year time. *Third*, each year of this prophecy consists of 360 days. *Fourth*, by the time the prophetic clock reaches its 490-year completion, Israel will be both politically and spiritually restored. *Fifth*, the 490-year prophetic clock began to run on March 5, 444 B.C. *Sixth*, exactly 483 years elapsed between the beginning of the prophecy (March 5, 444 B.C.) and when the Messiah formally presented His messianic credentials to the nation of Israel on Palm Sunday (March 30, A.D. 33). *Seventh*, in between the conclusion of the first 69 weeks of the prophecy but before the elapsing of the prophecy's 70th week, there exists a gap of an unspecified duration of time. *Eighth*, the unelapsed portion of the Seventy Weeks prophecy comprises the future Tribulation period. *Ninth*, Daniel 9:27 provides a general overview of the future Tribulation period. In the next installment, we will present our *tenth* and final fact in this important study on Daniel's Seventy Weeks Prophecy.

(To Be Continued...)

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"The Bible was written by human beings but the ultimate Author who worked through a variety of human authors is God Himself. Paul was reminding Timothy of this fact. John Wesley said that Scripture can only be understood with the help of the Spirit who inspired these sixty-six books. Therefore, as believers come to read and study Scripture, they need to remember the Author of Scripture and ask for the Spirit's help in understanding what they read. ..."

- Come to the Bible expecting to grow. It is like both milk (1 Pt. 2:2) and solid food (Heb. 5:14) providing nourishment for both the young and those more mature.
- Come to the Bible for understanding and direction. It is like a counselor (Ps. 119:24) and provides light for your journey (Ps 119:105; 130)
- Come to the Bible for correction and purification. It is like:
- A mirror in which the believer sees himself and the changes that God requires
- A scalpel by which God perform spiritual surgery on the heart (Heb. 4:12)
- Come to the Bible for pleasure. God's Word is like honey (Ps. 19:9; 119:103)
- Come daily to the Bible with these attitudes and expectations and you will be changed. This is God's multifaceted instrument for conforming you to the image of His Son.
- (Taken from CSB Study Bible, Holman) Pg. 2129



SLBC Events for the Winter Quarter

Sunday School For:

Adults: Ecclesiology—Doctrine of the Church : Pastor Woods in the Sanctuary

The Seven Churches of Revelation:

Bob Graper in the Fellowship Room

Youth Group with Gabe Morris in the Upstairs Youth Room.

Children's Sunday School:

Downstairs

Children's Director: KC Cunningham

Sidney Reichardt: Junior Church

Men's and Women's Bible Studies meet

on Tuesdays;

Women's Bible lesson taught by Betty Cooke

Morning at 9:00 am

Evening at 7:00 pm

Men's Bible lesson taught by David Sandlin

Evenings at 8:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services will resume on January 10, 2018

Meal at 6:00 pm

Bible Study at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

Youth— upstairs

Children—downstairs